

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
Monday, December 12, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, an Organizational 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 December 12, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember John Harrington at 6:45p.m.

Dave Ptak, administered the oath of office to Mayor Corey Stutte.

Dave Ptak, City Attorney, administered the oath of office to 2nd Ward Councilmember Walter (Butch) Eley; Third Ward Councilmember Paul Hamelink and 4th Ward Councilmember Scott Snell.

Mayor Stutte asked for the roll call, with the following members present: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik Absent: None.

Moved by Phil Odom seconded by Paul Hamelink to adopt Current Agenda for December 12, 2016 Organizational Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik Absent: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Stutte read the Public Notice - Pursuant to the 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.

**Mayor's Communications:**

Mayor Stutte thanked staff for their assistance over the past few weeks.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

3. General Business.

(a) Election of City Council President.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik that Councilmember John Harrington be nominated Council President.

Moved by Scott Snell that Councilmember Paul Hamelink be nominated Council President.

Moved by Butch Eley that Councilmember Phil Odom be nominated Council President.

Mayor Stutte asked for further nominations for Council President. Seeing no further nominations, nominations were closed.

After tally of the votes cast, Mayor Stutte announced John Harrington received 3 votes, Paul Hamelink received 2 votes, and Phil Odom received 2 votes. Mayor Stutte declined to vote.

Dave Ptak, City Attorney, advised that in most cases a majority of the council would be required to take action, the only exception is the election of the governing of the body itself. Because there are three candidates, it would seem the candidate receiving the most votes would be the successful candidate.

Mayor Stutte advised Councilmember John Harrington had been elected Council President.

(b) Election of City Council Vice President.

Moved by John Harrington that Councilmember Ginny Skutnik be nominated Council Vice President.

Moved by Scott Snell that Councilmember Phil Odom be nominated Council Vice President.

Moved by Butch Eley that Councilmember Paul Hamelink be nominated Council Vice President.

Mayor Stutte asked for further nominations for Council Vice President. Seeing no further nominations, nominations were closed.

After tally of the votes cast, Mayor Stutte announced Phil Odom received 4 votes, Paul Hamelink received 1 vote, and Ginny Skutnik received 2 votes.

Mayor Stutte advised Councilmember Phil Odom had been elected Council Vice President.

(c) Appointment of Department Heads and City Administrator.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Scott Snell that the Council approve Mayor Stutte's appointments as follows:

Joe Patterson	City Administrator/Interim Development Services Director
David Ptak	City Attorney
Kimberly Jacobitz	City Clerk
Barb Adler	City Treasurer
Pete Kortum	Police Chief
Kent Gilbert	Fire Chief
Jeff Hassenstab	Parks & Recreation Director
David Wacker	Public Works Director/City Engineer

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(d) Other Mayoral Appointments.

Moved by Paul Hamelink seconded by Ginny Skutnik that the Council approve Mayor Stutte's appointment of Gavin Rait to the Planning Commission for the period of December 19, 2016 to February 1, 2019, replacing Corey Stutte.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Paul Hamelink there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik Absent: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

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Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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