

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 23, 2021

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted at the Hastings Public Library, 314 N. Denver Avenue, on August 23, 2021.

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, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm, 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; 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 Resources Director, Lori Hartman.

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 for August 23, 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, August 20, 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 available for public review. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and is accessible to members of the public.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Councilmember Rosenberg and Dave Ptak attended a Police Pension Committee meeting on Thursday. Police have decided to switch to Oakeson-Steiner for administration of their pension plan. The fees are less, and this gives them a local presence for their needs.

Councilmember Skutnik reported on the Museum Board meeting. The museum will change to their fall hours, beginning today.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte thanked all the volunteers for successful Kool-Aid Days. He also wished the Hastings Little League baseball team good luck and congratulations on their success at the Little League World Series.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Jeniffer Beahm 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 August 9,

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

(c) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly reports

(d) Approval of the request of David Zach to utilize the airport for a wedding reception on October 23, 2021

(e) Approval of the request of the Hastings Family YMCA to utilize city streets for the 5K Turkey Trot on November 20, 2021

(f) Approval of the request of the Hastings Downtown Business Improvement District to utilize city streets for Junk Street on September 11, 2021

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

(a) Resolution No. 2021-39 approving the request of Terrick L.L.C. for an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit for an extended stay area in a recreational vehicle park for property commonly addressed 302 East 26th Street, Hastings, Nebraska. (*Tabled from the August 9, 2021 City Council Meeting.*)

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik to postpone Resolution No. 2021-39 to the September 27, 2021 City 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.

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public hearing regarding an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant for Downtown Revitalization. Dave Ptak reported this is a continuation of two previous CDBG grant applications. Randy Chick, Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA), gave an update on the grant. We matched the grant with funds from the CRA and Hastings Economic Development Corporation. This would be for \$400,000 in commercial rehabilitation. No public spoke. No objections were received.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve moving the starting time of the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021 from 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Mayor Stutter stated this would allow the budget meeting to be held before the 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.

(b) Moved by Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Butch Eley to approve of calling a Special Council Meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. at the Hastings Public Library, 314 North Denver Avenue. 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 Ginny Skutnik seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to approve an application from the Community Redevelopment Authority for Community Development Block Grant Downtown Revitalization Facade program forgivable loan funding in the amount of \$297,763.19 at 705 West Second Street. Randy Chick reported the amount of funds remaining in the 2019 grant application were recommended to award to a different project. That project financing fell through, so we are recommending renovation of the facade of the former Dollar General building. The CRA owns the property. We have done a project like this one other time, prior to having a developer, to make the property more marketable. It should have a huge impact on the appearance of the downtown area. 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.

(a) Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve Resolution No. 2021-41 authorizing allowable 1% increase in restricted funds. Roger Nash reported each year statutorily we can increase the restricted fund authority by 2 1/2%. We can also, by vote of the council, add an additional 1%. This increases our restricted fund authority that we can carry over to next year. It does not affect how much tax we ask for. It is a buffer that allows us to increase it 1%, in case we need the authority in future years. 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 Ginny Skutnik to approve Resolution No.2021-42 authorizing levy authority for the Community Redevelopment Authority in the amount of \$415,606.57 to help defray the expenses of the Authority for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Dave Ptak reported this is an annual request from the CRA for budget authority. Randy Chick reported this is an annual resolution that is passed by the City Council, as the governing body of CRA. The authority is allowed at a maximum of 2.6 cent levy. That amount would generate about \$415,606 for the next fiscal year.

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 Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to approve Resolution No. 2021-43 authorizing the Chief Elected Official to sign the application for Community Development Block Grant funds for Downtown Revitalization. Dave Ptak stated this is a companion to the public hearing on item 3(a) tonight.

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.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.
None.

7. Appointments.
None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.
None.

9. Closed Session.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley to go into closed session for reason of personnel at 5:46 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.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley to come out of closed session at 6:09 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.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong there being no further business to adjourn at 6:09 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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