

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 24, 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 October 24, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Stutte with the following members present: Ginny Skutnik, Joy Huffaker, Chuck Rosenberg, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong, Butch Eley. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm.

The following City Officials were present: Interim City Administrator/Utility Manager, Kevin Johnson; City Attorney, Clint Schukei; Assistant City Attorney, Jesse Oswald; 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.

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

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Matt Fong to adopt current agenda for October 24, 2022, Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, October 21, 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 multiple events happening with the Hastings Public Library.

Councilmember Rosenberg reported that he, Matt Fong, and Butch Eley attended the recent Planning Commission meeting. The casino items were approved at that meeting, and will move forward to the next City Council meeting.

Councilmember Skutnik reported on the Museum Board meeting held last week. She stated that every member of the board was present.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte read a proclamation for Hastings Family Caregiver's Month. Jinx Hackler spoke on behalf of the South Central Town Hall Caregiver Coalition.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

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

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of October 10, 2022

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

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

(d) Approval of Work Order GA-368, replace UV/IR, LEL, and smoke detector system at the West Avenue Peak Shaving Plant

(e) Approval of Work Order EL-235, new three phase underground electric line and padmount transformer for Goldbeck Towers at Good Samaritan Village

(f) Approval of the request of the Business Improvement District to utilize city streets for the Celebration of Lights on November 17, 2022

(g) Approval of the request of Hastings Family YMCA to utilize city streets for the annual Turkey Trot on November 19, 2022

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Chuck Rosenberg seconded by Butch Eley to approve accepting a deed from Roxy Epperson for the fire damaged property located at 1938 West Eighth Street.

Clint Schukei reported that this property was damaged by fire and needs to be demolished.

Asbestos inspection and remediation has been completed by the property owner. The owner does not have the financial ability to complete the demolition of the property, but has paid the taxes and is willing to deed the property to the City. The property would be available for in-fill housing after its demolition. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to approve Resolution No. 2022-27, Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2022. Lee Vrooman explained that this form must be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Transportation annually for certification and compliance of our program. We budget and plan for street improvements, then track what is spent. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

(b) ORDINANCE NO. 4719 AMENDING SECTION 34-104 AND SECTION 34-302 OF THE CITY CODE ADDRESSING THE DEFINITIONS OF CHILD CARE AND REGULATIONS OF HOME OCCUPATIONS (*Passed on first reading on October 10, 2022.*)

Lee Vrooman explained that this gives a list of possible occupations and also allows for the use of the conditional use permit for people who cannot meet the code. The intent of these changes is to make it more flexible and to clarify what the code is about. The childcare definition makes the code consistent with the State Licensing Statute.

Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Butch Eley moved for passage of the ordinance on second reading, which motion was seconded by Chuck Rosenberg. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Matt Fong to suspend the rules and approve on final reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried. 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 October 28, 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 Ginny Skutnik seconded by Shawn Hartmann there being no further business to come before the council to adjourn at 5:45 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Chuck Rosenberg, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik. Nays: None. Absent: Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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