

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, July 25, 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 July 25, 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, Chuck Rosenberg, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Absent: Joy Huffaker.

The following City Officials were present: Interim City Administrator/Utility Manager, Kevin Johnson; 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; Information Technology Director, Erik Nielsen; Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman; Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson; Development Services Director, Lisa Parnell-Rowe.

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

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ted Schroeder to adopt current agenda for July 25, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, July 22, 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 on the Hastings Public Library, which is close to reaching their summer reading goal. Madison Jagels was hired as Community Development Director of Hastings Economic Development Corporation. Heartwell Renewables' project is progressing. Councilmember Rosenberg reported on Planning and Zoning discussions on changes to city code for home-based businesses. Marvin and Associates, Comprehensive Plan consultants, attended several events and a bus tour of the city. Councilmember Schroeder reported on the Chamber meeting. Councilmember Skutnik reported that the Museum Board was scheduled to meet last Thursday, but they did not have a quorum. Maverick is currently showing on the big screen. A community celebration of the 150-year anniversary for the City of Hastings is planned for September 18th.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Stutte reported that we have a great community and have a lot to be proud of in Hastings.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of July 11, 2022

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

(c) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly

(d) Approval of Invoice No. 1426 from South Central Economic Development District in the amount of

\$582.50 for administrative services completed for Community Development Block Grant Project 18-ED-003, SHABRI Economic Development

(e) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant funds, Drawdown #6, in the amount of \$582.50 for administrative services completed for Community Development Block Grant Project 18-ED-003, SHABRI Economic Development

(f) Approve Invoice No. 1427 from South Central Economic Development District in the amount of \$7,542.58 for additional time and services provided for Community Development Block Grant Project 18-ED-003, SHABRI Economic Development

(g) Approve Invoice No. 1436 from South Central Economic Development District in the amount of \$3,325.00 for administrative services completed for Community Development Block Grant Project 21-DTR-007, Downtown Revitalization

(h) Approval of drawdown request for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$3,325.00 for administrative services completed for Community Development Block Grant Project 21-DTR-007, Downtown Revitalization

(i) Approve Invoice No. 1433 from South Central Economic Development District in the amount of \$1,025.00 for administrative services completed for Community Development Block Grant Project 19-DTR-103, Downtown Revitalization

(j) Approval of drawdown request for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$1,025.00 for administrative services completed for Community Development Block Grant Project 19-DTR-103, Downtown Revitalization

(k) Approval of drawdown request for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$44,467.49 for project activity costs (75% of pay est. #2 for Ben Engel Construction) for construction management and general administration for Community Development Block Grant Project 20-PW-004, Public Works

(l) Approval of Pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$53,789.99 from Ben Engel Construction for work completed from May 29, 2022 through July 9, 2022 on Community Development Block Grant Project 20-PW-004, Public Works

(m) Approval of Invoice No. 1434 from South Central Economic Development District in the amount of \$1,300.00 for administrative services completed for Community Development Block Grant Project 20-PW-004, Public Works

(n) Approval of Invoice No. 1435 from South Central Economic Development District in the amount of \$2,825.00 for construction management services completed for Community Development Block Grant Project 20-PW-004-C, Public Works

(o) Approval of Work Order EL-58, conversion of distribution system from 2400/4160Y to 7970/13800Y from 2nd Street to 7th Street, Briggs Avenue to Bellevue Avenue

(p) Approval of Extension of the Keno Agreement with Hastings Keno, Inc

## **REGULAR AGENDA:**

### **2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.**

None.

### **3. Public Hearings.**

(a) Public hearing on the application of LNJD Enterprises, Inc. dba "Papa Ray's Pizza & Cafe" for a Class "I" Liquor License at 2604 West 2nd Street. Police Chief Story recommended approval. No public spoke. No objections were received.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Butch Eley to approve Resolution No. 2022-22 approving the application of LNJD Enterprises, Inc. dba "Papa Ray's Pizza & Cafe" for a Class "I" Liquor License at 2604 West 2nd Street. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Matt Fong to approve the manager application of Lindsay N. Blythe in connection with the Class "I" Liquor License of LNJD Enterprises, Inc. dba "Papa Ray's Pizza & Cafe" located at 2604 West 2nd Street. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

(c) Public hearing on the amendment/discontinuance of the City of Hastings' Economic Development Re-use Loan Fund. Lori Ferguson, South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD), reported that up until a few months ago, the balance in the fund was approximately \$99,000. Those funds were committed to a local economic development project that was awarded in 2018, by the Department of Economic Development (DED) and the City of Hastings. DED terminated the project in May 2022. We were able to pay out all but \$7,500. No public spoke. No objections were received.

#### 4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to approve accepting the City of Hastings Transportation and Parking Master Plan as the final plan prepared by Kimley-Horn. Lisa Parnell-Rowe reported that this was discussed at the last Council Worksession, and we held an open house forum on June 9th. Mayor Stutte explained that we are not approving items within the plan, we are accepting the plan. Councilmember Rosenberg noted some main portions of the plan: one-way streets, parking lots, traffic signals, trails/sidewalks, grade separations, bypass signage, street widening, and public transportation. Councilmember Skutnik stated that some of these are already in motion and some will be in the Comprehensive Plan. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve agreement with IES Commercial Inc. for Conversion of Electrical Distribution Line Voltage from 4.16kv to 13.8kv, 2nd to 7th Street - Briggs to Bellevue Avenue in the amount of \$1,708,131.52. Lee Vrooman reported on the July 6<sup>th</sup> bid. IES Commercial was the only bid received. There were a few exceptions on the bid: we would provide the transformers and completion date extended to November 2023. Hiring a contractor is the best option, for timely construction. They will start construction in February 2023. Conversion of the electric system has been going on for the past 45 years. Expected timeframe is 10-12 years to complete the conversions. When this is done, it should kill two complete substations. The money is budgeted over this and next year. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

#### 5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

None.

#### 6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

#### 7. Appointments.

(a) Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve Mayor Stutte's recommendations for the following appointments: Mechanical Examining Board: Mike Hansen, 7/25/2022 to 7/25/2024, Reappointment. Utility Advisory Board: Susan Meeske, 7/1/2022 to 7/1/2027, Reappointment. Museum Board: Bruce Sandahl, 7/1/2022 to 7/1/2026, Replacement; and Trent Kelly, 7/1/2022 to 7/1/2026, Reappointment. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

#### 8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ted Schroeder there being no further business to adjourn at 5:54 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Corey Stutte, Mayor

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Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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