

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 28, 2017

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 28, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Stutte with the following members present: Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm, Scott Snell, Phil Odom, Paul Hamelink, John Harrington. Absent: None.

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

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Scott Snell to adopt current agenda for August 28, 2017 Regular meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Stutte read the Public Notice - Pursuant to the 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.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their great work.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by John Harrington to approve all Consent Items, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of August 14, 2017

(b) Approval of payment of claims for the period of August 15, 2017 through August 28, 2017

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

(d) Approval of Work Order EL-398.

(e) Approval of Work Order PL-689.

REGULAR AGENDA:

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public Hearing on 2017-2018 Hastings Utilities Budget. No public testimony was given. Clerk received no objections.

Al Meyer, Interim Utility Manager, thanked the Utility Board, staff and council for their work on the budget.

(b) ORDINANCE NO. 4515...ESTABLISHING FAIR AND EQUITABLE RATES FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF WATER FROM THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS.

Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Councilmember Phil Odom moved for passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Hoops.

Discussion was held regarding water issues and the need to increase rates. This is an ongoing problem with environmental concerns and water conservation, but the city is making progress. The Utility Board is working with Mayor Stutte on how to improve the budget process for next year.

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4515 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell,

Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Sarah Hoops seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. 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 September 1, 2017. Effective date of the ordinance is September 13, 2017.

(c) ORDINANCE NO. 4516...ESTABLISHING FAIR AND EQUITABLE RATES FOR SANITARY SEWER USE AND FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SPECIAL WASTEWATER AND GRIT INTO THE SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS.

Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved for passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jeniffer Beahm.

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4516 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Sarah Hoops seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. 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 September 1, 2017. Effective date of the ordinance is September 13, 2017.

(d) ORDINANCE NO. 4517...ESTABLISHING FAIR AND EQUITABLE RATES FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL GAS FROM THE GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS.

Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Councilmember Butch Eley moved for passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember John Harrington.

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4517 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Sarah Hoops moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Butch Eley seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. 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.

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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 September 1, 2017. Effective date of the ordinance is September 13, 2017.

(e) Moved by Paul Hamelink seconded by Phil Odom to approve Resolution No. 2017-24...Authorizing Hastings Utilities of the City of Hastings to expend an amount of \$125,000 for the benefit and support of the Hastings Economic Development Corporation during fiscal year 2017-2018.

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(f) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Paul Hamelink to approve Resolution No. 2017-25...Authorizing Hastings Utilities of the City of Hastings to expend an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the benefit and support of the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce during fiscal year 2017-2018.

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(g) Moved by Scott Snell seconded by Paul Hamelink to approve Resolution No. 2017-23...Adopting 2017-2018 Hastings Utilities Budget. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Scott Snell to approve Resolution No. 2017-27. . . Authorizing a 1% increase in Restricted Funds Budget Authority.

Joe Patterson, City Administrator, gave a brief explanation of the process of lid limits on restricted revenue.

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

9. Closed Session.

Moved by Scott Snell seconded by Ginny Skutnik to go into closed session at 5:53p.m. for the purpose of personnel and litigation. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Scott Snell to come out of closed session at 6:14p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Sarah Hoops there being no further business to adjourn at 6:14p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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