

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
Monday, September 21, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Worksession 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 21, 2020.

The Worksession was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Council President Hamelink with the following members present: Ginny Skutnik, Butch Eley, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Ted Schroeder, Scott Snell, Matt Fong, Jeniffer Beahm.

City Officials Present: David Ptak, Clint Schukei, Deb Bergmann.

Others Present: Jeff Scanlan and Mark Frantz, Harry A. Koch Co.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Scott Snell to adopt the current agenda for the September 21, 2020 Worksession. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Official Notice of the Worksession was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, September 18, 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 available. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and accessible to members of the public.

Discussion of insurance renewal premium and rates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Dave Ptak, City Administrator, introduced Mark Frantz and Jeff Scanlan from Harry A. Koch Co., the City's insurance consultants and broker.

Mark Frantz and Jeff Scanlan, Harry A. Koch Co., presented information on insurance renewal premium and rates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Attached and made part of original minutes.)

Mr. Scanlan began by talking about the status of the market place with the property market being in a bit of a tailspin the last 24 months being driven by wind and hail events. He indicated deductibles have increased in terms of dollars and percentages with excess umbrella also being affected. He told Council that property coverage for wind and hail events was the main concern for the City as well as Utility Department. Mr. Scanlan indicated with the recent hurricanes and wildfires, property rates and terms are changing and there are not a lot of insurance carriers writing property coverage. Travelers was proposing a drastic change of a 1% deductible for wind and hail subject to a \$50,000 minimum per building with no aggregate which would have a pretty dramatic effect with a large out of pocket amount with a major weather event. He stated he and Mr. Frantz were there to provide some alternatives. He pointed out the One Beacon proposal and stated that they don't provide workers compensation coverage so they teamed up with Bitco for that coverage. He said that Travelers had pulled back on the line in the sand and were losing communities so they landed on the wind/hail coverage with the \$250,000 per occurrence with One Beacon proposing a 1% deductible and \$10,000 minimum per building and \$300,000 aggregate. Mr. Scanlan indicated the feeling he got from staff is that the main concern was with catastrophic events.

Council discussed some scenarios regarding localized hail with only one or two buildings being

hit and about the coverage being for replacement cost.

Mr. Scanlan indicated both companies match up pretty well and are both financially stable.

Councilmember Schroeder asked if going with one company was more beneficial for staff.

Mr. Ptak talked about looking at different scenarios, at insuring for catastrophic events, and the rapport built with Travelers and being comfortable with them and about the good service received from Travelers. He stated they don't know as much about One Beacon and their service.

Councilmember Skutnik brought up liability coverage. Mr. Ptak said that you always want someone else's coverage to be the first dollar coverage and we be second dollar coverage. Councilmember Snell stated as a Council we can deny an event if we're not comfortable with the event and feel that something could go wrong. Mr. Ptak indicated there is always a risk run with events and we always use Mr. Frantz and Mr. Scanlan with events because we want their expertise.

Councilmember Eley asked why Travelers is higher on auto and cheaper on workers compensation. Mr. Frantz indicated with the workers compensation it was the good experience and that they have offered discretionary credit because of good performance. Mr. Frantz attributed workers compensation low modifiers to the City staff's managing of the workers compensation program and keeping the City as safe as they can be.

Council President Hamelink stated he thought staff was looking for direction from Council on quotes. It was the consensus of Council to continue with Travelers.

Discussion of having Ninety-Nines compass rose placed at the Hastings Airport.

Dave Ptak, stated that he felt this opportunity was a good thing for the airport and the recognition of women pilots.

Deb Bergmann, Airport Manager, said that the opportunity came up for the Ninety-Nines volunteer group that advocates for women in aviation to paint the compass rose symbol at the Hastings Airport. (Information attached and made part of original minutes.) She told Council that historically pilots identified airports from above with these visual markers. She stated that the compass roses measure from 75' to 100' and would be painted by the Ninety-Nines volunteers along with other volunteer organizations wanting to help. She indicated that the City would be required to pay for the paint, which has already been budgeted for, and usually lasts 3-5 years. Ms. Bergmann told Council it is quite an honor to have a compass rose symbol painted at your airport and about the connection with Amelia Earhart and Evelyn Sharp who spent some of her childhood in Hastings.

Councilmember Eley indicated he was in favor of this but was concerned about the painting being maintained. Ms. Bergmann stated the paint is easy to come by and there are funds already set aside for the paint. She indicated they could possibly paint it in the apron area northeast of the brick hangar which is a less traveled area and it would not get as much wear and tear as being on the runway.

Councilmember Schroeder indicated he felt many community groups would be interest in helping with this project.

Council President Hamelink agreed the symbol would need to be kept up and and felt members

of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) chapter could be helpful in the upkeep.

Mr. Ptak reminded Council that they haven't got it yet but staff wanted to be able to let the Ninety-Nines organization know there is support for this project.

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with getting the compass rose symbol placed at the airport and told Ms. Bergmann they would be willing to do a letter of support if she would like or whatever was needed, just let them know.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley to go into closed session at 6:13 p.m. for the discussion of personnel. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to resume open session at 6:44 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Matt Fong there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned at 6:44 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.