

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, December 9, 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 December 9, 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, Ginny Skutnik, Ted Schroeder, Butch Eley, Scott Snell, Chuck Rosenberg, Paul Hamelink, Matt Fong. Absent: None.

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; Parks & Recreation Director, Jeff Hassenstab; Finance Director, Roger Nash; Development Services Director, Don Threewitt; City Engineer, David Wacker; Utility Asst. Manager, Al Meyer; IT, Jake Frerichs, HR Director, Lori Hartman.

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

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley to adopt current agenda for the December 9, 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 Skutnik reported on the Tree Board meeting held last Tuesday. No bids were received for city-wide tree trimming. Bidders stated there was not enough time to put together a bid, therefore, this project will be re-bid at a later date. An Arbor Day Celebration will be held on September 24th at Brickyard Park.

Councilmember Schroeder reported that he and Councilmember Fong attended a meeting, concerning a tri-city bus service being proposed for transporting people more efficiently. Funds are available from Nebraska Department of Transportation and the federal government.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Speakers on viaduct agenda item: Dave Roth, 134 East 4th; Gene Busboom, 1221 East 5th; Chris White, 1227 North Lexington; JC Mitera, 719 West 33rd; Val Kershner, 1021 North Saint Joseph; Norm Sheets, 300 North Shore; Kim Roth, 134 East 4th; Kathleen Nelson, 512 North Bellevue; Dale Gartner, 220 North Lincoln; Chuck Conrad, 1223 East 7th; Holly Potts, 144 East 4th; Dwight Splitt, 1313 Spanish Trail.

Dave Ptak, City Administrator, answered the question on tax increases. The city has cash that would help with options 1 and 2. A vote of the people is required for options 3 and 4. Fire Chief Starling spoke to the emergency response concerns. They do not run a significant amount of volume in the affected area, but it could increase distance by half a mile. He explained the increased speed by using Highway 281 usually makes up for the extra travel distance for responses. Mayor Stutte spoke to the comments on Quiet Zones, Olssons, and funding for housing. He stated our citizens voted on the sales tax issue, which included Quiet Zones. Olsson is a consultant, not a company bidding on the viaduct repairs or construction. Funding for workforce housing came from the State of Nebraska and Hastings Utilities as a revolving loan fund.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte thanked Don Threewitt, Development Services Director, for his service to the City of Hastings.

Police Chief Story reported the focus is on impaired driving over the holidays. Mayor Stutte wished all a safe Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Stutte recognized service anniversaries for Denise Baumgart, 35 years, Finance; David Garrett, 30 years, Street; and Troy Vorderstrasse, 25 years, Fire.

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 November 25, 2019

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

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

(d) Approval of State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development Community Development Block Grant Contract No. 19-DTR-103

REGULAR AGENDA:**2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.**

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve Global Public Safety Master Purchase, License and Services Agreement with Global Software for Tac.10 Report Management and CAD Software. Police Chief Story reported the current system is at the end of its user life. This will integrate multiple systems and replace the current CAD-RM system. This contract is for maintenance and purchasing the system. 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 Paul Hamelink seconded by Scott Snell to approve the application from Brant Rentals, LLC for CDBG Downtown Revitalization funding grant in the form of a forgivable loan (CDBG Contract #17-DTR-105) in the amount of \$200,000 provided the applicant complies with the Forgivable Loan Procedures applicable to the Grant and further provided that no funds shall be disbursed until the requisite contracts are signed and there is in place a Forgivable Note secured by a valid Deed of Trust. Randy Chick, Community Redevelopment Authority, spoke on the application. This project is from the 2017 CDBG funds awarded in 2017. Mr. Brandt hopes to create condominiums on each floor and commercial space on the main floor. 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 Matt Fong seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to approve the final plat for First Christian Church Subdivision, a replat of Lot 1, Block 2 of Colonial Estates Second Addition to the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Don Threewitt, Development Services Director, reported the members of the church intend to subdivide two lots on the northern boundary, presumably for resale and redevelopment. 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) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley to approve Resolution 2019-59, Option 1... addressing action to be taken regarding demolition, repair or replacement of the closed old U.S. 281, a/k/a 16th Street Viaduct.

Option 1: Develop scope of services for the preparation of plans and specifications for demolition of structure including coordination with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and construction observation for the project, and prepare demolition cost estimate.

Dave Ptak reported the four resolution options were put forth to mirror the estimates and options given to us by Olsson's engineering firm. He recapped those options. He reminded the group that options 3 and 4 would require a vote of the people, per Nebraska Statute.

Mayor Stutte stated all options are expensive and there are no good choices. We want to come up with the best choice for our community. It is important to have a comprehensive study of our roads, as Dave Ptak and others stated.

The council discussed the amount of vehicles that used the viaduct. Infrastructure is critical to any community and must be prioritized in order to use resources wisely. The 1 & 6 Year Plan is approved every year, but the viaduct has not been included in the plan. Priorities of the community and how we can best meet needs in the future were considered. The council spoke on the importance of this decision and the seriousness taken in making their decisions. Citizens were thanked for coming out to speak on the issue and being a part of the process.

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

(b) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Paul Hamelink to approve Resolution No 2019-58... approving plans, specifications, and estimate of costs for Project M-330 (93) 42nd Street. Dave Wacker, City Engineer, reported this has been on the 1 & 6 Year Plan for approximately thirteen years. It will improve a section of 42nd Street, picking up on an existing section from Walmart to Baltimore Avenue. As soon as right-of-way is acquired, the city will advertise for bids on the project. 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 Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Paul Hamelink to approve Resolution No 2019-60... approving plans, specifications, estimate of costs, and authorization to advertise for bids for Street Improvement District No. 2019-4. Dave Wacker reported this SID was recently created. The Right of Remonstrance period will end on January 1, 2020. This project, as well as other districts, will be advertised on December 17, 24, 31, with council approval. The anticipated bid opening is January 13, 2020. 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 Butch Eley to approve Resolution No 2019-61... approving plans, specifications, estimate of costs, and authorization to advertise for bids for Sewer Extension District No. 2019-1. Dave Wacker reported this project will provide new sewer main and associated stubs. 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 2019-62... approving plans, specifications, estimate of costs, and authorization to advertise for bids for Water Extension District No. 2019-1. Dave Wacker reported this water extension district is within the previously described area. 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 2019-63... approving plans, specifications, estimate of costs, and authorization to advertise for bids for Street Improvement District No. 2019-3. Dave Wacker reported the ordinance of district creation was approved by council in early spring. The plans were completed and revised over the last several months. 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.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ted Schroeder there being no further business to adjourn at 7:00 p.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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