

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, September 9, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted at the Hastings Municipal Airport, 3300 West 12th Street, on September 9, 2024.

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

The following City Officials were present: Assistant City Administrator, Mark Funkey; City Attorney, Jesse Oswald; Utility Manager, Derek Zeisler; Assistant City Clerk, Lori Vorderstrasse; 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; Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson; Library Director, Amy Hafer, Public Information Manager, Tony Herrman; Safety Director, Trent Clark, Utility IT Manager, Kirk Layton, Airport Manager, Matt Kuhr, Director of Environmental, Marty Stange.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Shawn Hartmann to adopt current agenda for September 9, 2024, Special Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** - Official Notice of the Special Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, September 6, 2024. 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 and a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and accessible to members of the public.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

(a) Public hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 Annual Budget for the City of Hastings.

Mark Funkey, Assistant City Administrator, acknowledged the work of staff and Council on the budget. Mr. Funkey gave a brief overview of how they got to where they are with the proposed budget. He began with a breakdown of the Operating Budget as presented on August 26th and continued with a breakdown of the Operating Budget as of September 9th, showing a balanced Operating Budget. He reviewed the Capital Budget breakdown on August 26th and then highlighted changes as of September 9th to the Capital Budget.

Roger Nash, Finance Director, summarized the Operating Budget and explained the stop gap that was to come from the self-insured health reserves and police pension and how the amount has been reduced. He indicated he was comfortable with the amount and stated it is a very manageable amount.

Citizen Input For 2024-2025 Annual Budget: None.

Citizen Input Against 2024-2025 Annual Budget: Roger Coffman, 849 N. Burlington Avenue,

Edward Krantz, 1203 East 9th Street, Michael Anderson, 1405 S. Baltimore Avenue  
Citizen Input Either Way: None.

(b) Public hearing to set the property tax request for fiscal year 2024-2025 at an amount different from the property tax request for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Mr. Nash indicated this hearing is an additional hearing for the property tax asking of the 3.94% increase over the prior year.

Mayor Stutte stated that it is worth noting that the levy is being dropped for the second time in the past several years and they are trying to make adjustments to meet the needs of the community.

Citizen Input For: None.  
Citizen Input Against : None.  
Citizen Input Either Way: None.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Jeniffer Beahm there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

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Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Vorderstrasse, Assistant City Clerk

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