

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 24, 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 May 24, 2021.

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

The following City Officials were present: City Administrator, David Ptak; City Attorney, Clint Schukei; City Clerk, Kimberly Jacobitz; Police Captain, Raelee Van Winkle; Fire Chief, Brad Starling; Parks & Recreation Director, Jeff Hassenstab; Finance Director, Roger Nash; Utility Manager, Kevin Johnson; Information Technology Director, Erik Nielsen; Development Services Director, Lisa Parnell-Rowe; Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman; Human Resource Director, Lori Hartman; Environmental Engineering, Marty Stange.

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

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ted Schroeder to adopt current agenda for May 24, 2021 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, May 21, 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 Rosenberg reported that he and Councilmember Huffaker attended the hospital foundation's monthly meeting. Hospital expansion projects will be starting soon.

Councilmember Schroeder reported on the Nebraska Fly-In and airshow happening at the Hastings Municipal Airport in June. Contact Ted Schroeder or the airport if interested in volunteering.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Governor Ricketts announced today that Directed Health Measures (DHM) go away at 12:01 A.M. tomorrow morning. Thanks to the citizens of Hastings for their work over the past 15 months, as we have gone through COVID.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve all consent items, as presented.

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

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of May 10, 2021

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

(c) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly

- (d) Approval of Work Order EL-160, installation of single phase electric lines to serve a new residence north of 7th Street, east of Brass Avenue in Juniata
- (e) Approval of Work Order EL-161, installation of a single phase underground electric line to serve a new residence on North 2nd Avenue south of 26th Street
- (f) Approval of Work Order SW-354, replacement of failed sensors and improve automation system for treatment at Pollution Control Facility East WAS Basin
- (g) Approval of Work Order EL-165, remove polemount transformers and install a padmount transformer to serve Well 22 at Lib's Park
- (h) Approval of invoice from Luckee, LLC in the amount of \$35,000.00 for work completed at 529 W. 2nd Street for Community Development Block Grant Project 19-DTR-103, Downtown Revitalization
- (i) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant funds Drawdown #7, in the amount of \$26,915.00 for Community Development Block Grant Project 19-DTR-103, Downtown Revitalization
- (j) Approval of the request of the YWCA of Adams County to utilize the city streets for the YWCA 4th of July Parade on July 4, 2021
- (k) Approval of the request of the Adams County Fairgrounds to utilize the city streets for the Adams County Fairfest Parade on July 10, 2021
- (l) Approval of the request of Start Over Rover to utilize city streets for Woofstock on June 26, 2021
- (m) Approval of the request of Steeple Brewing Company, LLC dba Steeple Brewing for a Special Designated License for the Woofstock dog show and fundraiser event on 1st Street between Lincoln Avenue and Hastings Avenue on June 26, 2021
- (n) Approval of the request of Eagles Frat Hastings Aerie 592 dba Eagles Frat Order 592 for a Special Designated License for the Woofstock dog show and fundraiser event on 1st Street between Lincoln Avenue and Hastings Avenue on June 26, 2021

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public hearing on the request of Ron and Karen Sekora to change zoning from "I-2, Heavy Industrial District" to "R-1A, Single Family Large Lot Residential District" for property generally located between 825 South Elm Avenue and 1007 South Elm Avenue. Lisa Parnell-Rowe reported as you look at the future zoning map, you will recognize what you approved May 10th. Our applicant Ron Sekora has property within the zone and is looking to rezone to the sister zoning of R-1A. No public spoke. No objections were received.

ORDINANCE NO. 4665 AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO CHANGE ZONING FROM "I-2, HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT" TO "R-1A, SINGLE FAMILY LARGE LOT RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT" FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED BETWEEN 825 SOUTH ELM AVENUE AND 1007 SOUTH ELM AVENUE.

Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Councilmember Chuck Rosenberg moved for passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Shawn Hartmann.

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4665 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried.

Councilmember Chuck Rosenberg 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, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. 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 May 28, 2021. Effective date of the ordinance is 15 days from and after the date this ordinance is passed and approved.

(b) Public Hearing to receive citizen and public comments regarding the implementation of the 2019 Community Development Block Grant for Downtown Revitalization. Lori Ferguson, South Central Economic Development District, gave a brief update during the required public hearing. This is the third project since 2012 in downtown. We received \$400,000 in November 2019 for commercial rehab and facade improvements from the Department of Economic Development (DED). To date, we have spent just under \$171,000 of the \$400,000 grant. The contract was awarded in November 2019, and it is a two year contract between the city and the state. Randy Chick, Community Redevelopment Authority, stated this is the third facade improvement program with funds provided by DED. We started in 2013 with a planning grant. We moved on to the implementation phase. We have approximately \$230,000 remaining on the current state grant. We have identified a potential project and hope to bring to the council in June. No public comments were received.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve the Award of FAA AIP Project No. 3-31-0040-018 Phase 2, Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building Agreement to VRL Construction, LLC dba Rathman Manning Construction in the amount of \$721,684.14. Dave Ptak reported this is the second phase of the project. The first phase was the removal of an old hangar, on the site where this new building will be located. The snow removal building will allow us to move the snow plows out of the building where airplane mechanics might work. The funding would be provided by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Matt Fong to authorize the Mayor to sign the Preliminary Engineering Service Agreement between the City of Hastings and BNSF Railway Company for the Quiet Zone Project. Lee Vrooman reported this agreement is a preliminary engineering diagnostic review for the entire quiet zone. This includes seven crossings between Lincoln Avenue and Elm Avenue. The next steps are scheduling the diagnostic review, finishing the design drawing, submitting those to the Federal Railroad Administration, obtaining a construction maintenance agreement with Burlington Northern, and then going out for bids. There is no concrete timeframe on the process, as it depends on railroad reviews. There has been approximately \$500,000 in sales tax collected towards quiet crossings. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Matt Fong to approve Resolution No. 2021-26 approving the City of Hastings Employee Handbook Revision 1. Dave Ptak stated the Employee Handbook Revision 1 was discussed at the recent Council Worksession. Lori Hartman was in attendance to answer questions. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

(a) Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve appointment of Lori Olinger to the Housing Authority, 5/24/2021 to 5/24/2026, as a replacement. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

Marty Stange updated the group on City Hall building issues. He stated that Conex storage units increased in price for purchase and rentals. We will try to use the council chambers temporarily for storing clean files from the basement. We continue to pull out air from downstairs. Radon tests are currently going on in the basement.

Dave Ptak stated this is the last scheduled meeting in the Council Chambers. We will start meeting in the Library 2nd floor conference room in June. We are running into problems with contractor availability, so it will most likely take until August to get renovations done for Development Services at North Denver Station (NDS). IT is unable to get new switches until August, to accommodate the extra employees.

Lee Vrooman reported he is getting prices for contractors to prepare areas for staff. There are over 100 tasks on the list to complete for moving employees to NDS.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Butch Eley there being no further business to adjourn at 5:53 P.M.
Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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