

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 13, 2020

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 January 13, 2020.

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, Ginny Skutnik, Butch Eley. Absent: Ted Schroeder, 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; Parks & Recreation Director, Jeff Hassenstab; Finance Director, Roger Nash; City Engineer, David Wacker; Utility Manager, Kevin Johnson; IT Director, Kevin Schawang.

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 January 13, 2020 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, 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 Snell announced he will not run for the next council term. He encouraged citizens to serve in our community.

Councilmember Skutnik reported on the Museum Board's meeting held last Friday. The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) deadline is tomorrow for the second floor design. See the website for other events being held at the museum.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Willis Hunt, 616 Madden Road, spoke against the viaduct demo plan item.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte talked about Martin Luther King day of service. The YWCA put together a project with Hearts and Hands Against Hunger. They encourage those interested in packing meals to attend.

Mayor Stutte thanked Scott Snell for his service. He reminded everyone the filing deadline is March 2nd.

Mayor Stutte recognized Utility Department Service Anniversaries for Brian Newman, 10 years; David Miller, 5 yrs; Edward Fleharty, 40 yrs; Dean Nelson, 40 yrs; Bruce Florian, 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, Ginny Skutnik.

Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of December 9, 2019

(b) Approval of the minutes of the Worksession of December 2, 2019

(c) Approval of claims and payroll

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

(e) Approval of Work Order SL-126

(f) Approval of Work Order GA-347

(g) Approval of Work Order CO-161

(h) Approval of Invoice No. 1006 from South Central Economic Development District in the amount of \$2500 for grant administration, CDBG 07-ED-005

(i) Approval of Drawdown Request #4 in the amount of \$2500 for CDBG 07-ED-005

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

(a) Advising of objections to Street Improvement District 2019-4 Laux Drive. The deadline for filing written objections was January 1, 2020. No objections were received. The district is valid.

(b) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Paul Hamelink to approve the Professional Services agreement with Olsson for preparation of plans for demolition of the 16th Street and Kansas Avenue viaduct in the amount of \$146,500. Dave Wacker reported on the amended agreement, per worksession discussions. The plans will include leveling the northeast embankment of the bridge and provide for the extension of the design of 16th Street (Saint Joseph to Kansas Avenue) and drainage considerations. There is a provision, if we do not move into construction, the construction services portion of this contract will be null and void. Concern was voiced by Councilmembers Rosenberg and Snell on the increase in plan cost, with the amended contract.

Moved by Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Scott Snell to table the Professional Services agreement with Olsson for preparation of the plan for demolition of the 16th Street and Kansas Avenue viaduct.

Roll Call: Ayes: Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell. Nays: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion failed.

Councilmember Snell suggested taking a look at other bids for plans. Mayor Stutte explained the need to move forward with some speed because the bridge is a safety issue. Dave Ptak, City Administrator, stated the agreement is to make plans for demolition. Olsson is the firm that has been with us from the beginning on this matter. If we would go out to talk to someone without the knowledge, we would pay much more for the contract. Mayor Stutte stated the engineering cost was budgeted in this fiscal year. Councilmember Rosenberg voiced concern on why the requested change items were not included in Olsson's original estimate. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik, Mayor Corey Stutte Nays: Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(c) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to approve the ERP contract amendment; removing the EnerGov module, and adding 'Cash Management' and 'Utility Billing' to the project. Kevin Schawang, IT Director, reported this removes the EnerGov module (Development Services building permit portion of the ERP project) and adds cash management and utility billing. The amendment is a result of a recommendation from our consultant group, Sciens. They concluded the city would be better served with greater efficiencies by making these changes. This amendment will save the city more than \$15,000 initially and will decrease the annual software maintenance cost 75% over the existing utility billing solution. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Moved by Paul Hamelink seconded by Butch Eley to approve Resolution No. 2020-1 adjusting alarm monitoring fees through the City of Hastings Communications Center. Police Chief Story reported on the city's new alarm system and increasing monitoring fees to a more realistic amount. The Police Department will collect fees for alarm monitoring. This includes residential as well as businesses. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Scott Snell to approve Resolution No. 2020-3 requesting the Nebraska Department of Transportation to conduct traffic studies at 7th Street, 9th Street, 12th Street, 14th Street and 16th Street intersections of Burlington Avenue. Dave Wacker reported this was prepared after discussion at the recent worksession. This formally puts on record to request traffic studies to be conducted by Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT). If approved, City Engineer will submit to the NDOT District IV Engineer and NDOT Traffic Engineer in the morning. Dave hopes to have the studies completed by this summer to late fall. Dave Ptak stated the RFQ for the Transportation Study was posted on the city's website today. Responses to the RFQ are requested by February 14th. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(c) Moved by Scott Snell seconded by Matt Fong to approve Resolution No. 2020-4 approving the manual, application and contract form for the City of Hastings PACE Program. Clint Schukei, City Attorney, reported we have taken guidance received at the worksession and made those corrections and filled in the blanks with limitations. We are required to have a form of a contract and that will be further negotiated with the property owner and lender. It will then come back to council for approval. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(d) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Paul Hamelink to approve Resolution No. 2020-5...approving Bylaws of the Hastings Public Library Board and Hastings Public Library Policies. Dave Ptak reported the Bylaws were discussed at the recent worksession. They were reviewed by the Library Board and recommended in 2018. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

9. Closed Session.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Paul Hamelink to move into closed session for reasons of personnel matters and negotiations at 6:09 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to move out of closed session at 6:31 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong there being no further business to adjourn at 6:33 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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