CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 27, 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 July 27, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Stutte with the following members present: Paul Hamelink, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Chuck Rosenberg. Absent: Matt Fong, 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; Utility Manager, Kevin Johnson; Information Technology, Jake Frerichs and Nathan Fritzler; Interim City Engineer, Lee Vrooman.

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

Moved by Scott Snell seconded by Butch Eley to adopt current agenda for July 27, 2020 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, July 24, 2020. Pursuant to 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:
Mayor Stutte reminded citizens that we continue to fight COVID-19 in our community. He encouraged everyone to follow CDC guidelines.

Mayor Stutte recognized Service Anniversaries for Patrick, Douglas-35 years; Conklin, Lance J.-20 years; Leonard, Mark-10 years; Turner, Mark-30 years; Savage, Brandon-5 years; York, Michelle-5 years; Matticks, Rebecca-15 years; Conklin, Barbara-20 years; Struss, Scott-25 years; Reinhard, Joshua-10 years; Brown, Julayne-5 years; Kinney, Keith-40 years; Scherbarth, Brenden-25 years; Hofmann, Ryan-5 years; Kimminau, Wayne-5 years; Fraser, Mike-40 years; Lemke, James-40 years; Campbell, Jeffrey-35 years; Hegemann, Donald-10 years; Sell, Tammy-15 years; Vorderstrasse, Lori-35 years; Stone, Lindsey-15 years.

CONSENT AGENDA:
1. <u>All Consent Items.</u>
Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Scott Snell to approve all consent items, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.
(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of July 13, 2020
(b) Approval of claims and payroll
(c) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly reports

(d) Approval of the request by Mary Lanning Rehabilitation/Pediatric Rehabilitation to utilize the city streets and Heartwell Park for the World Down Syndrome Day Race on September 2, 2020
(e) Approval of invoice from Brant Rentals, LLC in the amount of $90,000.00 for Community Development Block Grant Project 17-DTR-105, Downtown Revitalization
(f) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant funds, Drawdown #11, in the amount of $66,510.00 for Community Development Block Grant Project 17-DTR-105, Downtown Revitalization

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

3. Public Hearings.
(a) Public hearing on the application of Boys 3 MCP, Inc. dba "Coach's Corner Convenience Store" for a Class "D" Liquor License at 3212 Osborne Dr. East. Chief Story reported they found nothing to disqualify this applicant for a Class "D" liquor license or the next agenda item for the manager's application. No public spoke. No objections were received.

Moved by Scott Snell seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve Resolution No. 2020-42 approving the application of Boys 3 MCP, Inc. dba "Coach's Corner Convenience Store" for a Class "D" Liquor License at 3212 Osborne Dr. East. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Scott Snell to approve the manager application of Leah S. Ratzlaff in connection with the Class "D" Liquor License of Boys 3 MCP, Inc. dba "Coach's Corner Convenience Store" located at 3212 Osborne Dr. East. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

4. General Business.
(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to award contract for Boring and Installing Fiber Innerducts from the Bypass Substation to the North Denver Station to Precision Sprinklers, Inc. in the amount of $98,795.00. Lee Vrooman reported this project is for conduit installation only. The Electric Department will install the fiber after the conduit is installed. This is one of the main links between the two locations where some of our IT backup servers are housed, so it is a critical link.
Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Paul Hamelink to approve sending a letter to the Nebraska Congressional delegation in support of a loan program for public power utilities and electric cooperatives. Dave Ptak stated this communication came to us through our Utility Department. There is proposed legislation pending in the Senate to provide for a loan program to public power utilities and electric cooperatives, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This program would be a forgivable loan, if proceeds of the loan are used to pay COVID-19 related expenses, such as unpaid utility bills.
Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(c) Presentation of Forensic Examination and Condition of the Old Highway 281 Viaduct conducted by Engineering Specialists Incorporated of Omaha, Nebraska.

Dave Ptak introduced Anthony Siahpush and Paul Douglas, from Engineering Specialists Incorporated (ESI), Omaha, Nebraska.

