

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 23, 2017

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 23, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Stutte with the following members present: Jeniffer Beahm, Sarah Hoops, Butch Eley, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, John Harrington. Absent: Ginny Skutnik, Paul Hamelink.

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

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Sarah Hoops to adopt the current agenda for January 23, 2017 Regular meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik, Paul Hamelink. 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.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Councilmember Odom reported on the Board of Public Works meeting held January 12th. Matt Baack was sworn in to fill the vacancy of Scott Krieger. WEC1 (Whelan Energy Center Unit 1) and WEC2 (Whelan Energy Center Unit 2) are running strong. The board has been working on farm leases. Monitoring equipment is being replaced in WEC1. HEDC (Hastings Economic Development Corporation) operations were awarded \$125,000. The annual delinquent utility bill write-off is completed, but collection continues on those individuals. A required public hearing was held for the ability to receive up to \$6 million at 2 1/2% interest from the State Revolving Loan fund, which will help with the ACR project.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte thanked staff working through the ice storm last week. He invited interested individuals to come forward for the Hastings 2021 task forces. Please contact the Mayor Stutte if interested.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Phil Odom seconded by John Harrington to approve all consent items as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Jeniffer Beahm.

Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik, Paul Hamelink. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of January 9, 2017

(b) Approval of the payroll for the period ending January 21, 2017, paid February 3, 2017.

(c) Approval of the regular claims and authorizing the City Clerk to issue checks against the various funds for payment.

(d) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly reports.

REGULAR AGENDA:

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public hearing regarding the the implementation of the Comprehensive Revitalization/Street Improvement project along Garfield Avenue from "A" to "E" Streets and along "D" Street from Baltimore Avenue to Garfield Avenue.

Mayor Stutte declared the public hearing open. Dave Wacker, City Engineer, gave a report on the project. Lori Ferguson, SCEDD (South Central Economic Development District), stood to answer questions. No public testimony heard. The City Clerk advised that her office had received no written objections. There being no persons wishing to speak, Mayor Stutte declared the hearing closed.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by John Harrington seconded by Butch Eley to approve the revised 2016-17 City Employee Salary Schedule.

Joe Patterson, City Administrator, explained the Senior Finance Clerk was promoted to Assistant City Treasurer and that position was removed during the budget process. The City Treasurer is retiring and if the Assistant City Treasurer gets that position the city would need to hire for the Senior Finance Clerk position.

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

(b) Moved by Phil Odom seconded by Sarah Hoops to approve Mayor and City Council reject the low bid for Alley Improvement District AID-2015-1 submitted by Vontz Paving, 2355 West HWY 6, Hastings, NE 68901 in the amount of \$73,101.67.

Dave Wacker gave an overview of this project and the recommendation to reject the low bid.

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

(c) Moved by Scott Snell seconded by Butch Eley to approve awarding the bid to purchase two (2) 2017 police package SUV vehicles in the amount of \$60,776.00 to Hastings Ford.

Pete Kortum, Police Chief, stated this bid award would continue the vehicle rotation with SUV vehicles.

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

7. Appointments.

(a) Mayor Stutte recommended the following appointments of City Council Liaisons:

<u>BOARD OR COMMISSION</u>	<u>COUNCIL MEMBER</u>
Mayor's Youth Council	Jeniffer Beahm
Museum Board	Ginny Skutnik
Board of Public Works	Butch Eley
Hastings Public Access Channel	Scott Snell
City Tree Board	Ginny Skutnik
IT Strategy Committee	Ginny Skutnik
IT Strategy Committee	Jeniffer Beahm
Little Blue NRD	Phil Odom

Moved by Sarah Hoops seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to approve appointment of City Council Liaisons as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik, Paul Hamelink. The motion carried.

Moved by Sarah Hoops seconded by Butch Eley there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourn at 5:49 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik, Paul Hamelink. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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