

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, September 14, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special 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 September 14, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. in Special Session by Mayor Stutte with the following members present: Jeniffer Beahm, Ginny Skutnik, Ted Schroeder, Butch Eley, Scott Snell, Paul Hamelink, Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg. 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; Utility Manager, Kevin Johnson; Information Technology, Erik Nielsen; Development Services Director, Lisa Parnell-Rowe; Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman.

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 September 14, 2020 Special 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Special Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, September 11, 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:

Chuck Rosenberg reported on the Public Engagement window for the Transportation and Parking Master Plan. Postcards are located in the back of the chamber and on the city's website for public comments.

Ginny Skutnik reported on the Quiet Zone Committee meeting held today. There were discussions on possible phases for the project.

Ted Schroeder reported on the Chamber Board meeting. They are doing creative interactions to keep their membership engaged during these challenging times.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Public hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget for the City of Hastings. Dave Ptak presented information for the annual budget hearing on the 2020-2021 Budget for the City of Hastings. He explained there are three funds within the budget, which are based on property tax. Those funds are the General, Museum, and Debt Service. The city is asking for property tax in the amount of \$6,923,837. He stated our operating budget went down by almost \$8 million. The city levy stayed at \$.449687, which is the same as it has been since 2016. No public spoke. No objections were received.

Councilmember Rosenberg asked why the Police Department omitted their request for holsters, optics, weapon mounted lighting, and tasers in the 2020-21 budget. Chief Story stated the department was able to secure those items through a trade and did not need those items in next year's budget.

Councilmember Skutnik commended staff on the tight budget.

Mayor Stutte thanked staff for their work on the budget.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Matt Fong there being no further business to adjourn at 5:43 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:

Paul Hamelink, Council President

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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