

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 11, 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 April 11, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Stutte with the following members present: Jeniffer Beahm, Ginny Skutnik, Ted Schroeder, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Chuck Rosenberg, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. 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; Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson; Planner, Brian Hurskainen.

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

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik to adopt current agenda for April 11, 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, April 8, 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:

Councilmember Fong reported that the Hastings Public Library will hold a kick-off for summer reading in May. Official program participation begins June 1st. Give Hastings Day is scheduled for May 5th. The Library is working with the Foundation Board on fundraising for an Inclusive Bookmobile. Acquisition of property is planned near the current library property.

Councilmember Eley thanked the Utility Department for getting electricity back on so quickly today.

Councilmember Skutnik informed citizens of the Arbor Day Celebration, April 29th at Heartwell Park.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte thanked the Utility Department for their quick response on the electricity issue.

Mayor Stutte recognized service anniversary years for Jason Vorderstrasse, Fire, 25; Blake Gibson, Parks, 10; Susan Zarek, Engineering, 20; David Hill, Utility, 15.

Katie Karr (Museum Education Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator) recognized Museum volunteers. Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson assisted with the awards.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong 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 March 28, 2022

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

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

(d) Approval of the request of Mary Lanning Rehabilitation to utilize city streets for World Down Syndrome Day/Special Kids walk/run on June 8, 2022

(e) Approval of the request of the YWCA Adams County to utilize city streets for YWCA 4th of July Parade on July 4, 2022

(f) Approval of the request of the Nebraska Antique Airplane Association for Antique Airplane Hamburger Fly In at the Hastings Airport Brick Hanger #1 the last Saturday of each month from March through October

(g) Approval of the request of the YWCA Adams County to utilize city streets for the Downtown Farmers' Market on Thursdays during the summer

(h) Approval of Work Order EL-201, replacement transformer for Don Henry Substation

(i) Approval of Work Order EL-204, rebuild overhead line for irrigation well on Prairie Lake Road from Southern Hills Drive west

(j) Approval of Work Order EL-191, installation of lines and transformers to serve new residential lots in Trail Ridge Addition

(k) Approval of Work Order EL-195, new underground lines on St. Joseph Avenue, 5th Street to 6th Street and in alley east of St. Joseph Avenue for St. Cecilia School addition

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public hearing on the request of Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Association to amend the Campus Master Development Plan and to change zoning from "R-3 Multiple Family Residential District" to "CMP Campus Institutional District" for property commonly addressed as 729 North Denver Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska; 810 North Kansas Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska; 835 North Kansas Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska; and to amend the Zoning District Map. Brian Hurskainen reported that Mary Lanning has acquired some property in the last few years. This will allow more of a campus environment for flexibility in design and layout. No Public spoke. No objections were given.

ORDINANCE NO. 4702 AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO CHANGE ZONING FROM "R-3 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT" TO "CMP CAMPUS INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT" FOR PROPERTY COMMONLY ADDRESSED AS 729 NORTH DENVER AVENUE, HASTINGS, NEBRASKA; 810 NORTH KANSAS AVENUE, HASTINGS, NEBRASKA; 835 NORTH KANSAS AVENUE, HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

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

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4702 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.

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 April 15, 2022. Effective date of the ordinance is 15 days from and after the date this ordinance is passed and approved.

(b) Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve Resolution 2022-10, for an amendment to Campus Master Development Plan for Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Association.

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.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to approve request by Terry Heinrich for a fence height increase to be located at 157 E. 42nd Street. Lisa Parnell-Rowe reported this is a request for an eight-foot, wood-opaque fence. The City Code only allows for a six-foot, but it allows a consideration for an increase in fence height. Adjacent properties are also owned by the same property owner. The current fence is six-feet in height to the west of the property. 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 Matt Fong to approve Conservation Easement Application for Duane and Debroah Kristensen for Adams County, Section 20, Township 7N, Range 9W. Lee Vrooman reported that the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) requested this to be put on the agenda, to confirm it does not conflict with any land use planning. 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 the award of a contract for updates to the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision regulations to Marvin Planning Consultants in the amount of \$140,000. Lisa Parnell-Rowe reported that we went to the extent to putting this bid out again, after only receiving one bid. We did due diligence with interviews, and the Selection Committee narrowed it down to Marvin Planning Consultants. They were the lowest price, for the best value. They added into their proposal, an Affordable Housing Action Plan, which is an initiative that needs to be occurring for the State of Nebraska anyway. They also accomplished our Housing Study. 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 Shawn Hartmann seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve the request to purchase a Bobcat Compact Excavator for the Water & Sewer Department from Central Nebraska Bobcat in the amount of \$57,196.34. Kevin Johnson reported on this item and the next item. These were articulated well in Brandan Lubken's memo. These two pieces of equipment will be utilized by the new two-man crew added in March to the water department. We will absorb these items in our current capital budget by making adjustments by what we spend and when we spend it, since they were not budgeted. This quote is the national association procurement (Sourcewell) and we will work with local vendors. 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 request to purchase a Directional Drill D10x15 Drill Package for the Water & Sewer Department from Vermeer High Plains for \$175,217.88. 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.

(f) Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve the request of Mary Lanning Healthcare to utilize the city streets for the Half Hastings Race on June 4, 2022. Lee Vrooman reported this item and the next are for the Hastings Half Race. This one requests approval to use our streets. The next item is a resolution to send to Nebraska Department of Transportation, since we will temporarily

close Highway 281 at Kansas Avenue. Mike Florek, 851 North Lincoln, thanked city departments for their support. He mentioned the need for volunteers and participants. They are adding a cancer walk this year, which will benefit the Morrison Cancer Center. Clint Schukei explained that the City takes the responsibility from the State for Highway 281, and we require insurance from Mary Lanning as the event holder. 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 Ginny Skutnik seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve Resolution No. 2022-13 giving advance notice to the Nebraska Department of Transportation that the City of Hastings intends to conduct a special event, the Half Hastings Races, requiring the closing of a portion of the state highway system on June 4, 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.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

(a) Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mayor Stutte recommended the following appointments:

City Planning Commission: Ann Hinton, 3/11/2022 to 3/11/2025 (Reappointment); Shawn Rossi, 3/11/2022 to 3/11/2025 (Reappointment)

Community Redevelopment Authority: Becky Sullivan, 4/11/2022 to 11/1/2027 (Replacement)

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve Mayor Stutte's recommendations for appointments. 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.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Shawn Hartmann to go into closed session for reason of personnel at 5:58 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 Butch Eley seconded by Ted Schroeder to come out of closed session at 6:38 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 Butch Eley seconded by Ted Schroeder there being no further business to adjourn at 6:38 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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