

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Worksession of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted in the Second Floor Conference Room of City Hall, 220 N. Hastings Avenue, on January 22, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. in Worksession by Council President, Paul Hamelink, with the following members present: Mayor Stutte, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm, Matt Fong. Absent: Butch Eley.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to adopt current agenda for January 22, 2019 Worksession. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Butch Eley. The motion carried.

Council President Paul Hamelink 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 Large Conference Room. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and accessible to members of the public.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Update on Ordinance No. 4570 regarding weapons in city vehicles and on city property.

Dave Ptak, City Attorney, reported legislation was passed since we last discussed weapons in city vehicles and on city property. This ordinance was originally drafted in coordination with the Police Department, and followed State Statutes, prior to LB909. It would prohibit open or concealed carry and would be posted in public places that prohibit concealed carry. This would prohibit employees from carrying weapons in city vehicles, with exceptions. Police Chief Story stated this ordinance was drafted for the safety of our staff and citizens.

Dave Ptak stated Chapter 21 of the City Code needs to be reviewed in light of the statute change on weapons. There was previous discussion on who was exempt and who was not, so that area of the ordinance was fine-tuned.

Chief Story commented on a previous concern, if a citizen had a legal concealed carry permit and wanted to bring it to an event in a city park. The State of Nebraska has defined that in the statute. Dave Ptak stated this ordinance would address open carry. We need to look at Chapter 21 to compare with the State Statute. This is intended to be a safety item, not a revenue source. We do not want to unduly restrict those who have permits for concealed carry.

Council asked to add Ordinance No. 4570 to the next agenda and have Dave Ptak and Chief Story review Chapter 21 of City Code to make necessary revisions to mirror State Statute. They will work to bring Chapter 21 revisions to council in February.

2. Discussion on forgiveness of HEDC Speculative Building Loan of \$100,000.00.

Joe Patterson reported Hastings Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) was issued a loan in 2005 for a speculative building at Industrial Park North. Those were federal dollars passed through the city that were tied to number of jobs, and other grant criteria. The building has not been sold. Federal and State want us to forgive two loans in the amounts of \$100,000 and \$42,857. It is important to know that these are not local funds, but it is advantageous to the city to clean the loans off the books. It will help us to receive maximum future grant money. State wants us to get our funds down to \$0.

Roger Nash, Interim Finance Director, reported the process started on a request from the State to forgive the loans because there had not been anything done with the building since it was built. With their audit processes, it was better to get everything prior to 2012 off the books.

Sharon Hueftle, South Central Economic Development District, will attend Monday night's Council Meeting to explain the process.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to move into closed session for reason of negotiation at 6:14p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jennifer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Butch Eley. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to move out of closed session at 6:57p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jennifer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Butch Eley. The motion carried.

Moved by Ted Schroeder seconded by Paul Hamelink there being no further business to adjourn at 6:57p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jennifer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Butch Eley. The motion carried.