

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 10, 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 February 10, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, February 7, 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; 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 Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Director of Development Services, Chad Bunker; Director of Finance/City Treasurer, Roger Nash; 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 Steve Huntley seconded by Matt Fong to adopt current agenda for February 10, 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 Matt Fong reported that he was pleased to participate in the process for hiring the new Library Director and thanked the Mayor for his participation and that of several advisory board members for helping find a really great Director. Councilmember Brian Hoffman reported on his enjoyable participation in a Cub Scout Pack 207 event that focused on public service, and thanked the Hastings Public School Board for the opportunity to be involved in the interview process for the Superintendent position which included City Administrator Funkey and Councilmember Fong. Councilmember Marc Rowan thanked the Fire Department for their good work and respect for life and property resulting from a recent fire incident.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Beckby recognized service anniversaries for Brandan D. Lubken, Water, 15; Mary S. Morse, Police, 35; Travis N. Tinsman, PCF, 15; Thomas Cossey, IT, 5; Robert R. Davis, Safety, 10; Diane R. Parker, Human Resources, 10; Stephen W. Schmidt, Fuel, 20; Trevor J. Terwey, Development Services, 10.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley 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 27, 2025
- (b) Approval of the minutes of the Worksession of January 21, 2025
- (c) Approval of claims and payroll except the claim of Vaughan's Printing
- (d) Approval of the renewal of May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026 Liquor License Applications for the following: Class "B" Off Sale Beer - Family Dollar, Inc.; Class "D" Off Sale Beer, Wine, Spirits - Bosselman Pump & Pantry, Inc., Boys 3 MCP, Inc., Casey's Retail Company (3), CF Altitude, LLC, Cooperative Producers, Inc. (2), GNS Corporation (2), Hoff Brothers, Inc. (6), Walmart, Inc., Walgreen Company; Class "I" On Sale Beer, Wine, Spirits - AFJ, Inc., BPOE Lodge 159, Central Community College Area, El Puerto, LLC, Frew Enterprises, LLC, Golden Entertainment NE, Inc., Nebraska Softball Association, Ninja House, Inc., The Listening Room, Inc.; Class "K" Catering - BPOE Lodge 159, Central Community College Area, Steeple Brewing Company, LLC; Class "L" Craft Brewery - No Coast Brewing, LLC, Steeple Brewing Company, LLC; Class "M" Bottle Club - Jonathon D. Canterbury
- (e) Approval of the request of the Hastings Public Library to utilize city property for the Summer Reading Program Block Party event on May 31, 2025
- (f) Approval of the request of First Street Brewing Company to utilize city property for the Summer Sounds/Farmers Market event on June 19, 2025
- (g) Approval of the request of No Coast Brewing, LLC dba First Street Brewing Company for a Special Designated Liquor License for the Summer Sounds Concert/Farmers Market event on North St. Joseph Avenue between 1st Street and 2nd Street on June 19, 2025
- (h) Approval of the request of First Street Brewing Company to utilize city property for the Bags Tournament event on August 9, 2025
- (i) Approval of the request of No Coast Brewing, LLC dba First Street Brewing Company for a Special Designated Liquor License for a Bags Tournament event on North St. Joseph Avenue between 1st Street and the east-west alley dividing the block between 1st Street and 2nd Street on August 9, 2025
- (j) Approval of the request of First Street Brewing Company to utilize city property for the Do the Que' BBQ Festival event on August 22-23, 2025
- (k) Approval of the request of No Coast Brewing, LLC dba First Street Brewing Company for a Special Designated Liquor License for the Do The 'Que BBQ Festival on North St. Joseph Avenue between 1st Street and 2nd Street and on a portion of First Street on August 22 and 23, 2025
- (l) Approval of Work Order SW-382, establish fiber communications with Coal Train Pump Station (Maxon Lagoon Discharge) and with Academic Drive Liftstation
- (m) Approval of Work Order SW-383, Sanitary Sewer Connection District 2024-2 serving South Street west of Burlington Avenue 875' to 1425'

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

- (a) Approval of the claim of Vaughan's Printing in the amount of \$140.00. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Steve Huntley to approve the claim of Vaughan's Printing for the amount

of \$140.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Larry Consbruck, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Abstain: Esch. Absent: None. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Resolution No. 2025-04 approving US Highway 6 Improvement/Construction Supplemental Agreement No. 1. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Maggie Esch to approve Resolution No. 2025-04 US Highway 6 Improvement/Construction Supplemental Agreement No. 1. City Engineer Lee Vrooman reported that the City Council approved the original agreement with NDOT for the 5-lane design of the Hastings SE project on July 11, 2016. A Resolution of Support for the change to a 3-Lane road section and roundabout at Elm Ave and South St was approved by the City Council on April 10, 2023. The attached Supplemental Agreement No. 1 is an update to the original agreement. The Supplemental Agreement contains: Updates to project scope, NDOT pays 100% of Preliminary Engineering for the 3-Lane design, Updates construction schedule - 2026-2027, Details the 20% of project costs paid by the City, Provides a payment schedule. The agreement does not include any of the utility relocation costs for work the City will be performing or hiring contractors to perform. A separate cost share agreement with NDOT will be brought to Council for the utility relocations. 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) Resolution No. 2025-05 changing the start time of regular City Council Meetings and Work Sessions to 6:00 P.M. Moved by Larry Consbruck seconded by Michael Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2025-05 changing the time of Regular City Council Meetings and Work Sessions from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning March 10, 2025. Councilmember Steve Huntley reported that the change would make meetings more accessible to working residents, and the change would be reviewed in six months. Councilmember Marc Rowan requested that the public provide feedback on the change. City Administrator Funkey provided that the change would become effective in March, and the City would provide a press release to communicate with the public. 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.

(c) Resolution No. 2025-06 approving the plans, specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the Elm Meadows First Sub-Division Water, Sewer and Paving Project. Moved by Maggie Esch seconded by Matt Fong to approve Resolution No. 2025-06 approving the plans, specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the Elm Meadows First Sub-Division Water, Sewer and Paving Project. City Engineer Lee Vrooman reported that plans and specifications for Elm Meadows First Sub-Division water, sewer and paving have been completed and are included in the packet. Water, sewer and paving districts were created at the City Council meeting on November 12, 2024. The bid opening date for this work will be March 5, 2025. The plans and specifications are being brought before the Council because the project is part of a district. Councilmembers Anderson and Rowan affirmed with Lee Vrooman that property owners would be assessed for improvements excepting intersections and oversizing of water utilities. 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) Appointment of Troy Vorderstrasse as Fire Chief. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by

Larry Consbruck to approve the appointment of Troy Vorderstrasse as Fire Chief. 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) Appointment of Brianna Weichel as Library Director. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve the appointment of Brianna Weichel as Library Director. 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 (if necessary or requested). Moved by Larry Consbruck seconded by Steve Huntley to go into executive session to discuss an existing agreement and for the further reason that the executive session is necessary for the protection of the public interest, and asked for discussion. Mayor Beckby stated that the pending motion is to go into executive session to discuss an existing agreement and for the further reason that the executive session is necessary for the protection of the public interest. 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. Mayor Beckby stated that the motion to go into executive session to discuss an existing agreement and for the further reason that the executive session is necessary for the protection of the public interest has been approved. Discussion will be limited to discussing an existing agreement. No official actions or votes will be taken during the executive session. Time in: 5:56 p.m. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to come out of executive session where no official actions or votes were taken. 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. Time out: 6:51 p.m.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Matt Fong there being no further business before the Council to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong, Marc Rowan. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

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