

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 23, 2023

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 January 23, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Stutte with the following members present: Joy Huffaker, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Steve Huntley, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong, Jeniffer Beahm, Butch Eley. Absent: None.

The following City Officials were present: City Administrator, Shawn Metcalf; City Attorney, Jesse Oswald; Utility Manager, Kevin Johnson; Assistant City Clerk, Lori Vorderstrasse, Police Chief, Adam Story; Fire Captain, Tom Treffer, 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, Chief Building Official, Kevin Kubo, 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 Shawn Hartmann to adopt the current agenda for the January 23, 2023 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Marc Rowan, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, January 20, 2023. 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 Rowan mentioned potholes around town and stated he was pleased to see staff already out fixing them.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte thanked the Street Department for snow removal over the past few days and thanked everyone that was involved in getting the roads plowed. Lee Vrooman, City Engineer, indicated they will continue to plow streets as they thaw and he thanked the public for their patience. He also thanked the Parks and Utility Departments and Adams County and a couple of contractors that came in and helped with snow removal.

Mayor Stutte read a proclamation designating January 22-28, 2023 as Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week in the City of Hastings.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Councilmember Huntley asked that Item (1)(d) Approval of Out-Of-District Water and Sewer Connection Fees for 2023, be pulled off the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to approve the consent items as presented minus Item (1)(d) Approval of Out-Of-District Water and Sewer Connection Fees for 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Marc Rowan, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of January 9, 2023.

(b) Approval of claims and payroll.

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

(e) Approval of Work Order WA-116, new 8" water main on Lakeview Avenue to serve Lakeview 10th Addition.

(f) Approval of Work Order SW-363, sanitary sewer along Lakeview Avenue for Lakeview 10th Addition (Sewer Extension District 2022-1).

(g) Approval of Work Order No. EL-239, installation of overhead power line and transformer bank to serve the new Hastings Grain Inspection facility at 3800 Utecht Avenue and extending to 33rd Street.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Butch Eley to approve Item (1)(d) Approval of Out-Of-District Water and Sewer Connection Fees for 2023. Lee Vrooman, City Engineer, explained that this is done annually and it is for lots that already have sewer and water mains running by them. He indicated for them to have the opportunity to hook up to the water and sewer mains, they would pay the Out-Of-District fee. He stated that this is for already existing water and sewer mains. Mr. Vrooman indicated they haven't had any new residential projects in the last two years, so there is no increase in the fee. Councilmember Huntley stated since this was a change in fees, shouldn't it have been presented as a resolution or ordinance since we are adjusting the fee resolution. Mr. Vrooman indicated there are no changes to the fees this year. Jesse Oswald, City Attorney, indicated that since there was no fee change this year, nothing would need to be changed. Councilmember Huntley asked if 2021-22 figures were used in the calculation. Mr. Vrooman indicated this has been the same fee for the last two years because they had no projects and nothing to compare it to. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Marc Rowan, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Butch Eley to approve the purchase of a new semi-tractor for the Pollution Control Facility from Nebraska Peterbilt in Grand Island, Nebraska. Kevin Johnson, Utility Manager, indicated \$150,000 was budgeted for the truck but it was not available from manufacturers for this fiscal year and it would probably be two to three years out for getting a new semi-tractor. They were notified about this tractor at the excess cost of \$46,000 above budget. He indicated this was brought before the Utility Advisory Board and they saw justification in the opportunity before them and the challenges they faced. Mr. Johnson stated that the analytics are projecting they can save \$96,000 a year over the contractor they are currently using and can pay the \$46,000 back in half a year. Councilmember Eley indicated they are currently contracting out and now it will all be done inhouse. Mr.

Johnson indicated the price is based on the Sourcewell pricing, which is a government pricing and purchase process. Councilmember Rowan stated he was surprised, if vehicles are so hard to get, why the good price. Mr. Johnson indicated the manufacturer had a cancelation and staff had contacted regional manufacturers and they knew Hastings was looking for semi-tractor. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Marc Rowan, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

ORDINANCE NO. 4728 REQUESTING VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION TO BRING A TRACT OF LAND INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BALTIMORE AVENUE AND M STREET AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 4703 (Passed on first reading on January 9, 2023.).

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve Ordinance No. 4728 requesting voluntary annexation to bring a tract of land into the corporate limits of the City of Hastings for property generally located on the southeast corner of Baltimore Avenue and M Street and repealing Ordinance 4703, on second reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Marc Rowan, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Shawn Hartmann there being no further business to come before the City Council, to adjourn at 5:49 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: Marc Rowan. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Vorderstrasse, Assistant City Clerk

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