

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 28, 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 October 28, 2024.

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

The following City Officials were present: Interim City Administrator, Mark Funkey; City Attorney, Jesse Oswald; City Clerk, Kimberly Jacobitz; Police Chief, Adam Story; Interim 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; Library Director, Amy Dissmeyer; Public Information Manager, Tony Herrman; Safety Director, Trent Clark; Information Technology, Kirk Layton; Environmental Engineer, Marty Stange.

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

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to adopt current agenda for October 28, 2024, Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, October 25, 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 Eley thanked the Fire Department and Matt Kuhr (Airport Manager) for getting the flag up at the airport terminal. He stated this will be his last meeting serving on the City Council. Mayor Stutte thanked Councilmember Eley for his service to the community for the past eight years.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte urged citizens to be careful driving this Thursday night, because of Halloween activities.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

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

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of October 14, 2024

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

(c) Approval of the Release of Easement for Lots 1-12 Pine Knoll Place Addition for Hastings College

(d) Approval of the Release of Easement for Lots 14-23 Pine Knoll Place Addition for Hastings College

(e) Approval of Work Order EL-299, installation of three-phase underground electric lines and padmount transformers for new commercial shop at South Street and Colorado Avenue

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public hearing regarding an application for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Program Cleanup Grant to mitigate the existing asbestos at the former Hastings Middle School, 714 West 5th Street. Chad Bunger reported that a public hearing must be held for Brownfield's Program Cleanup Grant. The City of Hastings and Hastings Community Redevelopment Authority's (CRA) former Hastings Middle School asbestos cleanup project is designed to remove or remediate the asbestos and other known hazardous materials in the existing building to prepare it for reuse or redevelopment. The grant will cover 100% of the expense to address the hazardous materials, as well as grant administration expenses. The grant would be up to \$500,000.

Speaker For: Randy Chick, on behalf of the Community Redevelopment Authority.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Resolution No. 2024-66 authorizing the Mayor to sign the application for the EPA Brownfield Program Cleanup Grant to mitigate the existing asbestos at the former Hastings Middle School. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. The motion carried.

4. General Business.

(a) Moved by Jeniffer Beahm seconded by Steve Huntley to approve moving the City Council Worksession from Monday, November 11, 2024 to Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the Hastings Municipal Airport. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Jeniffer Beahm seconded by Butch Eley to approve the Hastings Public Library Policy Manual. Amy Dissmeyer reported that this year our policy manual was updated significantly to correspond with our application for accreditation with the Nebraska Library Commission. The Library Board has a policy committee that works with library staff, and that committee has been working on reviewing library policies over the course of the last 18 months in preparation of this application. The Hastings Public Library is now at Gold Standard status. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. The motion carried.

(c) Moved by Jeniffer Beahm seconded by Steve Huntley to approve a request for an extension of the DED/City contract end date from 12/31/24 to 6/30/25, for CDBG 21-DTR-007 Downtown Revitalization Grant. Randy Chick presented this item. The City of Hastings is the grantee for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 21-DTR-007, the CDBG Downtown Revitalization project. The need for an extension request is to allow the City and CRA to utilize the remaining CDBG funds. Funds had been allocated to a project at 706 W. 2nd Street, which will not be moving forward. The need for an extension of the contract end date has been discussed with Department of Economic Development (DED) program representatives. This is the second contract extension requested by the City. Randy has been talking to a few groups with potential projects. The amount can be divided into smaller projects. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) ORDINANCE NO. 4778 TO CHANGE ZONING FROM R-1A, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LARGE LOT DISTRICT TO R-1, URBAN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED 850 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH ELM AVENUE AND EAST 26TH STREET ON THE WEST SIDE OF NORTH ELM AVENUE, HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

Chad Bunger stated that the City Council held a public hearing on October 14, 2024, to review this item. The ordinance was not complete at that time due to technical errors on how the consultants wrote the legal description. Errors have been corrected.

Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Councilmember Jeniffer Beahm moved for passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Huntley. Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. The motion carried.

Councilmember Butch Eley moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Jeniffer Beahm seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three fourths vote of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance. The ordinance is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Steve Huntley there being no further business to come before the Council to adjourn at 5:57 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Jeniffer Beahm, Brad Consbruck, Butch Eley, Joy Huffaker, Marc Rowan. Nays: None. Absent: Shawn Hartmann, Matt Fong. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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