

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Utility Board of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted Airport Conference Room - Hastings Municipal Airport - 3300 W. 12th Street, on September 6, 2023.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Bill Hitesman with the following members present: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje, Susan Meeske, Scott Snell Kevin Johnson, Larry Fox, Tony Hermann, Karl Block, Erik Nielsen, Kirk Layton, Nowl Niehueser, Brandan Lubkin, Lee Vrooman, Roger Nash, Derek Zeisler, Lori Hartman, Keith Leonhardt, and Shawn Hartmann.
Absent: Corey Stutte, Butch Eley, Shawn Metcalf, and Jesse Oswald

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Bill Hitesman led the group in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA FOR September 6, 2023 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Dewalt and seconded by Hemje to adopt the current agenda for the September 6, 2023 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Meeske, Snell. Nays: None. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, September 5, 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 Airport Conference Room, which is accessible to members of the public.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Reminder this meeting replaces the meeting normally scheduled for next week. Will introduce Shannon when we review the budget. We have one public speaker today.

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

None

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS:

Board members are very fortunate to have Hastings Utilities.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Willis Hunt is speaking on concerns about the budget.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of August 10, 2023.

Moved by Meeske and seconded by Hemje to approve the minutes for the meeting of August 10, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Meeske, Snell. Nays: None. Approved.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

3. General Business.

- (a) Finance

- i. Budget Recommendation

Shannon presented at the council meeting. If you would like to watch that, you can visit cityofhastings.org to view that presentation. She introduces herself a little bit and her plans for HEDC.

The PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) proposal is still on the agenda, but will not go in front of the council until October/November. The intent was to phase this in over the next five years. We put it in the budget as an estimate. It was put in the budget as an estimate.

The recommendation to approve moving on to City Council was moved by Dewalt and seconded by Snell. Roll Call Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Meeske, Snell. Nays: None.

- (ii.) Insurance Renewals

Mark and Jeff from FM Global explain the renewal of the City of Hastings.

- (b) Production

- (c) Operations

(d) Administration

(e) Other

4. Possible Closed Session (if necessary or requested).

ADJOURN:

Motioned to adjourn by Hemje, seconded by Meeske. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Meeske, Snell. Nays: None. Adjourned at 10:04 am.

APPROVED:

Board Secretary