Anthony Siahpush, Engineering Specialists Incorporated, gave a presentation on the Old Highway 281 Viaduct, located at 16th Street and Kansas Avenue. He presented photos of the viaduct and explained his report on the bridge piers and approaches. He stated that Abutment No. 1 has the most amount of damage for the bridge. The extent of structural damage on this abutment appears to be beyond repair.

We are unable to know the extent of damage in the subsurface, as we cannot see the piles. He explained the extent of corrosion and deterioration to the piers. Some of the piers were repaired cosmetically in the 1985, but did not receive in depth repairs. Piers 5 and 6 are closer to the Union Pacific tracks and have extensive corrosion, due to expansion, corrosion, weathering, salt, and age. He explained what the bridge was designed for in 1935, versus the current requirements for building a bridge. Abutment No. 2 has steel and concrete, and is in much better condition that Abutment No. 1. The concrete deck is in fairly good condition. Expansion joints have deteriorated and need complete replacement. Side guardrails are in good condition, but the support structure is not. Steel beams appear to be in good condition and require resurfacing, but there is no evidence of extensive deterioration or corrosion. The design service life of a typical concrete deck slab bridge with structural steel beam girders and reinforced concrete pier columns is 75 years. The actual service life of the viaduct is currently at 85 years. The 1985 rehabilitation (35 years ago) was limited to the replacement of the concrete vehicle drive deck, expansion joints, deck rail/curbs, and relocation of the existing roller bearings. No renovation was done to piers or the substructure. They are now 85 years old and original from 1935, which is 15 years beyond its service life. The critical element here is below the surface. The piles are over 70 feet deep into the ground and their condition is unknown. The piles are a critical issue and should be newly constructed if the bridge is rebuilt.

Anthony answered questions from the council about the possibility of replacing the piers. He stated the requirements of the State of Nebraska would require us to remove the deck. If we touch the deck, we might have to make the bridge 38 feet wide, to come into current code. The piles below the subsurface have shown evidence of damage, deterioration, and movement, and must be removed. To remove the the piers and the piles, you would end up with a new bridge. In his opinion, the bridge cannot be repaired. Councilmember Rosenberg brought up the possibility of shortening the bridge span so it would require fewer piers. Discussion was held on the challenges of bridge demolition. Demolition cost without modification to the land, would be approximately $1.4 million. Rebuilding the bridge would cost approximately $7 million, which includes the demolition cost.

Dave Ptak pointed out that the Comprehensive Transportation and Parking Plan was an offshoot of the viaduct issue. We have transportation needs to move traffic efficiently through our community, both north to south, as well as east to west. We want to get citizen participation to figure out priorities. It is his understanding that there will be $500,000 in engineering cost if the decision is made to rebuild the bridge. He stated the railroad will not talk to us until we have a plan on rebuilding or renovation, so they know how it will affect the use of the rail. Anthony stated the railroad has asked for a set of preliminary drawings to review for length of time the railroad would be affected, in order to determine the amount of fees involved. The demolition time would be approximately two weeks. The reconstruction time, with good weather conditions and a larger contractor, would be 90-120 days. We would expect a higher fee charged from the railroad for reconstruction. Mayor Stutte stated the intent of the ballot would be to word it with a not to exceed number. We reached out to ESI to narrow and assess the numbers and get those out to the public. We will make the report from ESI accessible to the public on the city's website.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.
None.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.
None.

7. Appointments.
(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley to approve Mayor Stutte's Board and Commission appointments, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

BOARD OR COMMISSION	APPOINTEE	DATES OF TERM	REPLACING OR REAPPOINTMENT
Civil Service Commission	Robert Parker	07-01-2020 to 07-01-2025	Reappointment
Board of Adjustments	Dan Schwartzkopf	07-01-2020 to 07-01-2023	Reappointment
Board of Adjustments	Tom Krueger	07-01-2020 to 07-01-2023	Reappointment
Electrical Board	Jake Smidt	07-01-2020 to 07-01-2022	Reappointment
Library Board	Dave Bierman	07-01-2020 to 07-01-2024	Reappointment

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.
None.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Ted Schroeder to go into closed session for reason of personnel at 6:26 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Scott Snell to come out of closed session at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley there being no further business to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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