

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, September 16, 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 W. 12th Street, on September 16, 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, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong, Jeniffer Beahm, Marc Rowan, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker. Absent: None.

The following City Officials were present: Assistant City Administrator, Mark Funkey; City Attorney, Jesse Oswald; Utility Manager, Derek Zeisler; 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 Bungler; Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson; Public Information Manager, Tony Herrman; Safety Director, Trent Clark; Library Director Amy Dissmeyer.

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 16, 2024, Special Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Special Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, September 13, 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.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

(1.) ORDINANCE NO. 4771 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR THE CITY OF HASTINGS AND ADOPTING APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR THE NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 (*SECOND AND POSSIBLE FINAL READING*)

Moved by Butch Eley to approve Ordinance No. 4771 adopting the Annual Appropriation Bill for the City of Hastings and adopting appropriate sums for the necessary expenses and liability for the fiscal year 2024-2025 on second reading. The motion died for lack of a second.

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Steve Huntley to amend Ordinance No. 4771 to include the jet hanger at the Hastings airport in the amount of \$750,000.

Mark Funkey stated that this provides the airport potential to get a jet to the airport. Our status would become a regional airport, which affords the city more funds to support the airport. It is around \$150,000 annually of additional funds because of the higher status. There are additional benefits for grants and applications getting a higher priority status. Matt Kuhr, Airport Manager, stated this allows us to compete for funds with regional including airports in Grand Island, Kearney, and North Platte. It would be a revenue-generating building. It would allow us to compete for federal funds airport.

Matt Kuhr stated there are approximately 40 airplanes on the field at this time and the airport is full. We have a sizable amount of jets coming into the airport for easy refueling. Hastings Economic Development District and Chamber are in support of the regional airport, to assist in economic development. Mark Funkey stated that the project will not be fully realized unless someone commits to housing their jet at the airport. If we do not find someone wanting to house their jet here, we will not build the jet hangar. The money will come out of the cash we have on hand. The revenue would help repay the building. Matt Kuhr said there is interest in bringing jets to Hastings, but there is no guarantee. We have two private hangars on the airport property. Discussion was held on whether to wait to build until a jet commits. Mayor Stutte stated the Airport Advisory Board and Airport Association have shown good faith in getting things done and are heading in a great direction.

Vote on amendment: Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Butch Eley to adopt amended Ordinance No. 4771 adopting the Annual appropriation bill for the City of Hastings and adopting appropriate sums for the necessary expenses and liability for the fiscal year 2024-25 on second reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Shawn Hartmann to adopt amended Ordinance No. 4771 adopting the Annual appropriation bill for the City of Hastings and adopting appropriate sums for the necessary expenses and liability for the fiscal year 2024-25 on final reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Matt Fong there being no further business to come before the council to adjourn at 5:51 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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