

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 26, 2021

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 April 26, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Stutte with the following members present: Ginny Skutnik, Butch Eley, Chuck Rosenberg, Matt Fong, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm, Joy Huffaker. Absent: Shawn Hartmann.

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 Director, Erik Nielsen.

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

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Matt Fong to adopt current agenda from April 26, 2021 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, April 23, 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 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 Hastings Public Library is gearing up for summer reading. They will have a variety of programs for kids and families.

Councilmember Rosenberg reported the city wants feedback on the Transportation and Parking Survey. The survey is located on the city's website.

Councilmember Schroeder stated business owners have voiced concern with not enough people going into electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning trades.

Councilmember Skutnik reported the Tree Board is holding a celebration this Friday in Brickyard Park on the east side of the park. The Museum is gearing up for summer fun and taking memberships.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte thanked staff for their work on the Breechblock project.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to remove items 1(e) and 1(f) from tonight's consent agenda, per applicant's request. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to approve consent agenda items, with the amendment. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann. The motion carried.

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of April 12, 2021
- (b) Approval of claims and payroll
- (c) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly reports
- (d) Approval of the manager application of Virginia L. Cathcart in connection with the Class "CK" Liquor License of Eagles Frat Hastings Aerie 592 dba "Eagles Frat Order 592" located at 107 North Denver Avenue
- (g) Approval of the request of No Coast Brewing, LLC dba First Street Brewing Company for the utilization of city streets for the 2021 Pickleball Tourney on May 29, 2021
- (h) Approval of the request of No Coast Brewing, LLC dba First Street Brewing Company for a Special Designated License for a Pickleball Tournament on north St. Joseph Avenue between 1st Street and the east-west alley dividing the block between 1st Street and 2nd Street on May 29, 2021
- (i) Approval of the request of No Coast Brewing, LLC dba First Street Brewing Company for the utilization of city streets for the Tour De Nebraska Bike Ride Reception on June 19, 2021
- (j) Approval of the request of No Coast Brewing, LLC dba First Street Brewing Company for a Special Designated License for the Tour De Nebraska Bike Ride Reception on north St. Joseph Avenue between 1st Street and 2nd Street on June 19, 2021
- (k) Approval of the request of No Coast Brewing, LLC dba First Street Brewing Company for the utilization of city streets for the .5K Fun Run on August 13, 2021
- (l) Approval of the request of No Coast Brewing, LLC dba First Street Brewing Company for a Special Designated License for a .5k Fun Run on north St. Joseph Avenue between 1st Street and the east-west alley dividing the block between 1st Street and 2nd Street on August 13, 2021
- (m) Approval of Work Order SW-353, reline 15" sanitary sewer main on Colorado Avenue
- (n) Approval of Work Order GA-353, new PE gas main at 3230 W. 12th Street
- (o) Approval of Work Order EL-157, installation of three phase overhead bank to service an irrigation well
- (p) Approval of Work Order EL-158, installation of three phase overhead transformer to serve an irrigation well
- (q) Approval of Work Order EL-159, extension of three phase overhead electric line
- (r) Approval of Invoice No. 00214 from THOAR, LLC in the amount of \$25,463.12 for work completed at 119 N. Hastings Avenue/712 W. 1st Street for Community Development Block Grant Project 19-DTR-103, Downtown Revitalization
- (s) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant funds, Drawdown #6, in the amount of \$19,581.14 for Community Development Block Grant Project 19-DTR-103, Downtown Revitalization
- (t) Approval of the request of Hastings Family YMCA for the utilization of a city park for the SummerFest on June 12, 2021

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

None.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) ORDINANCE 4663 TO REPEAL EXISTING HASTINGS CITY CODE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1 AND ENACT A NEW CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1 PROVIDED FOR WARDS AND PRECINCTS, CITY DEPARTMENTS, AND ETHICS AND A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Dave Ptak reported this ordinance was discussed at the March and April City Council Worksessions. Revisions were made, as a result of those discussions.

Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Councilmember Butch Eley moved for passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Ginny Skutnik.

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4663 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann. The motion carried.

Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Matt Fong seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three fourths vote of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted upon second and final reading and the Mayor signed and approved the ordinance. City Clerk attested the passage approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto. Published in the Hastings Tribune on April 30, 2021. Effective date of the ordinance is 15 days from and after the date this ordinance is passed and approved.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

(a) Moved by Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve Mayor Stutte's appointment of Susan Meeske to the Utility Advisory Board with term 4/26/2021-7/1/2022. Mayor Stutte thanked Susan Meeske for serving on the Utility Board. Mayor Stutte and

Councilmember Fong took the opportunity to encourage those who are interested in serving on boards to go on the city's website and complete a form. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann. The motion carried.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.
None.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to approve going into closed session at 5:41 P.M. for reasons of real estate and possible litigation. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley to come out of closed session at 6:06 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley there being no further business to adjourn at 6:06 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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