CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 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 May 27, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, Matt Fong. Absent: Brian Hoffman. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator, Mark Funkey; City Attorney, Jesse Oswald; City Clerk, Tyler Ficken; Fire Chief, Troy Vorderstrasse; Parks & Recreation Director, Jeff Hassenstab; Utility Manager, Derek Zeisler; Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson; Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman; Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Library Director, Kelly Reisig; Director of Finance/City Treasurer, Roger Nash; Environmental Director, Marty Stange; Safety Director, Trent Clark; Public Information Manager; Tony Herrman; 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 the current agenda. 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.

Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, May 23, 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.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:
Councilmember Rowan recognized Carter Park as a great place to play pickleball and acknowledged the wonderful Memorial Day event he attended. Councilmember Huntley provided that he and Councilmember Anderson would be hosting a Micro TIF event on June 3, 2025, at 6:30 PM located at the south fire station.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:
None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:
Mayor Beckby stated that it was an honor to speak at the Memorial Day event. He attended an event at MPH Motorsport Park Hastings; it is a fine facility with some great racing and encouraged the public to visit.

CONSENT AGENDA:
1. <u>All Consent Items.</u>
Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Larry Consbruck to approve all consent items. 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 May 12, 2025
(b) Approval of claims and payroll
(c) Approval of Work Order WA-136, Water Extension District 2025-1 to serve Lochland Meadows 17th Addition
(d) Approval of Work Order PL-640, improve the Whelan Energy Center 1 reheat desuperheater spray station
(e) Approval of the request of the Hastings Masonic Center to utilize city property for the Hastings Veterans Parade on November 1, 2025
(f) Approval of the request of the Kool-Aid Days-Adams County Agricultural Society to utilize city property for the Kool-Aid Days Fun Run on August 17, 2025
(g) Approval of the request of the Adams County Agricultural Society to utilize city property for the Kool-Aid Days Parade on August 16, 2025
(h) Approval of Dutton-Lainson's permit to occupy or use a portion of the City street right-of-way

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. <u>Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.</u>
None.

3. <u>Public Hearings.</u>
None.

4. <u>General Business.</u>

(a) Approval of the agreement with NLC, LLC for concrete pavement repair at the intersection of Woodland Avenue and D Street and D Street from Woodland Avenue to Emerson Avenue. Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Michael Anderson to approve the agreement with NLC, LLC for Concrete Pavement Repair - Intersection of Woodland Ave & D Street and D Street from Woodland Ave to Emerson Ave. Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman reported that bids for the Concrete Pavement Repair at the Intersection of Woodland Ave and D St. and D St. from Woodland Ave to Emerson Ave were opened on May 7, 2025. The City received four bids with NLC, LLC of York, NE, being the low bidder. The bid was $12,000 over what was budgeted due to a change in scope. The scope of the patching that was needed as plans were finalized was more than anticipated when the budget was set. There is room in the Street Sales Tax fund to cover the amount. The bid did come in under the engineer's estimate of $210,282. NLC has two other projects with the City that will be completed during the summer. The project will be completed in conjunction with those. Councilmember Anderson asked how the bid was so much lower than the estimate. Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman provided that the Engineering Department uses historic prices, and the City has been receiving very good prices. Councilmember Huntley asked how construction could impact events in the Brickyard Park area. Director of Engineering Lee Vrooman stated that he would work with Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hassestab on keeping parking available. Councilmembers Brad Consbruck and Michael Anderson withdrew their motion and second so that the agreement amount could be included. Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Michael Anderson to approve agreement with NLC, LLC for Concrete Pavement Repair - Intersection of Woodland Ave & D Street and D Street from Woodland Ave to Emerson Ave in the amount of $162,028.65. 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) Approval of a request for revision of program guidelines to expand boundaries for the Community Development Block Grant contract 24-DTR-004, Downtown Revitalization. Moved by Maggie Esch seconded by Matt Fong a request for revision of program guidelines to expand boundaries for the Community Development Block Grant contract 24-DTR-004, Downtown Revitalization. Community Redevelopment Director, Randy Chick provided that this request is regarding the community development block grant funding that the City was awarded in December 2024. It was a $400,000 grant, with the CRA providing the local match. The request is to expand boundaries; a map has been provided to the Council. The City and CRA have done some significant projects with the program. One of the requirements is to spend at least twice the amount received in grant funds, which necessitates major renovations; Community Redevelopment Director, Randy Chick provided the example of the Pacha Soap project at 405, West 2nd St. The Old Middle School would be a large project within the proposed boundary and would be a targeted project; windows and doors are expected to cost close to $900,000 with an estimated project cost of $15 million. An application for the project has not been received, but approval as requested would extend the boundary to include the project. There was an effort to exclude tax-exempt properties from the boundary. Councilmember Rowan inquired about the post office building. Community Redevelopment Director, Randy Chick stated that the post office property is privately owned. Councilmember Anderson asked if a project under current construction could qualify. Community Redevelopment Director, Randy Chick stated that the project would need to meet established HUD guidelines including Davis Bacon Wages, and it would be challenging without guidance from the grant administrator at the beginning of the 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. 4801 authorizing the sale of City property to Quirk Land & Cattle Company in the amount of $2,985.40 and delivering a quitclaim deed to the property. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Ordinance No. 4801 authorizing the sale of City property to Quirk Land & Cattle Company in the amount of $2,985.40 and delivering a quitclaim deed to the property on first reading. City Attorney, Jesse Oswald reported that the property is a former well site which was decommissioned in 2021. The property is owned on three sides by the purchaser. 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. Councilmember Matt Fong 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 Councilmembers voted Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Brian Hoffman. 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) Ordinance No. 4800 amending Section 2-206 of the Official Hastings City Code establishing an additional work session and amending Section 2-308 of the Official Hastings City Code establishing State of the City Address (Second and possible Final Reading). Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Ordinance No. 4800 amending Section 2-206 of the Official Hastings City Code establishing an additional work session and amending Section 2-308 of the Official Hastings City Code establishing State of the City Address on second 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. Councilmember Matt Fong 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 Councilmembers voted Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Brian Hoffman. 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.

None.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

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

None.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Matt Fong there being no further business before the Council to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Matt Fong. Nays: Marc Rowan. Absent: Brian Brian Hoffman. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

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George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

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