

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 8, 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 July 8, 2019.

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

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

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Scott Snell to adopt current agenda for July 8, 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:

None.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Dave Rippe (Nebraska Department of Economic Development) and Kelly Gewecke (Consultant), presented Hastings Economic Development Corporation with a certificate recognizing the city's re-certification as an economic development certified community status in Nebraska.

Mayor Stutte recognized the following Service Anniversaries: Jack Newlun, Landfill, 35 years; Marina Richards, Utilities, 10 years; Lloyd Don Brown, Utilities, 30 years; David Sheppard, Utilities, 30 years; Kaitlyn R Karr, Museum, 5 years; Gary Wintermute, Utilities, 40 years; Ethan Kranau, Utilities, 5 years; Kirk Rosberg, Museum, 20 years; Brandon DeJonge, Utilities, 15 years.

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 24, 2019

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

(c) Approval of Invoice #331535 from Olsson for \$22,580.00 for the execution of services to date on the Hastings Universal Mobility Study Planning Grant Project - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project 18-PP-003

(d) Approval of request for CDBG funds, Drawdown #2, for \$16,731.78 for planning services completed to date on the Mobility Study Planning Grant Project 18-PP-003

(e) Approve invoice from Todd Brown in the amount of \$1,000.00 for work completed to date on DTR project located at 615 W. 1st in Hastings for the Community Development Block Grant project 17-DTR-105, Hastings Downtown Revitalization Project

(f) Approval of request for CDBG funds, Drawdown #4, for \$739.00 for project activity work completed to date, Downtown Revitalization Project 17-DTR-105

(g) Approval of the request of Nebraska's Official Soft Drink Heritage Foundation to utilize city streets for the Kool-Aid Days Family Festival on August 10, 2019

(h) Approval of the request of Nebraska's Official Soft Drink Heritage Foundation to utilize city streets for the Kool-Aid Days Parade on August 10, 2019

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public hearing on the request of the City of Hastings Development Services Department to amend Hastings City Code Section 34-206, R-3 Multiple Family Residential Districts. Don Threewitt, Development Services Director, stated this is intended to facilitate the eventual elimination of the R-5 Zoning District and incorporate some of its key provisions into the R-3 Multiple Family District. The main change will be bringing lot minimum widths down to 45 feet in the R-3 District. No public spoke. No objections were received.

ORDINANCE NO. 4595 AMENDING SECTION 34-206 OF HASTINGS CITY CODE REGARDING LOT SIZE AND SIDE YARD SETBACKS APPLICABLE IN R-3 MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONING

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

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4595 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Chuck Rosenberg seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. 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 July 12, 2019. Effective date of the ordinance is July 24, 2019.

(b) Public hearing on the request of Habitat for Humanity to change zoning from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-3 Multiple Family Residential for property commonly addressed as 736 South Chicago Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska. Don Threewitt reported this item was contingent on the previous item. This will allow smaller lots, for higher density residential development. No public spoke. No objections were received.

ORDINANCE NO. 4597 AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR FOR PROPERTY COMMONLY ADDRESSED AS 736 SOUTH CHICAGO AVENUE, HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Councilmember Butch Eley moved for passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Matt Fong.

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4597 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Jeniffer Beahm seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. 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.

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4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to approve contract with Windstream Communications to upgrade technology in the 911 Center and connect the Hastings 911 Center to the South East Region 911 Cooperative Group in the amount of \$131,951.37. Police Chief Story stated the 911 equipment is outdated. State funding is requiring us to regionalize this equipment, because of the expense and sharing cost across the region. The funds come from the collection of wire and wireless funds, which are put into the budget for projects. 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) Advising of objections to Street Improvement District 2019-3...Laux Drive
Dave Wacker, City Engineer, stated the clerk received no objections on this Street Improvement District 2019-3, Laux Drive, in the North Parks Common subdivision. The district is valid.

(c) Moved by Ted Schroeder seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve moving the City Council Worksession from Monday August 5, 2019 to Monday August 19, 2019 at 5:30p.m. Roger Nash, Finance Director, stated this is to give a few additional weeks for budget preparation. 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 Ginny Skutnik seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to approve the Electric Service Agreement with Breechblock Renewables, L.L.C. Dave Ptak, City Administrator, stated this has been a vetted out agreement for an economic development prospect, to be located on the forest property west of Whelan Energy Center. This is one of the steps Breechblock Renewables must complete in order to make the final decision to come to Hastings. They have until October to make that decision. This is a large light and power rate used for new or expanding entities. It is agreeable to utility staff and Breechblock Renewables. 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.

(a) ORDINANCE NO. 4596 TO ENACT A SECTION 32-305 OF THE OFFICIAL CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR A RATE RIDER FOR CUSTOMERS UTILIZING THE HASTINGS COMMUNITY SOLAR FARM

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

Derek Zeisler, Director of Marketing & Energy Supply, stated this Rate Rider covers all options that we have for the Solar Farm. We will offer an option for solar panel purchase or solar share purchase. There will be an area on the city's website (www.cityofhastings.org/solar) to enter information from their bill to see how solar would affect them. These options should be available in August.

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4596 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

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6. Final Passage of Ordinances.
None.

7. Appointments.
None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.
None.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Ted Schroeder there being no further business to adjourn at 5:53p.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:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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