

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, December 16, 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 December 16, 2024.

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

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE:

City Clerk, Kimberly Jacobitz, administered Oath of Office to Mayor George J.J. Beckby.

City Clerk, Kimberly Jacobitz, administered Oaths of Office to Council Members:

Michael Anderson - First Ward;

Larry Consbruck - Second Ward;

Maggie Esch - Third Ward;

Brian Hoffman - Fourth Ward.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Beckby with the following members present: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Absent: None. 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; 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; 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 Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to adopt current agenda for December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Brad Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong, Michael Anderson, Larry Consbruck, Brian Hoffman. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Reports of Liaisons.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Edward Krontz 1203 E. 9th St.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Beckby recognized service anniversaries for Jacob W. Morse, Maintenance, 5; Denise K. Baumgart, Finance, 40; Paul Janning, Maintenance, 5; Michael A. McClaren, Police, 5; Troy A. Vorderstrasse. Mayor Beckby thanked all city employees for their service.

Election of City Council President

Larry Consbruck nominated Steve Huntley as Council President.

Brian Hoffman nominated Matt Fong as Council President.

Mayor Beckby asked for further nominations for Council President. Seeing no further nominations, nominations were closed. After tally of votes cast via secret ballot, Mayor Beckby announced that Steve Huntley received five votes and Matt Fong received three votes. Mayor Beckby announced Steve Huntley as the Council President.

Election of City Council Vice President

Steve Huntley nominated Larry Consbruck as Council Vice President.

Maggie Esch nominated Matt Fong as Council Vice President.

Mayor Beckby asked for further nominations for Council Vice President. Seeing no further nominations, nominations were closed. After tally of votes cast via secret ballot, Mayor Beckby announced that Larry Consbruck received five votes and Matt Fong received three votes. Mayor Beckby announced Larry Consbruck as Council Vice President.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Fong seconded by Brad Consbruck to approve all consent items, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of November 25, 2024

(b) Approval of the minutes of the Worksession of November 18, 2024

(c) Approval of claims and payroll

(d) Approval of Work Order PL-637, fall protection platforms for North Denver Station Power Plant

(e) Approval of Work Order SW-380, Sanitary Sewer Connection District 2024-1; Lochland Meadows 17th Addition

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public hearing on the application of Hublocsters, LLC dba "Back Alley Bakery" for a Catering Liquor License at 609 W. 2nd Street. Mayor Beckby opened the public hearing. Police Chief Story recommended approval. Mayor Beckby closed the public hearing.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve Resolution No. 2024-70 approving application of Hublocsters, LLC dba "Back Alley Bakery" for a Catering Liquor License at 609 W. 2nd Street. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(b) Public hearing on the application of Lakeside Wines Spirits and More, LLC dba "Lakeside Wine Spirits and More" for a Class "C" Liquor License (Beer, Wine, Spirits, On and Off Sale) at 3601 Cimarron Plaza, Suite 110. Mayor Beckby Opened the public hearing. Speaking for: Jeffrey Schutt 1118 W. 8th Street; Police Chief Story recommended approval. Mayor Beckby closed the public hearing.

Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Matt Fong to approve Resolution No. 2024-72 approving the application of Lakeside Wines Spirits and More, LLC dba "Lakeside Wine Spirits and More" for a Class "C" Liquor License at 3601 Cimarron Plaza, Suite 110. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(c) Approval of the manager application of Jeffrey Schutt in connection with the Class "C" Liquor License of Lakeside Wines Spirits and More, LLC dba "Lakeside Wine Spirits and More" located at 3601 Cimarron Plaza, Suite 110

Police Chief Story recommended approval of the application. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brad Consbruck to approve Approval of the manager application of Jeffrey Schutt in connection with the Class "C" Liquor License of Lakeside Wines Spirits and More, LLC dba "Lakeside Wine Spirits and More" located at 3601 Cimarron Plaza, Suite 110. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(d) Public hearing on the application of The Coterie Social Club, LLC dba "The Coterie Social Club" for a Class "C" Liquor License (Beer, Wine, Spirits, On and Off Sale) at 338 W. 2nd Street. Mayor Beckby opened the public hearing. Police Chief Story Recommended approval. Mayor Beckby closed the public hearing.

Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Resolution No. 2024-73 approving the application of The Coterie Social Club, LLC dba "The Coterie Social Club" for a Class "C" Liquor License at 338 W. 2nd Street. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(e) Approval of the manager application of Melissa Hunt in connection with the Class "C" Liquor License of The Coterie Social Club, LLC dba "The Coterie Social Club" located at 338 W. 2nd Street

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brad Consbruck to approve the manager application of Melissa Hunt in connection with the Class "C" Liquor License of The Coterie Social Club, LLC dba "The Coterie Social Club" located at 338 W. 2nd Street. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

4. General Business.

(a) Announcement of the 2024 Nebraska Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards to Hastings and an overview of the CDBG grant project process. Chad Bunger reported that the City of Hastings and the Hastings Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA), in partnership with the South Central Economic Development District, were awarded three Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects this year. This grant awards are: Downtown Revitalization Grant to the Hastings CRA for \$435,000, Public Works Facilities Grant for Revive, Inc.'s renovations of their facility for an outpatient substance abuse facility (\$480,000) Public Works Infrastructure Grant to replace the water main for fire protection in the K & K Plaza Mobile Home Community (\$335,900). The City's partners from the South Central Economic Development District provided an update on the grant awards and provided a brief overview of the grant project process.

(b) Approval of the Airport Services Agreement with Hastings Air, LLC. Moved by Larry Consbruck seconded by Maggie Esch to approve the Airport Services Agreement with Hastings

Air, L.L.C. Matt Kuhr, Airport Manager reported that Hastings Air L.L.C, has been a great partner to the City over the last 5 years. They have provided enhanced services at our airport that has driven growth and increased usage. This agreement renews our partnership for another 24 months. Staff recommends approval. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(c) Advising of objections to Street Improvement District 2024-1, Elm Meadows 1st Subdivision. City Clerk Jacobitz reported that no objections were received.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Resolution No. 2024-69 approval of Year-End Certification of the City Street Superintendent for calendar year 2024 with the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Resolution No. 2024-69 approval of Year-End Certification of the City Street Superintendent for calendar year 2024 with the Nebraska Department of Transportation. The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation requires that each incorporated municipality must annually certify the appointment of the Street Superintendent to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form. The City of Hastings receives an incentive payment of \$7,500 for having a certified Street Superintendent. The attached form lists the tasks that this appointment performs. Tasks include budgets, annual program design, construction and maintenance, planning, etc. Lee Vrooman was appointed as the Street Superintendent by the City Council at the January 22, 2024 meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(b) Resolution No. 2024-71 approving the plans, specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the Sanitary Sewer Connection District 2024-2. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Maggie Esch to approve Resolution No. 2024-71 approving the plans, specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the Sanitary Sewer Connection District 2024-2. Director of Engineering Lee Vrooman presented on plans and specifications for Sanitary Sewer Connection District 2024-2, South Street extension, have been completed and are included in the packet. The bid opening date for this work will be January 8, 2025, with an award date of January 27, 2025. The plans and specifications are being brought before the council because the project is part of a district. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

Councilmembers inquired as to whether would be additional discussion or session regarding the appointments. City Attorney Oswald provided that per City Code the appointment shall be made at the first meeting in December of the City Council.

(a) Appointment of Mark Funkey as City Administrator

Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Maggie Esch to approve the appointment of Mark Funkey as City Administrator. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(b) Appointment of Roger Nash as City Treasurer

Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Maggie Esch to approve the appointment of Roger Nash as City Treasurer. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(c) Appointment of Jesse Oswald as City Attorney

Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Maggie Esch to approve the appointment of Jesse Oswald as City Attorney. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(d) Appointment of Lee Vrooman as City Engineer

Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Maggie Esch to approve the appointment of Lee Vrooman as City Engineer. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(e) Appointment of Tyler Ficken as City Clerk effective January 4, 2025

Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Maggie Esch to approve the appointment of Tyler Ficken as City Clerk effective January 4, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

ADJOURN: Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Matt Fong there being no further business before the Council to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: Marc Rowan. Absent: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

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