

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

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted at the Hastings Public Library, 314 N. Denver Avenue, on October 23, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Council President Matt Fong with the following members present: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Shawn Hartmann, Marc Rowan, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley. 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; Assistant Fire Chief, Troy Vorderstrasse; Parks & Recreation Director, Jeff Hassenstab; Finance Director, Roger Nash; Information Technology Director, Erik Nielsen; Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman; Director of Development Services, Chad Bunger; Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson; Public Information Manager, Tony Herrman; Director of Safety, Trent Clark; Director of Energy Production & Supply, Derek Zeisler.

Council President Fong 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 October 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. Absent: None. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, October 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 available for public review. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and accessible to members of the public.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Councilmember Beahm reported on the recent Hastings Museum Board meeting. The museum billboards on I-80 are being replaced. Councilmember Fong reported on the recent Library Board meeting. The council should have received an invitation to "An Evening of Elegance". The board worked through updates on policies.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

City Hall Asbestos: Craig Hubbard, 2100 E 12th.

Hastings Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) Update: Shannon Landauer, Executive Director

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Chad Bunger, Director of Development Services, spoke on the proclamation for "National Community Planning Month". Council President Matt Fong read the proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to approve all consent items, as presented. 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.

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

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

(c) Behind the Scenes monthly Department Head report for September, 2023

(d) Approval of the request of the Hastings Family YMCA to utilize city property for the YMCA Turkey Trot on November 18, 2023

(e) Approval of the request of the Business Improvement District to utilize city property for the Celebration of Lights on November 16, 2023

- (f) Approval of Work Order GA-372, new four inch medium gas main for Central Community College Phase II
- (g) Approval of Work Order SW-359, Pollution Control Facility aeration basin improvements including engineering services and construction
- (h) Approval of Work Order EL-261, new post tops for LED street lights along Laird Avenue from 14th Street to 17th Street

REGULAR AGENDA:

(a) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Butch Eley to approve moving City Council Meetings from the Hastings Public Library, 314 North Denver Avenue, to the Hastings Municipal Airport, 3300 West 12th Street at 5:30 P.M. beginning November 13, 2023 and to include following meetings. Erik Nielsen reported that he is working with spectrum to get live streaming on Hastings Public Access Channel. The council meetings have been live streamed on the city's website, since about one month ago. The dais is installed and the power is being completed. 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.

(b) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve moving City Council Worksessions from the Hastings Public Library, 314 North Denver Avenue, to the Hastings Municipal Airport, 3300 West 12th Street at 5:30 P.M. beginning November 20, 2023 and to include following meetings. 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.

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.
None.

3. Public Hearings.
None.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to approve the agreement with Great Plains Asbestos Control, Inc. for the City Hall Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) Abatement and Mold Remediation CH 2023-50 in the amount of \$201,931. Lee Vrooman stated that four bids were opened on October 11th. Great Plains Asbestos, Inc. out of Kearney was the low bid. Their exception was clarifying reimbursement for mold remediation and it was acceptable to staff. The bid is under our budget estimate of \$300,000. We have unit pricing for any additional items that may be found. Lee stated that we all agree that we need to manage the water that comes into the building. We are working with the architect and need to get further down the design process before we know what is going on the roof. There is also water coming in from the foundation. We need to get the asbestos out of the building and do mold remediation to reduce the mold content. We need to go through a sequence of events to get the work done. Councilmember Huntley asked about adding an agenda item to the next agenda. Councilmember Hartmann stated that future agenda discussions should not hold back the bid award for the asbestos abatement. Lee commented that these are two different discussions, so there is no need to hold off the contractor from starting on this project. We will learn more about our building as the contractor removes the asbestos. A discussion was held concerning heating city hall in the winter months and energy efficient windows. 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.

(b) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Butch Eley to approve the addendum to the Chamber Lease Agreement, naming City as responsible party for parking lot snow removal. Jesse Oswald reported the addendum is adding the requirement of removal of snow from the Chamber of Commerce parking lot. The City has historically done the snow removal but the lease agreement itself was silent on the issue which caused confusion and often times delay in removal of the snow. City owns the land that the building is on. Mikki Shafer explained the lease agreement. The building was built in 2004 and the land was leased for thirty years. After the first thirty years they have the option to extend another fifty years. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Marc Rowan, Joy Huffaker, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: Steve Huntley. Absent: None. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to approve Resolution No. 2023-33 Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2023. Lee Vrooman reported that this form must be submitted to the NDOT annually for certification and compliance of our program. This is certifying that we budget, plan, perform maintenance, use funds appropriately, and follow design standards for infrastructure improvements along with the other items listed on the form. 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.

(b) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve Resolution No. 2023-34 placement of yield signs on Laird Avenue for traffic approaching 14th Street. Lee Vrooman reported that construction of Laird Avenue north of 14th Street is now complete. This resolution formalizes the Yield sign installed on the northwest corner of the Laird and 14th intersection. This is being brought to the Council, per our City Code. 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 Shawn Hartmann seconded by Butch Eley to approve Resolution No. 2023-35 placement of a yield sign on Utecht Avenue for traffic approaching 33rd Street. Lee Vrooman reported that the construction of the 33rd Street extension to Utecht Avenue is now complete. This resolution formalizes the Yield sign installed on the northwest corner of the Utecht Avenue and 33rd Street intersection. This is being brought to Council per our City Code. 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.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

(a) Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to approve appointments to Boards as follows:

Community Redevelopment Authority: Dan Schwartzkopf, 11/01/2023 to 11/01/2028, Reappointment

Business Improvement Board: Jeb Brant, 11/01/2023 to 11/01/2026, Reappointment; Roy DeMars,

11/01/2023 to 11/01/2026, Reappointment; Tim Jacobi, 11/01/2023 to 11/01/2026, Reappointment;

Brandie McCoy, 11/01/2023 to 11/01/2026, Reappointment.

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.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Shawn Hartmann there being no further business to come before the council to adjourn at 6:32 P.M. 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.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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