

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 28, 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 February 28, 2017.

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

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 the current agenda for February 28, 2017. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, John Harrington. 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 Snell reported on the Hastings Public Access Corporation meeting he attended and stated that they talked about video on demand and streaming and felt it would open them up to a whole new audience that they have not been able to reach. He said they also discussed the upgrade on equipment in the Council Chambers that will be taking place at the end of March.

Councilmember Odom reported on the Board of Public Works street lighting upgrades to LED and stated they are about 50% complete with Hastings Utilities' crews doing the work on this project.

Councilmember Hamelink asked the Mayor to comment on the fire at BG & S Transmissions and commended the response of the Fire Department as well as other area fire departments and city departments. He wanted to extend his appreciation on a lot of hard work and a very good response to a pretty significant situation in our City.

Councilmember Eley stated he appreciated downtown merchants helping by feeding the firefighters and felt that was a great way to give back to the community.

Presentation of Hastings Public Access Corporation Annual Report. Lorie Schiefelbein, HPAC Program Director, stated she was there on behalf of the HPAC Board requesting continuation for 2017 of the 1% franchise fee. She stated these funds have allowed for the public education and government programming that HPAC provides. She reviewed with Council the financial statement and budget and indicated that the biggest change in budget is that they are investing \$60,000 in high definition cameras and a mixer board for the Council Chambers with the work beginning the last week in March. She also indicated that there would be \$10,000 of grant funds that they would be able to use towards equipment upgrades in the upcoming year.

Mayor Stutte thanked Ms. Schiefelbein for coming in and having discussions with IT staff on

doing some streaming in the future.

Ms. Schiefelbein reviewed with Council the agencies using programming and the organizations currently using the community bulletin board.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte thanked the Fire Department for the job they did as well as other City staff and other area fire departments that responded with mutual aid and to the community that reached out to feed firefighters. He stated at a future meeting he would like to recognize some of the area fire departments and some of the community members that helped out.

Mayor Stutte reported on the Mayor's Youth Council that they were looking at programming moving forward and that the group felt they would like to become more involved in the community and learn more about local government.

Mayor Stutte recognized March 1, 2017 as Nebraska Statehood Day.

Hastings Area Retired Teachers presented a check for volunteer hours given to the community in 2016 in the amount of \$614,020.72.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley to approve all consent items as presented.

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

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of February 13, 2017.

(b) Approval of the payroll for the period ending February 25, 2017, paid March 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:

Moved by Phil Odom seconded by Paul Hamelink to approve T'Dance Subdivision Plat.

Mark Evans, Building Inspector, indicated the plat related to the vacation of Boston Avenue and distributes property to abutting property owners that wish to have property and would clear the way for possible development.

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

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Scott Snell to approve the request of Mike Florek, Hastings Half Race Director, to utilize city streets for the "Hastings Half Races" event to be held June 3, 2017, along with approving routes, conditions, insurance and exhibits.

Mike Florek, Hastings Half Race Director, recognized Engineering, Police and Parks Departments specifically for helping get the event so well organized and making the City available. He stated they are seeing growth each year in registrations and receive many positive comments about the community.

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

Moved by Scott Snell seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve Resolution No. 2017-9. . . Giving advance notice to the Nebraska Department of Roads that the City of Hastings intends to conduct a special event to be known as the "Hastings Half Races" requiring the closing of a portion of the state highway system on June 3, 2017. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, John Harrington. The motion carried.

Moved by Phil Odom seconded by Butch Eley to approve Resolution No. 2017-6. . . Approving the 2018-2023 One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan.

Dave Wacker, City Engineer, presented the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan (attached and made part of original minutes).

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

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned at 6:10 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Sarah Hoops, John Harrington. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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