

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 22, 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 August 22, 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, Ted Schroeder, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Chuck Rosenberg, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Absent: Ginny Skutnik.

The following City Officials were present: Interim City Administrator/Utility Manager, Kevin Johnson; City Attorney, Clint Schukei; Assistant City Clerk, Lori Vorderstrasse; 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; Director of Environmental, Marty Stange.

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 the current agenda for the August 22, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried.

Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, August 19, 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 Rosenberg reported on the Planning Commission meeting and that the main topic was the revision of code for home-based businesses and that the Commission felt this item should be tabled with concerns regarding fees and inspections. The Planning Commission will have a workshop in early September to try and get it worked out. Councilmember Schroeder reported on Kool-Aid Days and the Kool-Aid Days Parade and indicated it was very well attended and an exciting event for the community, along with the rodeo that is now held in connection with it. Councilmember Schroeder spoke regarding the Antique Airplane Association Fly-In to be held August 26th - 30th. He indicated that the City Council will be voting to allow alcohol at the airport for the event and said the Airport Advisory Board is trying to keep events going at the airport and keep it viable.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Dallas McClain, 1118 West "H" Street, spoke regarding Ordinance No. 4711, amending Section 15-310 of the City Code to provide for temporary speed reduction on Showboat Boulevard.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte stated he wanted to echo what Councilmember Schroeder said in that he felt Kool-Aid Days was a success for the community.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

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

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of August 8, 2022.

(b) Approval of claims and payroll except the claim of Eldon's Automotive Repair.

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

(d) Approval of the request of the Hastings Business Improvements District to utilize city streets for Junk Street on September 10, 2022.

(e) Approval of Work Order EL-218, installation of underground street light circuits and post top street lights for new residential lots in Blocks 1, 2 and 3 in the Trail Ridge Addition.

(f) Approval of Work Order EL-220, replacement of a three-phase padmount transformer at Crystal Creek Cold Storage.

(g) Approval of Work Order EL-222, installation of a new three-phase padmount transformer to serve Murphy's Wagon Wheel.

(h) Approval of the request of Hastings Family YMCA to utilize city streets for the Halloween Event at the Hastings YMCA on October 28, 2022.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to approve the claim of Eldon's Automotive Repair in the amount of \$131.08 (City). Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Abstain: Joy Huffaker. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried. Joy Huffaker recused herself for Conflict of Interest.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve Resolution No. 2022-24 authorizing levy authority for the Community Redevelopment Authority in the amount of 2.6 cents per hundred with the total amount of levy authority being determined by the valuation contained on the Certificate of Taxable Value to be provided by the County Assessor before the Council meeting which will result in the amount of \$459,368.31 to help defray the expenses of the Authority for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Clint Schukei, City Attorney, explained to the Council that this comes to them every year and that the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) must ask for the tax levy for the upcoming year. The statutory amount is set at not more than 2.6 cents. He indicated the CRA will approve their budget in September. Councilmember Schroeder questioned how much the dollar amount increased from last year to this year. Roger Nash, Finance Director, indicated it was a 10.5 % increase from last year. Councilmember Schroeder asked if the CRA can substantiate that they need the increased funds. Rick Klamm, Community Redevelopment Authority member, reviewed with the Council the CRA projects they are moving forward with in the upcoming budget year, such as workforce development housing grant, community development revitalization block grant for downtown, entrepreneurship center in connection with CCC and Hastings College as well as others, acquisition of property for affordable housing, quiet zone project, and redevelopment of the old middle school. He stated that all these projects would lead him to believe that they would use and would use wisely the additional funds. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy

Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Ted Schroeder to approve Resolution 2022-25 to suspend City Code Section 8-107 and allow alcohol at the Antique Airplane Association Fly-In on August 26, 2022 through August 30, 2022. Clint Schukei, City Attorney, explained that City Code Section 8-107 talks about the prohibition of alcohol on city property and there is a desire to have alcohol at this event, so this resolution suspends the prohibition of alcohol at the Airport for the term of this event. He indicated that also in place will be a license agreement requiring insurance as well as a Special Designated License from the state for selling alcohol. Councilmember Hartmann asked Adam Story, Police Chief, if he had any comments. Chief Story indicated there have been other City properties where alcohol has been allowed for events and that generally, rules are followed and he agreed with the event and the license. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried.

(c) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Matt Fong to approve the request of the Nebraska Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association for use of city property for the Antique Airplane Association Fly In on August 26-30, 2022 (*Contingent upon special event insurance policy being in place prior to event.*) Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried.

(d) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Chuck Rosenberg to approve the request of 201 N. Lincoln Enterprises, LLC for a Special Designated License at the Hastings Municipal Airport Building #1, 3300 W. 12th Street, on August 26, 2022 through August 29, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried.

(e) ORDINANCE NO. 4711 TO AMEND SECTION 15-310 OF THE OFFICIAL CITY CODE TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY SPEED REDUCTION ON SHOWBOAT BOULEVARD.

Lee Vrooman, Director of Engineering, indicated Adams County asked for help to coordinate a temporary speed reduction on Showboat Boulevard to prevent further damage to their bridge north of 26th Street with the reduction of speed from 50 to 35 mph from Highway 6 to north of 12th Street. The County's bridge consultant did recommend the reduction of speed to help with the impact on the bridge from large trucks. The County plans to replace the bridge with the bidding of the project this fall and construction this winter. He recommended approval. Councilmembers acknowledged concerns regarding the reduction of the speed limit.

Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Councilmember Chuck Rosenberg moved for passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Matt Fong.

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4711 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, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried.

Councilmember Matt Fong moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Shawn Hartmann 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, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. 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 August 26, 2022. Effective date of the ordinance is 15 days from and after the date this ordinance is passed and approved.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.
None.

7. Appointments.
None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.
None.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Matt Fong there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Ginny Skutnik. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Vorderstrasse, Assistant City Clerk

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