

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 26, 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 August 26, 2019.

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

The following City Officials were present: City Administrator, David Ptak; City Attorney, Clint Schukei; City Clerk, Kimberly Jacobitz; Police Chief, Adam Story; Fire Chief, Brad Starling; Finance Director, Roger Nash; Development Services Director, Don Threewitt; City Engineer, David Wacker; Utility Manager, Kevin Johnson.

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

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik to adopt current agenda for August 26, 2019 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. 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 Fong reported on the Hastings Public Library Board meeting. The library will continue with expanded hours through October for their Maker Space.

Councilmember Eley reported on the Emergency Services meeting that he and Councilmember Hamelink attended. Some of the discussion points were the solar project, library funding, and 42nd Street.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor recognized Boy Scouts in the audience. He thanked staff for their hard work during the last few weeks for storm cleanup.

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. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of August 12, 2019

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

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

(d) Approval of the request of Hastings Family YMCA to utilize city streets for the YMCA Turkey Trot on November 23, 2019

(e) Approval of the request of Special Olympics to utilize city streets for the Special Olympics Worlds Largest Truck Convoy on September 14, 2019

(f) Approval of the request of the Business Improvement District to utilize city streets for Junk Street on September 14, 2019

(g) Approval of the request of Church Women United to utilize city streets for the Hastings Area CROP Hunger Walk on October 13, 2019

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public hearing for the purpose of determining whether the Business Improvement District should be continued/formed beyond September 30, 2019. Dave Ptak, City Administrator, reported the present Business Improvement District (BID) was setup in 2014 for a five-year term. There was a change in the law since it was last created, so the ordinance would be to continue the BID into the future without a sunset date, subject to being funded and approved by council. Clint Schukei, City Attorney, stated the biggest difference in the law is that you won't be required to hold a hearing every five years to continue the BID existence. The council continues to control funding, but will not need to go through the notice to all property owners. You will continue to assess the assessments on an annual basis.

Randy Chick spoke on behalf of the BID Board and touched on their accomplishments over the past several years. Those speaking in support: Dave Rippe, Harry Dvorak, Tim Farris. Speaking either way: Martin Henkel. City Clerk received no objections.

ORDINANCE NO. 4600 CONTINUING THE EXISTENCE AND AUTHORITY OF THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4600 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. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Paul Hamelink 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, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: Ted Schroeder. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. 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 August 30, 2019. Effective date of the ordinance is September 11, 2019.

(b) Public Hearing concerning an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$425,000 for the removal of architectural barriers. Don Threewitt, Development Services Director, reported this will address and identify need to remove architectural barriers in the city for the severely handicapped. The project will remove and replace sidewalks, curb ramps, and other barriers to accessibility. The first critical area is a four block radius centered at the municipal lot (north of city hall). No objections received. No public spoke.

Moved by Paul Hamelink seconded by Scott Snell to approve authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents pertaining to the application for CDBG Public Works grant funds in the amount of \$425,000 with a \$120,000 local match for the removal of architectural barriers in the City of Hastings.

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

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to approve moving the City Council Worksession from Monday, September 2, 2019 to Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 5:30P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve a Notice of Award for the 1st and Lincoln Parking lot project to Werner Construction, Inc. for a Base Bid plus an Alternate bid amount totaling \$196,646. Randy Chick explained the need for the parking lot improvement.

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

(c) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley to approve contract with Wilkins ADP and Olsson for professional services to complete the CCCFF feasibility study. Don Threewitt, Development Services Director, stated this contract is for professional services to engage the feasibility study.

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

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to approve Resolution No. 2019-34... authorizing allowable 1% increase in restricted funds. Roger Nash, Finance Director, reported this is an annual part of the state budget form. We start out with a base amount of restricted fund authority from the prior year. We are allowed automatically to increase that amount by 2.5%. With council approval, we can add another 1% to that amount. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Matt Fong to approve Resolution No. 2019-38...authorizing the Mayor and Manager of the Hastings Utility Department to enter into an Amendment to the Gas Supply Agreement between the City of Hastings and Central Plains Energy Project. Kevin Johnson, Utility Manager, reported the CPEP project is an opportunity for Utilities to commit to long-term prepaid gas. We also get an opportunity to negotiate a discount. Dave Ptak stated this is an amendment to a 2012 agreement. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(c) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to approve Resolution 2019-40...authorizing levy Authority for the Community Redevelopment Authority in the amount of \$378,288.69. to help defray the expenses of the Authority for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Randy Chick stated this is an annual requirement in order for the CRA to use its levy. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley there being no further business to adjourn at 6:13P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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