

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 25, 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 November 25, 2024.

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

The following City Officials were present: Interim City Administrator, Mark Funkey; City Attorney, Jesse Oswald; Utility Manager, Derek Zeisler; City Clerk, Kimberly Jacobitz; Police Captain, Jason Haase; 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 Bunger; Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson; Public Information Manager, Tony Herrman; Safety Director, Trent Clark; Information Technology, Kirk Layton.

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

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Jeniffer Beahm to adopt current agenda for November 25, 2024, Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Jeniffer Beahm, Joy Huffaker. Absent: Steve Huntley, Butch Eley. Nays: None. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, November 22, 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:

Councilmembers Beahm, Hartmann, and Huffaker commented on their last meeting as council members. Councilmember Consbruck and Rowan thanked the outgoing City Council members and Mayor Stutte for their service. Councilmember Fong thanked Amy Dissmeyer for serving as Library Director for the past 15 years. He thanked the outgoing council members and Mayor Stutte for their service.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Rich Wilton, 600 S. Baltimore. Thankful for all people who have served the community.

Amy Dissmeyer, Library Director, thanked Mayor Stutte and the City Council. She is leaving employment with the City of Hastings for another employment opportunity.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stutte spoke of his appreciation to the Hastings Police Department and Hastings Fire Department staff regarding their handling of the recent skid-steer incident.

Some of the notable accomplishments during Mayor Stutte's term:

- Development growth
- Reorganized Utilities, HR, IT, Finance, and Engineering Departments to combine resources.
- Overseen improvements (42nd Street, Quiet Crossings, Parks, Airport)
- Many housing units going up
- Old middle school opportunity for redevelopment
- Economic development success (Heartwell Renewables, Noah's Ark, Community Development Block Grant awards, Heartbeat Creative District).

All these things were done as we cut debt and cut the levy. We did many of these things through a pandemic and tough political environment. He thanked city staff for their hard work and citizens for entrusting him as their Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

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

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of November 12, 2024

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

(c) Approval of Invoice No. 1824 from South Central Economic Development District in the amount of \$1,175.00 for administrative services for Community Development Block Grant Project 23-ED-001, WR Reserve

(d) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant funds, Drawdown #3, in the amount of \$1,175.00 for general administrative services for Community Block Grant Project 23-ED-001, WR Reserve

(e) Approval of Invoice No. 1823 from South Central Economic Development District in the amount of \$2,050.00 for grant administrative services for the Community Development Block Grant Project 21-DTR-007, Downtown Revitalization

(f) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant funds, Drawdown #9, in the amount of \$2,050.00 for general administrative services for Community Development Block Grant Project 21-DTR-007, Downtown Revitalization

(g) Approval of Work Order EL-297, installation of three-phase underground electric lines, padmount transformers and HU-D switch for business expansion at 3507 W. 12th Street, Providence Place of Hastings

(h) Approval of Work Order CO-193, facility upgrades to Environmental Offices located at the North Denver Station

(i) Approval of Work Order GA-384, reroute four inch medium pressure gas main due to conflict with demo of Weyer Hall and construction of the new student housing project at 9th Street and Ash Avenue, requested by Hastings College

(j) Approval of Work Order GA-382, new four inch PE gas service and meter set for Mary Lanning Healthcare chiller building addition

(k) Approval of Work Order EL-298, installation of single-phase underground electric lines and padmount transformers for new housing development located at Franklin Avenue and G Street

REGULAR AGENDA:

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 Addendum Agreement with Hastings Keno, Inc. to make Sunflower Kitchen District 14 Bar, located at 1105 Theater Drive, a new Sales Outlet Location for Hastings Keno, Inc. Mike Nevriy, 1129 Country Club Drive, spoke on this item. This would add a Keno outlet to the west side of town, further expanding options for residents and patrons. The City is guaranteed a minimum 5% of gross sales in the community, but it can be up to 12%. Roll Call: Ayes: Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Jeniffer Beahm, Joy Huffaker. Absent: Steve Huntley, Butch Eley. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(b) Moved by Jeniffer Beahm seconded by Brad Consbruck to approve moving the City Council Regular Meeting from Monday, December 9, 2024 to Monday, December 16, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the Hastings Airport. Mayor-Elect Jay Beckby, 800 South Shore Drive, thanked the City Council and Mayor Stutte. He is looking to Council for approval of the meeting date move, since he scheduled a vacation that he cannot move the dates. Roll Call: Ayes: Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Jeniffer Beahm, Joy Huffaker. Absent: Steve Huntley, Butch Eley. Nays: None. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) ORDINANCE NO. 4785 CREATING SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION DISTRICT 2024-2

Lee Vrooman stated that this ordinance will create Sanitary Sewer Connection District 2024-2. Hastings Condos, LLC requested the sewer extension to support their development at 1212 W A Street. The Project will extend existing 8" sewer main on W South Street for an approximate distance of 545 feet west. Notices will be sent to all property owners in the district upon its creation. A three-fourths majority of the council is required to create the district per state statute.

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

Councilmember Shawn Hartmann moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Matt Fong seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Jeniffer Beahm, Joy Huffaker. Absent: Steve Huntley, Butch Eley. Nays: None. 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.

(b) Moved by Jeniffer Beahm seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve Resolution No. 2024-68 placing a temporary ADA accessible parking sign to be placed on Denver Avenue. Lee Vrooman stated that with the construction project at the City Hall building and closure of the parking lot, the existing parking lot ADA accessible parking stall is in the construction area and not usable. This resolution would allow the temporary installation of this sign on the first parking stall north of the alley on the west side of Denver Ave. The sign will be removed once the parking lot is open to the public. Roll Call: Ayes: Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Jeniffer Beahm, Joy Huffaker. Absent: Steve Huntley, Butch Eley. Nays: None. The motion carried.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

(a) Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Matt Fong to approve the following appointment to the Planning Commission: Joe Kindig, Term from 11/25/2024 to 3/11/2025, replacing Brian Hoffman who was elected to City Council in Ward 4. Roll Call: Ayes: Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Jeniffer Beahm, Joy Huffaker. Absent: Steve Huntley, Butch Eley. Nays: None. The motion carried.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

Moved by Jeniffer Beahm seconded by Joy Huffaker there being no further business to come before the council to adjourn at 6:05 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Brad Consbruck, Matt Fong, Shawn Hartmann, Jeniffer Beahm, Joy Huffaker. Absent: Steve Huntley, Butch Eley. Nays: Marc Rowan. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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