

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 23, 2024

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 Municipal Airport, 3300 West 12th Street, on September 23, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Stutte with the following members present: Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Marc Rowan, Butch Eley, Brad Consbruck, Jeniffer Beahm, Steve Huntley. Absent: Joy Huffaker.

The following City Officials were present: Interim City Administrator, Mark Funkey; City Attorney, Jesse Oswald; Utility Manager, Derek Zeisler; City Clerk, Kimberly Jacobitz; Police Chief, Adam Story; Asst. 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 Bunker; 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 23, 2024, Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Marc Rowan, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, September 20, 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.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Councilmember Rowan reported on the Special Olympics Truck Convoy held this past weekend.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Termination of Shawn Metcalf: Willis Hunt, 616 Madden Road; Scott Barwick, 3401 Yost.
Budget: Edward Krantz, 1203 E 9th.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte recognized the service anniversary for Police Officer Brad Cunningham, 10 years.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve all consent items, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Marc Rowan, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of September 9, 2024

(b) Approval of the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of September 9, 2024

(c) Approval of claims and payroll

(d) Approval of Work Order CO-195, warehouse security cameras

(e) Approval of Work Order GA-383, replacement of low pressure gas distribution system, alley between 1st Street and 2nd Street and from Lincoln Avenue to Hastings Avenue

- (f) Approval of Work Order EL-294, installation of a new single-phase overhead transformer for Woodward's Disposal's new outbuilding at 1400 South Baltimore Avenue
- (g) Approval of Work Order EL-291, installation of three-phase underground electric lines and padmount transformers for new bank at 715 West 4th Street
- (h) Approval of the manager application of Clarence P. Charles in connection with the Class "IK" Liquor Licenses of Central Community College Area dba "Central Community College" located at 550 Technical Boulevard
- (i) Approval of the request of the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce to utilize city property for the Celebration of Lights on November 21, 2024
- (j) Approval of the request of the Hastings Family YMCA to utilize city property for the YMCA Turkey Trot on November 16, 2024
- (k) Approval of Invoice No. 1805 in the amount of \$1,100.00 from South Central Economic Development District for administrative services for Community Development Block Grant Project 22-ED-003, Pacha Expansion
- (l) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant funds, Drawdown #6, in the amount of \$1,100.00 for general administration services for Community Development Block Grant Project 22-ED-003, Pacha Expansion

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve the City's insurance coverage for FY2024-25 to Travelers' Insurance Company for Property, Casualty, Crime, and Workers' Compensation; Starr Companies for Airport; Corvus for Cyber; AEGIS for Utility Excess Liability; FM Global for Utility Property coverage; and Chubb for Utility Inland Marine. Mayor Stutte introduced Mark Frantz and Jeff Scanlan, FNIC Insurance Consultants. They gave a high overview of the city's insurance renewal. The property market has been a tough environment with sizable increases. Nebraska is an extreme hail zone, and has the second-highest homeowner insurance rates. The City has a favorable renewal. There is an increase in premiums, primarily because of the changes in exposure. The bright spot is workers' compensation coverage. The experience modifier is .57, which is a great modifier, saving the city well over \$100,000 in premiums this year. The cyber market has stabilized. Mayor Stutte thanked the Safety Directors for their work on the safety programs and helping to improve the safety culture. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Marc Rowan, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Butch Eley to terminate the employment of Shawn Metcalf as City Administrator for the City of Hastings. Council President Matt Fong stated that the City of Hastings and most other businesses and organizations make it a point not to comment on HR related decisions that affect individuals. We obviously regret the fact that we are here today, and know that this decision is not made lightly. He stated that we are grateful for the work Shawn Metcalf did on behalf of the City of Hastings and wish his family the best. He told citizens that the community is in good hands under the leadership of Mark Funkey and all the department heads who oversee the vital work they do each day. Mayor Stutte thanked Mark Funkey and the department heads for their work while moving through this process. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Nays: Marc Rowan. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

None.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

(a) Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Matt Fong to approve Mayor Stutte's appointment of Scott Kvols to the Utility Advisory Board, term of 9/23/2024 to 07/01/2028, replacing Scott Snell. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Marc Rowan, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Mark Funkey as Interim City Administrator. Mayor Stutte thanked Mark Funkey for stepping into the role, especially during the budget season. He also thanked the department heads, who took a hard look at the budget with Mark to get it done. He announced that the plan moving forward is that Mark Funkey will serve as Interim City Administrator until the next mayor takes office. The next mayor and council will decide on any appointment. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Marc Rowan, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Shawn Hartmann there being no further business to adjourn at 5:50 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Marc Rowan, Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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