

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 220 N. Hastings Avenue, on May 29, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Stutte with the following members present: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Absent: Sarah Hoops.

The Mayor led the group in recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik to adopt the current agenda for the May 29, 2018 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops. The motion carried.

Mayor Stutte read the Public Notice - Pursuant to the Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-1412, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible written material which will be discussed at today's meeting is located at the back of the Council Chambers. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers which is accessible to members of the public.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Councilmember Hamelink reported on the inaugural game of the Sodbusters and stated Duncan Field looked great and what a great venue. He stated it was a great success for the City of Hastings and he knew staff did a lot to make that happen and he wanted to extend congratulations to all involved and encouraged everyone to attend a game.

Councilmember Eley stated that the new Lake Hastings restrooms look outstanding and it appeared that the work on the traffic control for the middle school area has started up also.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte also indicated he felt the Sodbusters game was a big success and the field looked fantastic and thanks to staff for getting that ready.

Mayor Stutte presented Kent Gilbert, former Fire Chief for 38 years with Hastings Fire Department, a plaque commemorating his service to the City of Hastings on his retirement.

Kent Gilbert said the City of Hastings was an easy employer to work for because of the people in the community and the people in the Hastings Fire Department.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by John Harrington to approve all consent items as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of May 14, 2018

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

- (c) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly reports
- (d) Approval of the request of Horizon Recovery Center to utilize city streets for the Revive Color Run on August 26, 2018
- (e) Approval of Work Order EL-49
- (f) Approval of Work Order EL-50
- (g) Approval of Work Order EL-51
- (h) Approval of Work Order EL-52
- (i) Approval of Work Order SW-330
- (j) Approval of Work Order WA-351

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Phil Odom seconded by Scott Snell to approve Utility Advisory Board recommendation to assist the Chamber of Commerce with \$15,000 for their Retail and Restaurant Survey and their Shop Local Campaign.

Tom Hastings, Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce President, 212 Forest Boulevard, stated they went to the Utility Board in May to request \$15,000 for a retail and restaurant survey and planned to wait until budget time for the Utility dollars and the City budget, but with Herbergers leaving and Applebee's in bankruptcy, they felt it was important to move the survey up and get it done. He indicated when they go out and talk to different retail businesses about coming here they need hard facts about what the consumer wants. He indicated the last survey they had done was in 2013. He said they would open it up for bids but generally these surveys will cost anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000. He told Council that also included in the \$15,000 request would be \$5,000 to go towards the \$20,000 cost of a shop local campaign.

Mayor Stutte mentioned that some of the funding is coming out of the Chamber general fund and that a new "Shop Hastings" branding logo is coming out soon.

Councilmember Snell thanked Mr. Hastings for the survey and felt it was a valuable tool and a great resource.

Councilmember Skutnik stated she had an issue with not knowing the cost of the survey or the number of people to be surveyed and felt it was important to know what they are paying for. She felt they should consider getting some bids for the cost of doing the survey.

Councilmember Eley indicated he would like to table this item until they get some more information on it.

Council went on to discuss the separate Chamber and HEDC Boards and the decisions those Boards make regarding the allocation of funds, as well as discussing getting an accurate cost for the survey and a breakdown of the funds requested by the Chamber.

Councilmember Eley stated he was happy to give the money to the Chamber for the survey but he wanted to know how much it will cost.

Councilmember Hamelink stated he felt they needed to move forward with funding the survey.

Council discussed whether the Chamber should be reimbursed for the cost of the survey when the money is actually spent and after submitting a bill, discussed how often a survey really needs to be done and about asking for money outside of the budget cycle.

Councilmember Harrington stated he felt the purpose is a good one but felt the process needs to be better and stated he has always felt uncomfortable giving blank checks and felt they needed to have a tighter rein and maybe this is a good place to start. He suggested postponing the item and discussing it again when it is clearer what they are voting for.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik to table the approval of the Utility Advisory Board recommendation to assist the Chamber of Commerce with \$15,000 for their Retail and Restaurant Survey and their Shop Local Campaign.

Councilmember Butch Eley withdrew his motion and Councilmember Ginny Skutnik withdrew her second to table motion.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley to postpone approval of Utility Advisory Board recommendation to assist the Chamber of Commerce with \$15,000 for their Retail and Restaurant Survey and their Shop Local Campaign until more definitive information is received. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Jeniffer Beahm. Absent: Sarah Hoops. The motion failed.

Vote on main motion. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: John Harrington, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Absent: Sarah Hoops. The Mayor votes Aye. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Paul Hamelink seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve Professional Services Agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc., 308 West 3rd Street, Suite 1, Grand Island, NE 68801, for the Walkability and Connectivity Study in an amount not to exceed \$89,960.00 subject to drafting revisions as approved by the City Attorney. Dave Wacker, City Engineer, gave a staff report. Councilmember Hamelink thanked Don Threewitt, Development Services Director, for additional information sent to Council. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Moved by Phil Odom seconded by Paul Hamelink to approve Resolution No. 2018-28 extending the water meter pit removal incentive. Kevin Johnson, Utility Director, reviewed the Utility incentive program history and safety concerns regarding the meter pits. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops. The motion carried.

(b) ORDINANCE NO. 4556 TO INCLUDE DUTTON-LAINSON PARK AS A PLACE WHERE ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS, INCLUDING BEER, MAY BE CONSUMED OR DISPENSED UNDER A SPECIAL DESIGNATED PERMIT ISSUED BY THE NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION.

Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved for passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Scott Snell.

Joe Patterson, City Administrator, explained to Council that this code change is at the request of the Odyssey that this piece of public property be added to the list where alcohol is allowed with

a Special Designated License.

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4556 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops. The motion carried.

Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Scott Snell seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three fourths vote of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted upon second and final reading and the Mayor signed and approved the ordinance. City Clerk attested the passage approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto. Published in the Hastings Tribune on June 1, 2018. Effective date of the ordinance is June 14, 2018.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned at 6:21 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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