

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 27, 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 March 27, 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, Ginny Skutnik, Sarah Hoops, Butch Eley, Phil Odom, John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Scott Snell. Absent: None.

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

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley to adopt current agenda for March 27, 2017 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. 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.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Councilmember Hoops reported on the Library Board meeting held March 14th. A bid letting was held March 2nd for new furniture. Apparent low bid total was under the architect's estimate.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Those who spoke regarding Ordinance 4473: Bob Wilson (Board of Directors-Hastings Area Manufacturers), Marvin Schultes (2725 Wendell-letter attached to these minutes), Willis Hunt (616 Madden)

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte presented a proclamation to Michele Bever (Executive Director-South Heartland District Health Department) proclaiming the week of April 3rd through April 9th, 2017, as "Public Health Week" in Hastings.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Sarah Hoops seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve consent agenda as presented.

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

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

(b) Approval of the payroll for the period ending March 25, 2017, paid March 31, 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.

(e) Approval of the Addendum to the Lottery Operator's Agreement to add the cities of Lawrence and Crete, Nebraska as political subdivisions where the operator may place or install keno-type lottery systems.

(f) Approval of the request of the Hastings Family YMCA to utilize city streets for the Hastings Family YMCA Spring Triathlon on May 13, 2017.

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Scott Snell to award contracts for furnishings and furniture for the Hastings Public Library to the following:

Group 1, Open Line: Award to AOI Corporation, 8320 Cody Drive, Lincoln, NE 68512, for bid of \$232,473.70.

Group 2, Steelcase - Coalesce: Award to Eakes Office Solutions, 839 West 2nd Street, Hastings, NE 68901 for bid of \$64,991.44

Group 3, Herman Miller: Award to AOI Corporation, 8320 Cody Drive, Lincoln, NE 68512, for bid of \$81,659.43
Group 4, Children's Service Desk: Award to Encompas, 707 South 15th Street, Omaha, NE 68102 for bid of \$22,936.17

Group 5, Shelving: Award to Spacesaver/Midwest Storage Solutions, 1450 Janesville Avenue, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538 for bid of \$149,033.00
for an aggregate total amount of \$551,093.74 and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the individual contracts.

Dave Wacker, City Engineer, reported on the bid.

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

(b) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Scott Snell to approve the request of the Business Improvement District to close 1st Street from Kansas Avenue to just east of the Amtrak Depot Parking lot at 1st and Denver Avenue and St. Joseph Avenue from 1st Street to 2nd Street from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Downtown Do the Brew event to be held April 29, 2017.

Randy Chick, BID/CRA, spoke on behalf of the event.

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

(c) Moved by John Harrington seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve the request of the Hastings Community Arts Council Inc. for a Special Designated License on April 29, 2017 at 1st Street and St. Joseph Avenue for "Do the Brew: Craft Beer Tasting" with an alternate location of the Hastings City Auditorium, 220 N. Hastings Avenue. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) ORDINANCE NO. 4506. . . AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF VARIOUS PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2017.

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

Phil Lorenzen (D.A. Davidson-Bond Underwriter) spoke on Ordinance 4506, which funds certain street and other public improvements Street Improvement District 2015-1 (9th Street - 2nd Ave to Elm Ave).

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4506 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Sarah Hoops moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Ginny Skutnik seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, 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 March 31, 2017. Effective date of the ordinance is April 12, 2017.

(b) ORDINANCE NO. 4473. . . TO AMEND SECTION 2-501 OF THE OFFICIAL CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS DEALING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS; TO AMEND SECTION 2-503 OF THE OFFICIAL CITY CODE DEALING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR; TO REPEAL

SECTIONS 2-520, 2-521, 2-522, 2-523, 2-524, 2- 525, AND 2-526 OF THE OFFICIAL CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA; TO ADD A SECTION 2-529 TO THE OFFICIAL CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE MANAGER OF UTILITIES; TO REPEAL SECTION 26-102 OF THE OFFICIAL CITY CODE DEALING WITH THE ANNUAL TAX LEVIED FOR MAINTENANCE; TO AMEND CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE I IN ITS ENTIRETY; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ORDINANCES OR PROVISIONS INCONSISTENT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PULICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve Ordinance No. 4473 first reading only.

Mayor Stutte gave a PowerPoint presentation on "Hastings-Opportunities for Efficiency". (Presentation on file in City Clerk's office.)

Discussion was held on differing roles of Board of Public Works, Library Board, and Museum Board. All three boards are important, but don't affect citizens like Hastings Utilities. Hastings Utilities would be treated no different than any other department of the city.

Mr. Ptak, City Attorney, stated the Board of Public Works, Library Board, and Museum Board should be treated equally regarding payment of board members. He also brought up concern on how finances are handled between Hastings Utilities and City Treasurer, per State Statute.

Councilmembers discussed streamlining processes and duplication of services, including Information Technology, Engineering, Finance, and Human Resource departments.

The organizational structure of the city and hiring a Utility Manager was discussed.

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

7. Appointments.

(a) Moved by Phil Odom seconded by Scott Snell to approve the appointment of Don Threewitt as Director of Development Services. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley there being no further business to adjourn meeting at 6:43p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, 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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