

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, October 12, 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 October 12, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Council President Paul Hamelink with the following members present: Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Scott Snell, Chuck Rosenberg, Matt Fong. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm and Mayor Corey Stutte.

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 Council President led the group in recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Scott Snell to adopt current agenda for October 12, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Scott Snell to amend current agenda to remove item '3.f.'. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE** - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, October 9, 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:**

Councilmember Fong reported the Library is changing their catalog system and will be down one day while moving over to the new system. Councilmember Rosenberg reminded citizens of the ongoing Transportation and Parking Study. He encouraged citizens to go to the city's website to add input to the study. Councilmember Schroeder reported the Chamber of Commerce helps with the State Softball Tournament. They are short on volunteers and ask those interested in helping, to reach out to the Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Skutnik reported the most recent Museum Board meeting was held with a combination of in-person and virtual participants. She told the group of several upcoming events at the Museum.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

Council President Paul Hamelink reported that Mayor Stutte was unable to be with us tonight. He reminded all to wear masks and keep safe.

Council President Paul Hamelink recognized service anniversaries for Steven Kostner, Street Superintendent, 5 years; Bradley Griffith, Maintenance-WEC, 5 years; Micah McCaffery, Operations-WEC, 5 years; Benjamin Schudel, Operations-WEC, 5 years; Wallis Glassmyer, Operations-WEC, 5 years; Steven Elley, Admin-WEC, 40 years; Kim Jacobitz, City Clerk, 15 years; Dustin Lockling, Street Mechanic, 5 years.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**1. All Consent Items.**

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

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

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of September 28, 2020

(b) Approval of the minutes of the Worksession of September 21, 2020

(c) Approval of claims and payroll

(d) Approval of Work Order EL-129, installation of single-phase and three-phase underground electric lines, padmount switch, and padmount transformer to serve the new Retina Center

(e) Approval of Work Order EL-130, installation of single-phase underground electric line and padmount transformer to serve a new commercial building at 3709 Yost Avenue

(f) Approval of Work Order CO-163, new customer parking lot at North Denver Station

(g) Approval of the request of Hastings Family YMCA to utilize city streets for Halloween at the YMCA on October 30, 2020

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.**

None.

**3. Public Hearings.**

(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Ted Schroeder to adjourn as City Council and reconvene as Board of Equalization. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

Public hearing on the levying of assessments in the Business Improvement District.

Randy Chick, Business Improvement District (BID), spoke in support of the item. He explained the annual assessment process. This year's budget for the BID is \$70,000. The related assessment rate is \$213.54 per \$100,000 of valuation. All taxable property within the district is assessed. The owner occupied portions of properties are not assessed. No public spoke. No objections were received.

(b) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to adjourn as Board of Equalization and reconvene as City Council. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(c) Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Butch Eley to approve Resolution No. 2020-52 making assessments in the Business Improvement District of the City of Hastings. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(d) Public hearing on the request of the Community Redevelopment Authority regarding Plan Modification No. 2020-3 to Redevelopment Area No. 1 commonly addressed as 529 West 2nd Street, Hastings, Nebraska. Lisa Parnell-Rowe reported this item has to do with Redevelopment Area No. 1 for Lucky, LLC. The property owner's intention is to do commercial and residential remodeling. Randy Chick stated a local family acquired the property and is working on this project. No public spoke. No objections were received.

Moved by Scott Snell seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve Resolution No. 2020-55 for Plan Modification #2020-3 Redevelopment Area #1 for Lot 8, Block 24, Original Town, now City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, commonly addressed as 529 West 2nd Street. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(e) Public hearing on the request of the Community Redevelopment Authority regarding Plan Modification No. 2020-4 to Redevelopment Area No. 14 generally located south of the southeast intersection of 31st Street and Osborne Dr. East, Hastings, Nebraska. Lisa Parnell-Rowe reported this property is zoned C-3. The property owners want to construct a 6,200 sq. ft. retail commercial office. Jon Abegglen, 3114 8th Avenue, Kearney spoke in support of the item. He is one of the property owners, and told of their intention to lease the space out to commercial businesses and offer services that are new to the community. They will replace the parking lot as soon as possible. No objections were received.

Moved by Scott Snell seconded by Butch Eley to approve Resolution No. 2020-56 approving Plan Modification No. 2020-4 to Redevelopment Area No. 14 generally located south of the southeast intersection of 31st Street and Osborne Dr. East, Hastings, Nebraska. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

#### 4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to approve the addendum to South Central Area Law Enforcement Services (SCALES) Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Law Enforcement Services. Police Chief Adam Story reported this agreement has been around for over fifteen years. We do training through this service and assist other agencies. The addendum adds one agency to the agreement, going from fourteen to fifteen agencies. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to approve the Agreement with South Central EMS, LLC to provide backup emergency medical services to the City of Hastings. Fire Chief Brad Starling reported this agreement will solidify some handshake agreements that have been around for years. The administrative code requires that all ambulance services have a backup provider. We are working with others to secure agreements with them as well. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(c) Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve the purchase of a granite columbarium from Speidell Monuments in the amount of \$49,379. Jeff Hassenstab reported the bid letting was held October 1, 2020 for Parkview Cemetery. The city received two bids, with Speidell being low bidder. The existing columbarium was installed in 2005. The new columbarium will be placed on the north terrace and will have double the space as the current one. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(d) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Scott Snell to approve the Addendum Agreement with Hastings Keno, Inc. to make Murphy's Wagon Wheel, Inc., located at 107 North Lincoln, as a new sales outlet location for Hastings Keno, Inc. Dave Ptak reported this is the normal method we use to add additional sales outlets for Keno. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(e) Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve the Agreement with the Hastings Area Mutual Aid Association. Fire Chief Brad Starling reported this is a long-standing agreement for mutual aid across multiple counties. Recently there were changes, updating insurance requirements. The same requirements as the previous agreement, adding backups for service on mutual aid, were necessary on this agreement. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(f) Moved by Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Ginny Skutnik to accept dedication of easements from Johnson Imperial Home Co. of Hastings in Lochland Meadows Subdivision Number Twelve that were not dedicated at the time of platting. Clint Schukei reported this will put easements in place and dedicate the streets as the city would like. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(g) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley to accept dedication of streets from Johnson Imperial Home Co. of Hastings in Lochland Meadows Subdivision Number Twelve that were not dedicated at the time of platting. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(h) Clarification of requirements under City's Event Guide and Agreement. Dave Ptak reported we had inquiries from residents about an upcoming event in our community. Staff reviewed the event and determined there were no additional requirements, other than them complying with traffic laws of our community, as well as State Statutes. Chief Story stated there have been many good discussions regarding the event. Concern was voiced over traffic being blocked during the event.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to approve Ordinance No. 4647, Amending Official Zoning District Map Of The City Of Hastings To Rezone Property From R-1, Urban Single Family Residential District And A, Agricultural District To R-1, Urban Single Family Residential District For Westbrook Village 17th Addition (*Second Reading*). Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Matt Fong to approve the certification and Resolution No. 2020-58 authorizing Mayor to sign Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form. Lee Vrooman reported this is the annual form that certifies the city uses the funds received by the Nebraska Department of Transportation appropriately for using street funds for construction maintenance. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.  
None.

7. Appointments.  
None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.  
None.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong there being no further business to adjourn at 6:14 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Paul Hamelink, Chuck Rosenberg, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

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Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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