

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 24, 2022

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 January 24, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

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 Clerk, Kimberly Jacobitz; Police Chief, Adam Story; Fire Chief, Brad Starling; Parks & Recreation Director, Jeff Hassenstab; Finance Director, Roger Nash; Information Technology Director, Erik Nielsen; Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman; Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA for January 24, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Ted Schroeder to adopt current agenda for January 24, 2022 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, January 21, 2022. 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:

Reports of Liaisons.

Councilmember Ted Schroeder announced he will not run for a second term on the City Council (Ward 2). He offered to assist anyone wanting to run for the position. Many improvements have been seen in Ward 2, so he encouraged citizens to unite together as a community.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: (Only for agenda items not related to a public hearing.)

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte stated that Crozier Park is a great playground and he thanked all who made that possible.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Ginny Skutnik 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 January 10, 2022
- (b) Approval of claims and payroll except the claim of Eldon's Automotive Repair
- (c) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly reports

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

- (a) Public hearing regarding an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$727,000.00 for the Pacha Soap Co. expansion project

Lori Ferguson, South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD), spoke on this item. The city is applying for direct financial assistance and working capital to be made to Pacha Soap and their expansion project at 317 South Elm. When completed, they will have created 24 jobs, filled by low-income applicants. Pacha could not attend, but wanted to extend their appreciation. Hastings Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) is also involved in the project, as the city receives the funds and passes through HEDC for PACHA. Mayor Stutte asked for any objections. There were no objections. No public spoke.

4. General Business.

- (a) Approval of claim of Eldon's Automotive Repair in the amount of \$732.03 (City)

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Butch Eley to approve claim of Eldon's Automotive Repair in the amount of \$732.03 (City). Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Abstain: Joy Huffaker Absent: None. The motion carried.

Joy Huffaker abstained, because of conflict of interest.

- (b) Approval of Agreement with American Fence Co. for fence installation at 3505 Yost Avenue, Project HU 2021-12 FC-36

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to approve agreement with American Fence Co. for fence installation at 3505 Yost Avenue, Project HU 2021-12 FC-36 in the amount of \$52,330.

Lee Vrooman spoke on this item. This project is for security fencing. The bid packet was sent to four vendors, advertised in the newspaper, and is posted on the city's website. The bid letting was held on December 22, 2022. We received one bid, and it included exceptions on material lead times. Construction is expected in the spring.

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) Resolution No. 2022-02 authorizing Chief Elected Official to sign an application for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$727,000.00 for Pacha Soap Co. expansion project

Moved by Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve Resolution No. 2022-02 authorizing Chief Elected Official to sign an application for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$727,000.00 for Pacha Soap Co. expansion project.

Lori Ferguson spoke on this item. This item is to authorize to sign an application and other documents, if city moves forward with this project.

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. 4692 creating Street Improvement District No. 2022-1 Brooking Circle, Frahm Lane and Rittenhouse Street all in the Trail Ridge Addition

Lee Vrooman spoke on this item. Hastings Economic Development District requested that this area be paved. This would complete all paving in that sub-addition. Upon creation, property owners will be notified and there will be a 20-day remonstrance

period. Objections of property owners over 50% frontal footage would invalidate the district.

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. 4692 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: . The motion carried.

Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Shawn Hartmann 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: . 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 January 28, 2022. Effective date of the ordinance is 15 days from and after the date this ordinance is passed and approved.

- (c) Resolution No. 2022-03 approving the plans, specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for Street Improvement District 2022-1 Brooking Circle, Frahm Lane and Rittenhouse Street all in the Trail Ridge Addition

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to approve Resolution 2022-03 approving plans, specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for Street Improvement District 2022-1

Lee Vrooman spoke on this item, which goes with the ordinance of creation.

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. Possible Closed Session (if necessary or requested).

None.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ted Schroeder there being no further business to adjourn at 5:47 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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