

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 22, 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 North Denver Avenue, on November 22, 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, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Absent: None.

The following City Officials were present: City Administrator, David Ptak; City Attorney, Clint Schukei; City Clerk, Kimberly Jacobitz; Police Chief, Adam Story; 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; Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Civil Engineer, Tara Ogren.

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

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Shawn Hartmann to adopt current agenda for November 22, 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, November 19, 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:

Councilmember Skutnik reported that the Museum Board met last week. There was no quorum, so no business was conducted. They were given an update on the construction at the museum entrance, which is ahead of schedule. They will continue to work as long as possible.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Isaac Sidlo, Boy Scout Troop 207, attended the meeting and is working on his Citizenship and Community badges.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Kevin Kubo, Chief Building Official, introduced himself to the group.

Mayor Stutte reported on the Celebration of Lights held in downtown Hastings. He thanked everyone who worked to make the event successful.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Ted Schroeder 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 November 8, 2021

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

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

(d) Approval of Statement from the Community Redevelopment Authority in the amount of \$33,052.50 for Community Development Block Grant Project 19-DTR-103, Downtown Revitalization

(e) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant funds, Drawdown #9, in the amount of \$25,417.37 for Community Development Block Grant Project 19-DTR-103, Downtown

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public hearing to comply with the provision of N.R.S. 18-1755 to acquire property located at 3505 Yost Avenue.

Mayor Stutte recused himself from this item in its entirety, because of a Conflict of Interest. He serves on the HEDC board. He asked Council President Skutnik to preside over the meeting. Councilmembers Shawn Hartmann and Matt Fong recused themselves because of conflict of interest. They also serve on the HEDC board.

Kevin Johnson spoke on this item. The Utility Department has had a need for some time to expand their vehicle and equipment maintenance capability and footprint. We don't have that ability at the North Denver location. We also have a need in our warehouse and inventory management group to have more indoor storage. This building provides an immediate opportunity for the Utility Department and other city needs. Immediate needs are: fleet maintenance and large facility, warehouse operations with inside and yard inventory storage. It also provides office relocation options for city hall staff, pending decisions on city hall. Utilities is not planning to utilize the office space in the immediate future. Future considerations are: city-wide fleet maintenance consolidation, city-wide inventory management consolidation, and potential fire response expansion. The proposal was presented to the Utility Board to purchase the property for the appraised value of \$900,000. The Utility Board recommended the purchase. The Utility Department is also in the process of building a substation garage adjacent to the North Denver Station. No public spoke. No objections were received.

Moved by Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve the agreement with HEDC (Hastings Economic Development Corporation) to purchase the building located at 3505 Yost Avenue for \$900,000. Kevin stated the purchase will be made with available funds for fleet and equipment inventory group, and will be assigned through the administration department. Roll Call: Ayes: Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Abstain: Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong Absent: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Stutte presided over the remainder of the meeting.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Jeniffer Beahm seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve the contract between the City of Hastings and the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development for Community Development Block Grant No. 21-DTR-007. Dave Ptak spoke on this item. Lori Ferguson (South Central Economic Development District-SCEDD) sent an email this morning stating she would be unable to attend tonight's meeting. She stated this contract will be for the purposes of conducting employee interviews and reviewing payroll reports for the sidewalk improvement project once it is awarded and begins. She went on to state that the Department of Economic Development (DED) is requiring a new procurement policy to be adopted. The policy that is on the agenda is the template that DED has provided. All projects with unencumbered CDBG funds are required to adopt this new policy. 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 Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to approve the adoption of Procurement Procedures and Code of Conduct for Community Development Block Grant Programs. 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 the agreement between SCEDD (South Central Economic Development District) and the City of Hastings for construction management services for the Community Development Block Grant 20-PW-004, for sidewalk improvements in the amount of \$10,000. 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 Joy Huffaker to approve moving City Council Meetings and City Council Worksessions from the Hastings Public Library, 314 North Denver Avenue, to the Council Chambers in the City Building, 220 North Hastings Avenue, beginning January 10, 2022 and to include following meetings. Dave Ptak spoke on this item. This was discussed at last Monday night's worksession. 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 Chuck Rosenberg to approve Resolution No. 2021-56 adopting the 2021 Little Blue Natural Resources District and Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Tara Ogren, Civil Engineer/Flood Plain Manager, spoke on this item. The city had a previous Hazard Mitigation Plan, formerly adopted in January 2016. These are formal updates, collaboration and adoption procedures. This is on a 5 year cycle. Continued mitigation actions are: tree maintenance, outdoor warning sirens, buried power lines, dam safety and resilience. This is for the purpose of identifying historical areas of flooding in the city and within our jurisdictional boundary. The purpose of this is to have a proactive and reactive funding mechanism. Funding is primarily through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). This plan was approved by NEMA and FEMA on October 25, 2021. It is recommended that the city adopt the entire jurisdictional plan. However, the city is only responsible for our community profile. To become eligible for grant funding in the near future and to meet the final participation requirements of this planning process, the city must adopt the Hazard Mitigation resolution. If the public has questions about the updated plan, please contact Tara in the City Engineering Department. 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. 4685 UPDATING THE LIST OF EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES IN CITY CODE SECTION 15-502

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

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4685 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 Ted Schroeder 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 November 26, 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.

None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Shawn Hartmann to go into closed session for reason of personnel at 5:52 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 Shawn Hartmann to come out of closed session at 6:02 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 Shawn Hartmann seconded by Matt Fong there being no further business to adjourn at 6:02 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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