

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, June 24, 2019

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 June 24, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Stutte with the following members present: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Absent: None.

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

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Scott Snell to adopt current agenda for June 24, 2019 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. 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 thanked everyone who helped with the recent airport event.

Councilmember Fong reported the Hastings Public Library received a grant for their innovation studio and maker space.

Councilmember Rosenberg reported on Fire and Police Pension meetings. Wells Fargo has sold to the Principal Group, and the decision was made to stay with Principal.

Councilmember Snell thanked employees who helped clear debris after the recent storm.

Councilmember Eley reported on the Utility Advisory Board meeting. The Solar Farm project is going well and on schedule.

Councilmember Beahm reported the Mayor's Youth Council is still accepting applications from Juniors and Seniors from Hastings High, St. Cecilia, and Adams Central.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Stutte thanked staff for their hard work after the storm. Steve Kostner (Street Superintendent) and Jeff Hassenstab (Parks & Recreation Director) reported on the progress of debris removal. Dave Ptak, City Administrator, stated this topic will be on the next worksession for discussion.

The mayor welcomed Clint Schukei, City Attorney, to Hastings.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **1. All Consent Items.**

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to approve all consent items, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of June 10, 2019

(b) Approval of the minutes of the Worksession of June 3, 2019

(c) Approval of claims and payroll

(d) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly reports

(e) Approval of the request of First Street Brewing Company to utilize city streets for the Rock and Rib Fest on August 24, 2019

(f) Approval of the request of No Coast Brewing, LLC for a Special Designated License for an outdoor event on St. Joseph Avenue on August 24, 2019

(g) Approval of the request of Kool-Aid Days Festival to utilize city streets for the Kool-Aid Day Fun Run on August 11, 2019 subject to current certification of liability insurance

(h) Approval of the request of SASA Crisis Center to utilize city streets for the SASA 10th Annual 5K Run/1 Mile Walk-Run event on August 17, 2019

## **REGULAR AGENDA:**

### **2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.**

None.

### **3. Public Hearings.**

(a) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik to adjourn as Mayor and City Council and reconvene as Board of Equalization. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Public hearing on the levying of assessments in Alley Improvement District 2017-1, Street Improvement District 2017-3, Sanitary Sewer Extension District 2018-1, Water Extension District 2018-1, and Street Improvement District 2017-4. Dave Wacker, City Engineer, explained the procedure when property owners are assessed for street improvements. There are five districts being assessed tonight, following State Statutes. City Clerk received one objection on Street Improvement District 2017-4. No public spoke.

(b) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to adjourn as Board of Equalization and reconvene as Mayor and City Council. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(c) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to approve Resolution No. 2019-28...levying of assessments in Alley Improvement District 2017-1. Phil Lorenzen and Andy Forney, D.A. Davidson, stood to speak. Phil Lorenzen explained the interest rate and payment options for property owners. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(d) Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Paul Hamelink to approve Resolution No. 2019-29...levying of assessments in Street Improvement District 2017-3. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(e) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to approve Resolution No. 2019-30...levying of assessments in Sanitary Extension District 2018-1. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(f) Moved by Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Paul Hamelink to approve Resolution No. 2019-31...levying of assessments in Water Extension District 2018-1. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(g) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to approve Resolution No. 2019-32...levying of assessments in Street Improvement District 2017-4.

Dave Ptak noted that we received an objection on this district. He asked if the council wanted to make any adjustment to this schedule.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to amend Resolution No. 2019-32 to remove the Gears' property from the assessment schedule.

Dave Wacker reported to the council that this assessment procedure has been followed for districts in Hastings for approximately 60 years. This is dealing with a corner lot. If you forgive this one, you might have multiple others in line to forgive theirs from previous districts.

Clint Schukei, City Attorney, wanted council to understand the procedure for the improvement districts. There are procedural and statutory processes that are in place to follow.

Dave Ptak stated this process is consistent with past. This is fair and equitable and a benefit to the property owners.

Council discussed the options of how to address where the funds would be found, if not assessed to the property owners. It would become part of the city's general obligation. This is possibly an issue between the property owner and the developer.

Councilmember Butch Eley withdrew his motion and Councilmember Chuck Rosenberg withdrew his second.

Council voted on the original motion. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

#### **4. General Business.**

(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to approve a contract amendment for CDBG project 17-DTR-005, Hastings Downtown Revitalization Project. Don Threewitt, Development Services Director, reported this amendment is looking to extend the end date by six months to May 2020. This will give the CRA and downtown enough time to expend the funds in the originally applied for manner. It will also move \$75,000 toward public facilities away from the downtown rehab funds in order to help fund a parking lot at 1st and Lincoln. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Scott Snell seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve Engineering Agreement #1 for Apron Improvements State Project No. HSI - SA-6, Hastings Municipal Airport with Kirkham Michael Associates in the amount not to exceed \$16, 776.45 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to

execute said agreement. Dave Wacker stated we have a federal grant for a bi-fold door on building number 11 at the airport. We have need for improvement of concrete apron in front of the building, due to drainage concerns. State funds were available from Nebraska Department of Aeronautics. The grant includes design construction and design engineering, and also contract for placement of concrete. The city will pay 10% of the cost, with the remaining amount coming from the grant. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(c) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Scott Snell to award the contract to: VRL Construction Inc., 851 H Road, Chapman, NE 68827, in the amount of \$78,888.70, to expand the concrete apron adjacent to Building #11 at the Hastings Municipal Airport and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said contract documents. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

#### **5. Ordinances and Resolutions.**

None.

#### **6. Final Passage of Ordinances.**

None.

#### **7. Appointments.**

(a) Proposed appointments:

Board of Adjustments: Dale Hamburger- 6/24/19 to 6/24/22

Electrical Exam Board: Gary Anderson- 6/24/19 to 6/24/21

Housing Authority: Breanna Draper- 6/24/19 to 6/30/24

Library Board: Nichole Bryant- 6/24/19 to 6/24/23

Mechanical Examining Board: Mike Hanson- 6/24/19 to 6/24/21

Museum Board: Brett Erickson- 6/24/19 to 6/24/23

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve the mayor's appointments.

Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

#### **8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.**

None.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Jeniffer Beahm there being no further business to adjourn at 6:15P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

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Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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