

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Monday, April 15, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Work Session of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted at the Hastings Public Library, 314 North Denver Avenue, on April 15, 2019.

The Work Session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Council President Paul Hamelink with the following members present: Ginny Skutnik, Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm.

City Officials Present: Mayor Corey Stutte, Joe Patterson, David Ptak, Jeff Hassenstab, Dave Wacker, Brad Starling, Kevin Johnson, Adam Story, Tim Bohling, John Brown.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Scott Snell to adopt current agenda for April 15, 2019 Work Session. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Official Notice of the Work Session was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, April 12, 2019. 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 available. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and accessible to members of the public.

Discussion of cemetery streets.

Mayor Stutte indicated he took a tour through Parkview Cemetery two weeks ago and stated the road conditions are not good. He stated they need to start addressing with Council the road situation at Parkview Cemetery. Folks will be out there on Memorial Day and we want to let them know we are looking to improve the situation in the future.

Joe Patterson, City Administrator, stated the streets in the cemetery were paved in the 1950's. He indicated the City was mandated back in the 1970's to take over the upkeep of the cemetery. He told Council no more patching can be done and that the roads need replacing. Mr. Patterson indicated it would be about \$200,000.00 to replace the worst sections and budget in the future for the remaining roads. He stated that the streets do have curbs already in place for the most part but are very narrow and he wouldn't recommend any widening. He asked that citizens bare with the City as they do replacement of sections of street at the cemetery. He also encouraged Council to earmark budget funds for continued replacement of cemetery streets.

Jeff Hassenstab, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a map (attached and made part of original minutes) highlighting the most critical sections of cemetery roads needing replacement and indicated that Mt. Sinai Cemetery would also need streets repaired.

Councilmember Rosenberg indicated that Mt. Sinai Cemetery is currently closed due to the roads there and hoped they would be fixed in the near future.

Councilmember Hamelink stated he felt there were two questions; what do we do this year and what do we do for the future.

Mr. Hassenstab indicated there would not be any funding in the Cemetery Budget but Contingency Funds could be used.

Mayor Stutte felt they needed to take it out of the Contingency Fund to let citizens know help is on the way but he also wanted to make sure they know that it is going to take some time.

It was the consensus of the Council to spend around \$200,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to repair the most critical sections of the cemetery roads.

Mr. Hassenstab indicated that was a great start with the complete project amount being around \$1.2 million.

Dave Wacker, City Engineer, indicated they may have to group some sections together when they are bidding to get the most economical bid and told Council that they may need to hire a consultant to begin on design work.

It was the consensus of the Council to begin the process to get critical sections of the cemetery roads re-paved as soon as possible and get funds earmarked in future budgets for repairs.

John Brown, Cemetery Superintendent, stated they will have the roads in both cemeteries open for Memorial Day.

Discussion of changing worksession meeting dates.

Councilmember Hamelink began discussion by stating Council had discussed moving work session meetings to the first Monday of every month.

Dave Ptak, City Attorney, stated that they are not following what is currently in the City Code and that they would need to repeal what is currently there and set the new time by Council resolution.

Mayor Stutte indicated they discussed at the Council Retreat beginning the new schedule with the June work session.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned at 6:10 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.