

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

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, March 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 6:00 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Beckby with the following members present: Larry Consbruck, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Marc Rowan, Maggie Esch, Matt Fong. Absent: Brian Hoffman. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator, Mark Funkey; City Attorney, Jesse Oswald; City Clerk, Tyler Ficken; Police Chief, Adam Story; Fire Chief, Troy Vorderstrasse; Parks & Recreation Director, Jeff Hassenstab; Utility Manager, Derek Zeisler; 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; 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 Larry Consbruck seconded by Steve Huntley to adopt current agenda for March 10, 2025, Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Brian Hoffman. The motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Reports of Liaisons. Marc Rowan reported on the Airport Advisory Board Meeting and appreciated their efforts for promote activities at the Airport such as the hamburger feed.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Service Anniversaries. Mayor Beckby recognized service anniversaries for Richard L Utter Jr., Street, 20; Trevin Sebek, IT, 5; Aaron J Beye, Operations, 10; Amanda Scott, Police, 5; Derek Pfeifer, Operations, 5.

Mayor's State of the City Address. Mayor Beckby delivered the annual State of the City address.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

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

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of February 24, 2025
- (b) Approval of the minutes of the Worksession of February 17, 2025
- (c) Approval of claims and payroll
- (d) Approval of the request of The Nebraska Chapter of the Antique Airplane

Association to utilize city property for the Last Saturday Monthly Burger Cookout to be held at the Airport from March 29, 2025 to October 25, 2025 on the last Saturday of each month.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

(a) Presentation of the Financial Audit for the City of Hastings ending September 30, 2024 - AMGL, P.C. Marcy Luth of AMGL, P.C. presented the audit report to the City Council; the audit opinion is unmodified, indicating no significant issues. Councilmember Marc Rowan commented on the sales tax and property tax ratio; lower sales tax revenue necessitates a higher property tax. Councilmember Larry Consbruck inquired regarding category 10 electric operating loss. Marcy Luth provided that operating expenses outpaced revenue which historically has varied from year to year. Mayor Beckby inquired about sales

tax receipts as compared to peer communities. March Luth Provided that peer communities collect \$526 per person while the City of Hastings collects \$385 per person. Councilmember Huntley added that the sales numbers are contributing to the property tax rate, and inquired regarding the depth of the audit. Marcy Luth provided that the auditors were on site for two days with eight auditors working in the City financial systems.

(b) Approval of an application from the Community Redevelopment Authority for Community Development Block Grant Downtown Revitalization Forgivable Loan Funding in the amount of \$435,000 for the building at 405 W. 2nd Street. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to approve the application from the Community Development Authority for CDBG Downtown Revitalization Forgivable Loan funding for a facade project at 405 W. 2nd in the amount of \$435,000. Randy Chick discussed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and its impact on downtown revitalization, and the receipt of \$435,000 in CDBG funds for facade improvements on the building at 405 West Center Street. The funding was originally intended for the building next to Bert's Pharmacy, but the building was demolished. Using the funds at the former Pacha Soap and Big G location for new windows and facade improvements will make it more marketable for a future project. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Brian Hoffman. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Ordinance No. 4788 creating Street Improvement District 2025-1 Lochland Meadows Subdivision Number 17. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Ordinances No. 4788, No. 4789, and No. 4790 approving extensions for Lochland Meadows Subdivision Number 17. City Engineer Lee Vrooman reported that Johnson Imperial Homes has requested the construction of the street, water, and gas improvements for Lochland Meadows Subdivision Number 17. This ordinance will create Street Improvement District 2025-1. The project consists of 6" thick, 31-foot-wide concrete paving with curb and gutter and storm sewer for Quail Ridge Avenue from the end of existing paving to 567 feet north, White Wolf Street from 175 feet west of the intersection of White Wolf Street and Quail Ridge Avenue to 140 feet east of the intersection of White Wolf Street and Mallard Way Avenue, Mallard Way Avenue from the end of existing paving to 938 feet north. The water will connect to existing 8" water mains on both Mallard Way and Quail Ridge and loop around the development, and the gas will connect to an existing 2" gas main and loop around the development. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Brian Hoffman. The motion carried. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Larry

Consbruck to approve Ordinances No. 4788, No. 4789, and No. 4790 on second and final reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Brian Hoffman. The motion carried.

(b) Ordinance No. 4789 creating Water Extension District 2025-1 Lochland Meadows Subdivision Number 17

(c) Ordinance No. 4790 creating Gas Extension District 2025-1 Lochland Meadows Subdivision Number 17

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.

None.

7. Appointments.

(a) Appointments to City Planning Commission. Moved by Larry Consbruck seconded by Steve Huntley to approve the appointments of Shawn Rossi and Joe Kindig to the Planning Commission. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Brian Hoffman. The motion carried.

(b) Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Maggie Esch to approve the appointment of Tony Harmon to the Business Improvement District. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Brian Hoffman. The motion carried. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Maggie Esch to approve William Locke, Jane Marie, and Joe Kindig to the Tree Board. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Brian Hoffman. The motion carried.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

(a) Senior center update. Jinx Hackler representing the senior citizens, expressed gratitude for the current senior center facilities. She highlighted the need for a larger kitchen and dining area to accommodate the growing senior population; she expressed the need for seniors to have a beautiful facility of their own. Mayor Beckby acknowledged the concerns and confirmed active conversations to address the issue sooner rather than later.

9. Possible Closed Session (if necessary or requested).

None.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Brad Consbruck there being no further business before the Council to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Matt Fong. Nays: Marc Rowan. Absent: Brain Hoffman. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

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