

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 28, 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 February 28, 2023.

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

The following City Officials were present: City Administrator, Shawn Metcalf; City Attorney, Jesse Oswald; Utility Manager, Kevin Johnson; 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.

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 current agenda for the February 28, 2023 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Marc Rowan, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, February 24, 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 Fong was grateful to get to attend the League of Nebraska Municipalities Conference the past few days. Councilmember Rowan stated there were many classes and groups to meet.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte thanked the Street Department for their snow removal work with the recent unexpected snow fall and previous snow events.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to approve all consent items, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: Marc Rowan. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of February 13, 2023

- (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 manager application of Christopher C. Sieck in connection with the Class "D" Liquor Licenses of Casey's Retail Company dba "Casey's General Store #1780" located at 406 S. Elm Avenue, "Casey's General Store #2719" located at 810 W. 16th Street and "Casey's General Store #2752" located at 1725 W. 2nd Street
- (e) Approval of Work Order EL-245, installation of an overhead transformer bank north of 26th Street and west of Columbine Avenue for service to an irrigation well
- (f) Approval of Work Order EL-246, installation of a 3PH UGD electric line and padmount transformers at 1601 West 2nd Street (Dutton-Lainson)
- (g) Approval of Work Order CO-183, remove large coil up door along hallway at North Denver Station and replace it with smaller double doors
- (h) Approval of Work Order GA-376, new 4" STD gas main on Utecht Avenue, 39th Street south 150'

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Steve Huntley to approve claim for Eldon's Automotive Repair in the amount of \$1,230.91 (City). Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Marc Rowan, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Abstain: Joy Huffaker. Absent: None. The motion carried. Huffaker abstained, because of Conflict of Interest.

(b) Moved by Jeniffer Beahm seconded by Steve Huntley to approve an agreement between Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the City of Hastings for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant. Lee Vrooman spoke on this item. The application for this grant is through NEMA, and was discussed at the recent worksession. This grant will help pay for engineering services for scoping and design of three project areas: flooding in the A Street and South Street area, evaluation of the Hastings Lake dam spillway, and Pawnee Creek Backwater flooding. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Marc Rowan, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(c) Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to approve the Addendum to the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 9 Union Contract. Jesse Oswald spoke on this item. The addendum is changing the residency requirement of Police Union members from 30 miles to 60 minutes. This was due in large part to other communities in surrounding areas doing similar actions to compete for talent and workforce. Other communities that have approved residency requirements are: Kearney (60 minutes), Grand Island (45 miles), Beatrice (45 minutes), Norfolk (20 miles), and Fremont (20 miles). The question was raised about mileage versus minutes. It was stated that other utility positions use minutes, and we defer to Google maps to make that determination whether they are within that radius. This is not for emergency response, but is for a residency requirement. Chief Adam Story stated that currently 25% of our police staff does not live in Hastings. Other communities are broadening their view to get quality candidates. We have only one division that is on-call that has an emergency response time requirement, and

that is our detective group. This will be a benefit to our agency. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Marc Rowan, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Butch Eley to approve Resolution No. 2023-07 adopting and entering into the Declaration of Trust and becoming a participant of the Nebraska Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (CLASS) Trust. Jesse Oswald reported on this item. This would be another option to put city money into investments that have a greater yield. This was discussed at the last worksession. Roger Nash stated that this creates an interlocal agreement with Nebraska CLASS Trust and will allow us to use them as a large investment pool with other public agencies. It does not commit us to doing anything, but allows us to register with Nebraska CLASS and provides an option for the City. Councilmember Rowan voiced concern over taxpayer money not going to local banks. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: Marc Rowan. Absent: None. The motion carried.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Butch Eley there being no further business to come before the council to adjourn at 5:44 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: Marc Rowan. Absent: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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