CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 22, 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 22, 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, Jeniffer Beahm, Ginny Skutnik, Ted Schroeder, Butch Eley. Absent: Scott Snell.

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

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Matt Fong to adopt current agenda for July 22, 2019 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Scott Snell. 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 Ginny Skutnik reported on the Museum Board meeting and the discussion of the Board's strategic plan that will come before Council at the September Worksession and that they are gearing up for Kool-Aid Days.

Councilmember Scott Snell entered the meeting at 5:33 P.M.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:
None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:
Mayor Stutte reminded everyone about upcoming events: Recovery in the Park, National Night Out on August 6th at Chautauqua Park, Regional Legion Baseball Kickoff Supper, Regional Legion Tournament and Kool-Aid Days. He thanked all the volunteers that make these events happen.

Councilmember Paul Hamelink recused himself from the vote on the consent agenda due to a conflict of interest with Items (f) and (g) regarding requests of Paul's Cigar Bar.

CONSENT AGENDA:
1. All Consent Items.
Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to approve all consent items as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.
(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of July 8, 2019.
(b) Approval of the minutes of the Worksession of July 1, 2019.
(c) Approval of claims and payroll.
(d) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly reports.

(e) Approval of the request of Hastings College to utilize city streets for the Hastings College Melody Round-Up Parade on October 12, 2019.
(f) Approval of the request of Paul's Cigar Bar to utilize the city streets for the Third Annual Smoke Out on August 17, 2019.
(g) Approval of the application of Paul's Cigar Bar for a Special Designated License on the city street adjacent to 201 N. Lincoln Avenue on August 17, 2019.
(h) Approval of contract extension with J Spot Locating Services, LLC for Allo fiber installation.

REGULAR AGENDA:
2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.
None.

3. Public Hearings.
None.

4. General Business.
(a) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to approve state bid for 13 radios and accessories in the amount of $57,265.51. Brad Starling, Fire Chief, stated that the purchase of the radios accomplishes several goals with the primary being increasing the safety and operational capability of the firefighters. He indicated that currently they are using radios that are not made for extreme duty. He said the second goal was positioning the Fire Department as a competitive employer in regards to recruitment and retention and to compete with other fire departments that have long since been utilizing radios of this type.

Councilmember Ginny Skutnik questioned if since this was not budgeted, was this replacing something that had previously been budgeted for. Mr. Starling explained they have experienced some salary savings due to the difficulty they have had in recruiting and retention and so it is an opportunity to take that salary savings and put it to good use for the future.

Councilmember Butch Eley stated he was glad to see the upgrade and asked if extras were ordered in case a radio breaks. Mr. Starling indicated there will be one extra at this time and that they will look at increasing the number of radios in next year's budget. Councilmember Eley questioned the lifespan of the radios. Mr. Starling indicated in the range of 8 to 12 years.

Councilmeber Chuck Rosenberg questioned if the old radios could be used by other departments. Mr. Starling indicated they could be utilized by other departments but that they do plan on holding on to some of them for use at special events where they are not in the fire environment.

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

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.
(a) Moved by Scott Snell seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve Resolution No 2019-33 executing a state grant agreement with the Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division, of the State of Nebraska for Project No. SA-HSI-06 to obtain state funds under the program for the development of the Hastings Municipal Airport.

Dave Wacker, City Engineer, indicated the City of Hastings was the recipient of a grant to improve the apron pavement in front hangar building #11 and before the Council is the grant agreement that is finally being received for the grant improvements. He stated 90% of the cost of this project is taken care by the state with this grant.

Councilmember Paul Hamelink commended engineering staff on their work on the grant application.

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

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.
None.

7. Appointments.
(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Scott Snell to approve appointment of Jeanette Dewalt to the Utility Advisory Board for a term to expire July 22, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.
(a) Dan Rutt, Revive Ministries, spoke regarding the speakers and activities that would take place at the Recovery in the Park Celebration on July 30, 2019 at Chautauqua Park.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned at 5:45 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.

APPROVED:

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Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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