

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 13, 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 13, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, January 10, 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: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, 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 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 Steve Huntley seconded by Brad Consbruck to adopt current agenda for January 13, 2025, Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Reports of Liaisons.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Beckby recognized service anniversaries for Marie J Law, Museum, 5; David L Miller, WEC, 10; Mary F Schaf, IT, 5; Edward A Fleharty, Gas, 45; Bruce M Florian, Electric, 20; Dean S Nelson, Gas, 45.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley 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. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of December 16, 2024

(b) Approval of claims and payroll except the claim of Vaughan's Printing

(c) Approval of Work Order EL-301, installation of single-phase underground electric line and padmount transformer for new garage units at 3406 Utecht Avenue

(d) Approval of Work Order EL-303, installation of single-phase underground electric line and padmount transformer for Hastings Condos at 1212 West A Street

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public hearing on the request of Todd Burr to change zoning from A, Agricultural District to I-1, Light Industrial District for property commonly addressed as 410 North Adams Central Avenue.

Mayor Beckby opened the public hearing. Development Services Director Chad Bunker reported that Development Services staff has reviewed the application to rezone the property to I-1, Light Industrial District, and the Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 17, 2024 for this request. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request to the City Council, by a vote of 7-0. No public spoke. Mayor Beckby closed the public hearing.

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 and thereafter Councilmember Brian Hoffman moved seconded by Larry Consbruck 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: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(b) Approval of the preliminary/final plat for Kevin Burr Subdivision.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Maggie Esch to approve the Preliminary/Final Plat for Kevin Burr Subdivision, in the Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 7 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Development Services Director Chad Bunker reported that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the subdivision at their December 17th meeting, by a vote of 7-0. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

4. General Business.

(a) Approval of the claim of Vaughan's Printing in the amount of \$350.00.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to approve the claim of Vaughan's Printing in the amount of \$350.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Abstain: Esch. The motion carried.

(b) Approval of moving the City Council Worksession from Monday, January 20, 2025, to Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. at the Hastings Municipal Airport due to Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Moved by Larry Consbruck seconded by Michael Anderson to approve moving the City Council Worksession from Monday, January 20, 2025, to Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(c) Discussion and possible approval of City Administrator contract.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve the Employment Agreement between the City and Mark Funkey regarding the City Administrator position. The City Council discussed the details of the City Administrator contract with City Attorney Jesse Oswald. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(d) Approval of preliminary/final plat for Gartner Farms Third Subdivision.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Maggie Esch to approve the Preliminary/Final Plat for Gartner Farms Third Subdivision, in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 8 North, Range 9 West of the 6th P.M., within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(e) Approval of the professional services/consultant agreement with South Central Economic Development District, Inc. (SCEDD) for grant administration duties for the awarded 2024 Community Development Block Grant for the Revive, Inc. facilities project, CDBG #24-PWF-001.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve the Professional Service/Consulting Agreement with the South Central Economic Development District, Inc. (SCEDD) to administer the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project for Revive, Inc. facilities project #24-PWF-001. Development Services Director Chad Bunger reported that SCEDD has been a strong partner in both securing CDBG grants and administering them for the City. This grant provides 100% of the funds needed to administer the various tasks required by the grant. The grant funds are on a reimbursement basis. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(f) Approval of the professional services/consultant agreement with South Central Economic Development District, Inc (SCEDD) for grant administration duties for the 2024 Community Development Block Grant for Downtown Revitalization, CDBG #24-DTR-004.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve the Professional Service/Consulting Agreement with the South Central Economic Development District, Inc. (SCEDD) to administer the 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project for Downtown Revitalization #24-DTR-004. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(g) Approval of the professional services/consultant agreement with South Central Economic Development District, Inc. (SCEDD) for grant administration duties for the awarded 2024 Community Development Block Grant for the K & K Plaza infrastructure project, CDBG #24-PWI-008.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve the Professional Service/Consulting Agreement with the South Central Economic Development District, Inc. (SCEDD) to administer the 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project for K & K Plaza infrastructure project #24-PWI-008. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Resolution No. 2025-01 accepting the work and the Certificate of the City Engineer in Street Improvement District No. 2023-1 M Street.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Larry Consbruck to approve Resolution No. 2025-01 accepting the work and the Certificate of the City Engineer in Street Improvement District No. 2023-1 M Street. City Engineer Lee Vrooman provided that this action formally accepts the work and finalizes the cost of the Street Improvement District. The total cost of Street Improvement District 2022-3, M Street is \$342,748.60. Of this total cost, \$157,457.88 is General Obligation that will be paid by the City of Hastings, \$171,581.81 will be assessed to the adjacent property owners included in the district, and \$13,708.91 will be assessed as a special obligation (driveways and seeding) to the specific property it is benefiting. General Obligation for this project is the portions of the street that is in the intersections, portions of street adjacent to City or State ROW, the additional 3 inches of street thickness greater than 6 inches of street thickness that City Code allows for assessing to adjacent properties and the additional 1 foot of street width greater than 36 foot of width that City Code allows for assessing to adjacent property owners. The 37-foot wide and 9-inch thickness of pavement meet our design requirements per City Code for a commercial/industrial area. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(b) Resolution No. 2025-02 accepting the schedule of assessments as prepared by the City Engineer for special assessments proposed to be levied in Street Improvement District 2023-1 M Street and setting a hearing date relative to the levy of said special assessments.

Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Matt Fong to approve Resolution No. 2025-02 accepting the schedule of assessments as prepared by the City Engineer for special assessments proposed to be levied in Street Improvement District 2023-1 M Street and setting a hearing date relative to the levy of said special assessments. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(c) Ordinance No. 4787 establishing a Council Retreat and State of the City Address.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA, REQUIRING A YEARLY STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR THE CONTENT AND TIMING OF THE ADDRESS; PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL WORK SESSION; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND RELATED MATTERS

Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Steve Huntley moved seconded by Larry Consbruck to approve Motion to approve Ordinance No. 4787 establishing a Council Retreat and State of the City Address. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Steve Huntley 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 Council Members voted Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: 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.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.
None.

7. Appointments.

(a) Appointment of Lee Vrooman as Street Superintendent

Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Maggie Esch to appoint Lee Vrooman as the City of Hastings' Street Superintendent. City Engineer Lee Vrooman provided that the appointment will be attached to the paperwork that is filled out in December 2025 showing that the City had an appointed Street Superintendent and thus is eligible to receive the \$7,500 incentive payment. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(b) Mayor's Appointment of City Council Liaisons

Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Larry Consbruck to appoint City Council Liaisons, as presented by the mayor. Appointment of Maggie Esch as Councilmember Liaison to the Joint City-County Board; Appointment of Steve Huntley as Councilmember Liaison to the Utility Advisory Board; Appointment of Larry Consbruck as Councilmember Liaison to the Utility Advisory Board; Appointment of Mike Anderson as Councilmember Liaison to the City Tree Board; Appointment of Mike Anderson as Councilmember Liaison to the Museum Board; Appointment of Marc Rowan as Councilmember Liaison to the Joint City-County Board; Appointment of Maggie Esch as Councilmember Liaison to the Little Blue NRD; Appointment of Steve Huntley as Councilmember Liaison to the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce; Appointment of Brad Consbruck as Councilmember Liaison to the Electrical Exam Board; Appointment of Marc Rowan as Councilmember Liaison to the Airport Advisory Board; Appointment of Brian Hoffman as Councilmember Liaison to the Joint City-County Board; Appointment of Matt Fong as Councilmember Liaison to the Library Board; Appointment of Larry Consbruck as Councilmember Liaison to Hastings Economic Development Board; Appointment of Brad Consbruck as Councilmember Liaison to the Mechanical Examining Board; Appointment of Brian Hoffman as Councilmember Liaison to the Hastings Public Access Channel Board. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. The motion carried.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

9. Possible Closed Session

None.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Matt Fong there being no further business before the Council to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: Marc Rowan. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

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