

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 11, 2021

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted via video conference, on January 11, 2021, as allowed by the executive order issued from Governor Ricketts on November 25, 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, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Jeniffer Beahm, Ginny Skutnik, Ted Schroeder, Butch Eley. 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; Information Technology, Erik Nielsen; Development Services Director, Lisa Parnell-Rowe; Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman; Mechanical Engineer, Derek Pfeifer.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik to adopt current agenda for January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, January 8, 2021. 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 can be found on the City of Hastings' website, cityofhastings.org.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Councilmember Fong reported the Hastings Public Library is accepting appointments to come into the library to check out books and use computers.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte reminded all to wear masks, social distance, and wash your hands frequently.

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, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of December 14, 2020

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

(c) Approval of Work Order EL-135, replacement of RFL-9300 protection relays at the 115kV substations

(d) Approval of Work Order EL-136, replace outdated RTU's at the 115kV and 34.5kV substations

(e) Approval of Work Order EL-137, install GPS Time Sync upgrade at the 115kV, 34.5kV substations, SCADA and the WEC 4160 switchgear

(f) Approval of Out of District Water and Sewer Connection Fees for

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to approve moving the City Council Worksession from Monday, January 18, 2021 to Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.
Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve the Release of Easement for Osborne View Estates. Lee Vrooman reported this item is to cleanup easements that were not dedicated on the original plat. These easements are no longer needed. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(c) Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Butch Eley to approve preliminary plat for Buhr Addition. Lisa Parnell-Rowe reported this is taking two tax lots and putting them into two platted lots. A single family home will be placed on Lot 2 of this subdivision. The lot has an existing driveway and culvert off of 2nd Avenue. It is located in the county. It will be an addition by plat, rezone and final plat at the February council meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(d) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to approve Community Development Block Grant Contract No. 20-PW-004 in the amount of \$435,000 for sidewalk improvements and authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement. Lee Vrooman stated this is the next step in the grant process. This is the project that will modify ADA ramps at intersections and sidewalk repairs in a four block radius of the downtown parking lot just north of the city building. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(e) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley to award contract for Fisher Fountain Renovation to Farris Construction Co., Inc. Lee Vrooman reported this was sent to six contractors. We advertised on the website and in the newspaper. There was only one bidder. Repairs are needed to keep Fisher Fountain working consistently. The timeline is to start demolition in February and complete renovations by July 4th. Derek Pfeifer is the Mechanical Engineer on the project and is available to answer questions. Councilmember Fong asked if there will be any signage by the fountain if people want to know more about the renovation. Lee stated they will work on signage. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(f) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Matt Fong to approve issuing a Request for Proposal for the demolition of the 16th Street viaduct and the termination of existing contract for professional services with Olsson Associates. Dave Ptak reported this is the first step that we need to take to move the issue of the 16th Street viaduct along. In January we entered into a contract with Olsson to do an engineering study for demolition as well as configuring 16th street to tie into other streets. We had a contract for \$146,000 and have paid \$25,000 to date. We suspended the contract after putting the viaduct issue on the November ballot. Since the forensic study was completed, we received a letter signed by Olsson by three individuals stating recommendation to demolish and either reconstruct the viaduct at that location or at another. The first step is to put together an RFP for engineering cost to demolish the viaduct. This RFP is not to develop plans or specifications, or go out for bid. It will be months based on time it takes to put plans and specifications together before we could have any movement toward demolition. We can move forward with our planning process and it won't affect the pending lawsuit. Lee Vrooman added this RFP would include potential cost for construction management coordination with the Union Pacific Railroad. We want to get this back to present to council in March 2021. This continues to be a health and safety issue. The city was told by our previous forensic engineer, that the Union Pacific will not give us a number until they know what we are going to do. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.
None.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.
None.

7. Appointments.
None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.
None.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Ginny Skutnik there being no further business to adjourn at 5:55 P.M.
Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley,
Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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