

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 27, 2025

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 January 27, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, January 24, 2025. 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.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Beckby with the following members present: Larry Consbruck, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Absent: None. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator, Mark Funkey; City Attorney, Jesse Oswald; Utility Manager, Derek Zeisler; City Clerk, Tyler Ficken; Police Chief, Adam Story; Interim Fire Chief, Troy Vorderstrasse; Parks & Recreation Director, Jeff Hassenstab; Information Technology Director, Erik Nielsen; Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman; Director of Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Environmental Director, Marty Stange; 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 Councilmember Steve Huntley seconded by Councilmember Matt Fong to adopt current agenda for January 27, 2025, Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Larry Consbruck, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Councilmember Marc Rowan reported on the Hastings High School show choir competition. Councilmember Maggie Esch congratulated City Attorney Jesse Oswald for being recognized as young professional of the year by the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce. Council Members Brian Hoffman and Larry Consbruck addressed comments made at the January 21, 2025 Worksession. Councilmember Anderson thanked those who attended the RAISE meeting at Lincoln Elementary School. Councilmember Huntley provided additional details regarding the RAISE grant and Councilmember Rowan added that attending community meetings is a great opportunity to have discussions with City staff.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Beckby stated that the Council, staff and Mayor will remain focused on spending control, common sense government, development and the citizen's wellbeing and be cognizant of what we say while we aspire to represent the citizen's best interests going forward.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Councilmember Matt Fong seconded by Councilmember Maggie Esch to approve all

consent items, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Larry Consbruck, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, 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 January 13, 2025

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

(c) Approval of Work Order EL-277, installation of nine post top street lights on Lakeview Avenue from Martin Avenue to 33rd Street

(d) Approval of Work Order EL-302, installation of three phase underground electric lines, padmount switches and padmount transformers for the new Innate Apartments at 26th Street and Elm Avenue

(e) Approval of Procurement Policy for Community Development Block Grants

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

(a) Approval of the agreement with Spring Fresh Cleaning Services, LLC for a five year contract for cleaning services at North Denver Station and 3505 Yost Avenue. Moved by Councilmember Matt Fong seconded by Councilmember Larry Consbruck to approve the agreement with Spring Fresh Cleaning Services, LLC for a five year contract for cleaning services at NDS and 3505 Yost Avenue. Safety Director Trent Clark reported that bids were opened on December 18, 2024, for cleaning services at two locations, NDS and 3505 Yost Avenue. Two bids were received with Spring Fresh Cleaning Services being the low bid of \$72,000 annually, (\$5,200 for NDS and \$800 for Yost per month). Spring Fresh Cleaning is currently cleaning the two locations based on a contract from 2020 (\$5,136 monthly for NDS) and a verbal contract for Yost, \$760 monthly, when Development Services moved to the building. The new contract will cost the City an additional \$64 for NDS and \$40 for Yost per month. Roll Call: Ayes: Larry Consbruck, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(b) Approval of the agreement with Van Kirk Bros. Contracting for the Sanitary Sewer Connection District 2024-2. Moved by Councilmember Maggie Esch seconded by Councilmember Brian Hoffman to approve the agreement with Van Kirk Bros Contracting for the Sanitary Sewer Connection District 2024-2 in the amount of \$45,254.64. Director of Engineering Lee Vrooman reported that bids were opened on January 8, 2025 for Sanitary Sewer Connection District 2024-2, South Street. Four bids were received with Van Kirk Bros Contracting of Sutton, NE providing the low bid of \$45,254.64. The Council approved creation of this District at the November 25, 2024 meeting. The project will extend 8" sanitary sewer main on W South Street. The bid is below the Engineer's estimate of \$64,000. The contractor plans to start construction in March, weather permitting. Roll Call: Ayes: Larry Consbruck, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) ORDINANCE NO. 4786 AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO CHANGE ZONING FROM A, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY COMMONLY ADDRESSED AS 410 NORTH ADAMS CENTRAL AVENUE

Said Ordinance was read by title moved by Councilmember Larry Consbruck seconded by Councilmember Maggie Esch to approve Ordinance No. 4786 and the amendment to the Official Zoning District Map to rezone property commonly addressed as 410 North Adams Central Avenue, Adams County, Nebraska, from A, Agricultural District to I-1, Light Industrial District. Roll Call: Ayes: Larry Consbruck, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Brian Hoffman moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Steve Huntley seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Council Members voted Roll Call: Ayes: Larry Consbruck, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. 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) Resolution No. 2025-03 authorizing the Mayor to sign the application for the United States Department of Transportation's (DOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to study needed transportation improvements in South Hastings. Moved by Councilmember Steve Huntley seconded by Councilmember Matt Fong to approve Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-03 authorizing the Chief Elected Official to sign the grant application for the South Hastings Transportation Study. Director of Engineering Lee Vrooman reported that the City of Hastings is applying for the grant to study the transportation connection issues of South Hastings to better improve how residents walk, bike and drive so that it is safer and easier to reach needed amenities throughout the community. The study will have a focus on engaging the neighborhoods of South Hastings to create an implementation plan to improve the area's transportation infrastructure. The project will also include initial design work for major infrastructure improvements to prepare projects for future funding. The grant will cover 100% of the expense related to the planning and design project, which is anticipated to cost \$980,000. The application for the grant is due on January 30, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Larry Consbruck, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.
None.

7. Appointments.

(a) Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Moved by Councilmember Matt Fong seconded by Councilmember Maggie Esch to approve reappointment of Jason Haase and Aaron Schardt to terms on the Airport Advisory Board ending February 1, 2029. Roll Call: Ayes: Larry Consbruck, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.
None

9. Possible Closed Session
None.

Moved by Councilmember Steve Huntley seconded by Councilmember Maggie Esch there being no further business before the Council to adjourn at 5:57 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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