

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, September 13, 2021

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted at the Hastings Public Library, 314 N. Denver Avenue, on September 13, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Special 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; 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; Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson; Director of Human Resources, 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 Ted Schroeder to adopt the current agenda for the September 13, 2021 Special 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 Special Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, September 10, 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 accessible to members of the public.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

None.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

None.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public hearing on the proposed 2021-2022 Annual Budget for the City of Hastings

Dave Ptak presented the 2021-22 Annual Budget for the City of Hastings. (Presentation is attached and made part of these minutes.) Clint Schukei stated the budget is required to be submitted to the State of Nebraska by September 20, 2021. Ballot language is not allowed to have multiple questions, per State of Nebraska.

Public Hearing Speakers:

For: None.

Against: Peg Wallace, 2825 North Columbine; Norman Sheets, 300 North Shore; Willis Hunt, 616 Madden; Tricia Beach, 1510 North St. Joseph; Glen Krueger, 1521 Highland; J.C. Mitera, 719 West 33rd; Kathleen Nelson, 512 North Bellevue; Sharon Fluckey, 201 West 4th; Elizabeth Gartner, 107 University; Harold Kelley, 224 East South Street; Tom Murray, 1311 Webster; Ron Lofing, 145 East South Street; Roger Coffman, 849 North Burlington; Clark Williams, 743 North Saunders; Alton Jackson, 820 South Shore; Holly Potts, 144 East 4th; Connie Karr, 795 East 26th; Benny Congrove, 1625 West 9th; John Nelson, 1227 North Cedar; Paul Dietze, 1825 West 12th; Robert Carpenter, 910 North St. Joseph; Dallas Bramble, 1112 Jefferson; Val Kershner, 1021 North St. Joseph; Jim Guthman, 1513 Highland; Charles Holmberg, 717 North Cedar; Lana Waldron, 302 West 7th; Mark Krueger, 1230 North Kansas; Patricia Dietz, 1825 West 12th.

Objection Received: Document given to City Clerk, signed by 256 citizens stating "The following citizen's support repairing the 16th Street Viaduct".

(b) Public hearing to set property tax request for fiscal year 2021-2022 at an amount that exceeds the property tax request for fiscal year 2020-2021. Dave Ptak stated this is a result of growth in the assessed valuation of the city, leaving the levy the same. No public spoke. No objections were received.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve Resolution No. 2021-44 setting property tax request for FY2021-2022 in an amount that exceeds property tax request for FY2020-2021. Butch stated that members, of Citizens with a Voice, were in attendance when all reports came out. Butch pointed out that he was the person who made the motion to change the ballot language from repair to rebuild, based upon input from Olsson's. The majority of citizen communications to him have stated to demolish the bridge. 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) ORDINANCE NO. 4675 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR THE CITY OF HASTINGS AND ADOPTING APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR THE NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Dave Ptak spoke on this item. This ordinance approves the budget and authorizes the expenditures shown in the budget. The budget is required to be submitted to the State by September 20, 2021.

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

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4675 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, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Jeniffer Beahm 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, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. 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 September 17, 2021. Effective date of the ordinance is 15 days from and after the date this ordinance is passed and approved.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve the City of Hastings, Nebraska 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Salary Schedule. Dave Ptak spoke on this item. This is a result of the comparability study completed this year. It reflects the minimum and maximum in an eight-step payment program for all employees. 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 Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce Funding Agreement in the amount of \$30,000. 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 Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve Hastings Economic Development Corporation Funding Agreement in the amount of \$125,000. 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 Ted Schroeder to approve Wage Addendum to Hastings Firefighters Association Local Union 675, IAFF, AFL-CIO Collective Bargaining Agreement for Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. Dave Ptak spoke on this item. This sets the salary and wage schedule for the IAFF (firefighters) for the next fiscal year. The next item does the same for the FOP (police). 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 Shawn Hartmann seconded by Matt Fong to approve Wage Addendum to Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 9 Collective Bargaining Unit for Fiscal year October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. 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 Butch Eley seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve Resolution No. 2021-45 Adopting 2021-2022 Annual Fee Resolution. Dave Ptak spoke on this item. This is done annually, as the fees charged for various city services and rentals are included in the resolution. It is normally adopted at the same time as the budget is approved. 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) ORDINANCE NO. 4676 TO PROVIDE MODIFICATION OF MONTHLY BILLING FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE AND RATES FOR THE CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

Kevin Johnson spoke on this item. This is the update for the electric rates, a 1% average across the board, plus customer service charge changes. This follows the cost of service study completed in 2020.

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

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4676 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, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Jeniffer Beahm 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, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. 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.

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(c) ORDINANCE NO. 4677 TO PROVIDE MODIFICATION OF MONTHLY BILLING FOR GAS SERVICE AND RATES FOR THE CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

Kevin Johnson spoke on this item. This is the update for the gas service and rates, a 3% across the board increase, as a result of the cost of service study completed in 2020.

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

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4677 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, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Matt Fong moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Chuck Rosenberg 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, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. 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.

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(d) ORDINANCE NO. 4681 TO ESTABLISH A RATE RIDER FOR CUSTOMERS RECEIVING ELECTRICITY FROM THE HASTINGS COMMUNITY SOLAR FARM AND DEFINING TERMS

Kevin Johnson spoke on this item. This is the second year for the solar ordinance. There are no changes to the solar rate or the solar credits that customers will receive. There will be a slight reduction in cost, if customers continue to buy solar panels. Every year this will decrease in cost to purchase.

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

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4681 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, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. 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, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. 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.

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6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Jeniffer Beahm there being no further business to adjourn at 7:12 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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