

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 22, 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 May 22, 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, Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Corey Stutte, Jeniffer Beahm, Marc Rowan, Butch Eley, Steve Huntley, Brad Consbruck. Absent: None.

The following City Officials were present: Attorney, Jesse Oswald; Utility Manager, Kevin Johnson; City Clerk, Kimberly Jacobitz; 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 Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Library Director, Amy Hafer; Environmental Director, Marty Stange; Chief Building Official, Kevin Kubo; Tony Herrman, Public Information Manager.

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 May 22, 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, May 19, 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 thanked department heads as well as councilmembers for the retreat on Sunday and stated he felt it was a very productive session. Councilmember Rowan stated that he thought City Administrator Shawn Metcalf showed wonderful character at the retreat.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte stated he felt they had a productive retreat on Sunday and thanked staff for getting everything prepped for the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Councilmember Rowan asked that Item (1)(e) Approval of Work Order PL-628, Solar Field Phase 2, be pulled off the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Butch Eley to approve the consent items as presented minus Item (1)(e) Approval of Work Order PL-628, Solar Field Phase 2. 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 May 8, 2023.

(b) Approval of claims and payroll.

(c) Approval of the request of Mary Lanning Rehabilitation to utilize city property for the Disability Pride Day/Strollin' with Disabilities event on July 26, 2023.

(d) Approval of the request of Adams County Fairgrounds to utilize city streets for the 1st Annual Darrel Stromer Memorial Parade on July 15, 2023.

(f) Approval of Work Order SW-369, Pollution Control Facility service water upgrades.

(g) Approval of Work Order EL-249, installation of street lights along 33rd Street from the Hike and Bike Trail east of Yost Avenue to Utecht Avenue.

(h) Approval of Work Order EL-250, installation of a single-phase underground electric line and padmount transformer to serve a new warehouse/shop building south of BNSF Railroad on the west side of Colorado Avenue.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve Item (1)(e) Approval of Work Order PL-628, Solar Field Phase 2. Kevin Johnson, Utility Manger, mentioned that the contract for the Solar Farm has already been approved by Council and Work Order PL-628 just adds the administrative and engineering overhead and a little material that is already in stock that is going towards the project. Councilmember Rowan stated he just wanted to bring up the fact that it is over budget by \$600,000.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: Marc Rowan. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve the agreement with Nebraska Machinery Company for the purchase of a CAT Model 826K Landfill Compactor for the Hastings Landfill in the amount of \$795,000.00. Marty Stange, Environmental Director, stated that Caterpillar did give a better price but it is a year out. Marty thanked Michelle Hill and the Landfill staff for getting ahead of the supply chain issue. He indicated there would be no down payment, we don't pay until we get the equipment and Caterpillar guaranteed the trade in value. He indicated to the Council there was a cost savings and they do have cash in the budget to handle the expense. Councilmember Consbruck asked how long the equipment would last. Mr. Stange stated that it will probably last about ten years and he indicated that the agreement covers full servicing of the equipment. Councilmember Fong stated that he appreciated the additional information. Councilmember Rowan questioned if the money is set aside for this piece of equipment. Mr. Stange stated they have enough in the operating budget reserve to cover it but it will also be budgeted into the 2023-24 budget and this is just approval of the contract. Councilmember Huntley asked for an explanation of the Sourcwell bidding process. Mr. Stange reviewed the process and indicated that there are really only two suppliers for this type of equipment available. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Marc Rowan, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Brad Consbruck to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement for Apprehension of Narcotics Dealers and Offenders (CANDO) between the counties of Adams, Buffalo, Franklin, Hall, Kearney, Phelps and Clay, and the cities of Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, Minden and Holdrege. Adam Story, Police Chief, indicated there are twelve agencies involved in this agreement and it has been in existence since 1987. He stated the reason for this agreement was that Clay County was being added. Councilmember Rowan questioned why Clay County wasn't in before. Chief Story indicated that they were previously a member of a different taskforce and they weren't getting the services they were looking for, so they asked to join this taskforce. Councilmember Huntley asked how many of the other agencies had signed. Chief Story indicated that Hastings was the last. Councilmember Consbruck indicated he was familiar with CANDO and glad Clay County decided to be a part of it. 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.

None.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Steve Huntley there being no further business to come before the City 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. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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