

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, June 9, 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 June 9, 2025.

Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, June 6, 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: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. 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; Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson; Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman; City Planner, Ember Batelaan; Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Library Director, Kelly Reisig; Director of Finance/City Treasurer, Roger Nash; Technology Director, Erik Nielsen; 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 Brad Consbruck seconded by Matt Fong to adopt the current agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. The motion carried.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:**

Councilmembers Huntley and Anderson provided information on the Micro TIF open house that was held on June 3, 2025. Councilmember Fong welcomed the new Library Director Kelly Reisig and provided information on the summer reading program.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Terry Anstine spoke in support of ordinances 4804, 4805, 4806 and 4807.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

Service Anniversaries: Jacob Hoagland, Solid Waste, 5; Ryan Hoover, Electric, 5; Brenden Scherbarth, Gas, 30; Ryan Hofmann, Instrument, 10; Zebulon Brockmann, Electric, 5; Wayne Kimminau, Operations, 10.

**CONSENT AGENDA:****1. All Consent Items.**

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

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of May 27, 2025
- (b) Approval of the minutes of the Worksession of May 19, 2025
- (c) Approval of claims and payroll
- (d) Approval of Work Order EL-308, new OH transformer bank for new CPI ground grain storage site east of Prospect Avenue and south of 7th Street
- (e) Approval of Work Order No. EL-307, installation of single-phase underground electric lines and padmount transformers to serve the new Elm Meadows single-family residential development southwest of 23rd Street and Elm Avenue
- (f) Approval of Work Order WA-123, replace and upgrade existing 4" water main with an 8" water main on 6th Street, Eastside Boulevard to 2nd Avenue
- (g) Approval of the request of Hastings Unique Bicyclists to utilize city property for the Kool-Aid Classic Bicycle Tour on August 16, 2025
- (h) Approval of the request of Hastings Public Schools to utilize city property for the Hit the Ground Running Fun Run/Walk on August 19, 2025
- (i) Approval of the request of the Hastings Catholic Church to utilize city property for a Procession on June 22, 2025
- (j) Approval of the request of Downtown Market/Jessi Hoeft to utilize city property for the Downtown Market event to be held June 12, 2025 - August 7, 2025 (This event is pending adequate Certificate of Insurance.)

**REGULAR AGENDA:****2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.**

None.

### 3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public hearing regarding amendments to Section 34-309 - Signs, Article VI - Nonconformities, and Section 34-314 - Small Wind Energy Systems of the Official Hastings City Code. Ordinance No. 4802 amending Section 34-309 - Signs, Article VI - Nonconformities, and Section 34-314 - Small Wind Energy Systems of the Official Hastings City Code. Mayor Beckby opened the public hearing to those in favor and in opposition to the proposal. No comments were received and Mayor Beckby closed the public hearing. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Michael Anderson to approve Ordinance No. 4802 to update Section 34-309. Signs, Article VI. Nonconformities, and 34-314. Small Wind Energy Systems of the City's Code of Ordinance. City Planner, Ember Batelaan reported on the proposed amendments; staff proposed the amendments to the Planning Commission, which voted 6-1 to approve. Council Member Anderson inquired about enforcement of the sign regulations. City Planner, Ember Batelaan provided that if the sign presented a danger, it would be an issue for code enforcement. Council Member Huntley inquired about a reference to the Board of Public Works. City Attorney Jesse Oswald stated that the item could be revised and brought to a future meeting. Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Steve Huntley table the item for corrections to be made. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. The motion carried.

(b) Public hearing on the request of Engel Construction Inc. to annex property generally located southeast of the intersection of Fisherman Lane and Outrigger Avenue. Ordinance No. 4803 extending the boundaries and including within the corporate limits of and annexing to the City of Hastings property generally located southeast of the intersection of Fisherman Lane and Outrigger Avenue in Cimarron Meadows 13th Addition. Mayor Beckby opened the public hearing to those in favor and in opposition to the proposal. No comments were received, and Mayor Beckby closed the public hearing. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Matt Fong to approve Ordinance No. 4803 to annex property generally located southeast of the intersection of Fisherman Ln and Outrigger Ave, in the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. City Planner, Ember Batelaan reported that this is a request for annexation of half an acre for the development of single-family homes which would match the character of the homes in the neighborhood. The property is adjacent to the corporate limits and generally conforms with the comprehensive plan and can be served by existing infrastructure. Staff recommended approval to the Planning Commission, which recommended approval 7-0. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. The motion carried.

(c) Approval of the final plat for Cimarron Meadows 13th Addition. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson to approve the Final Plat of the Cimarron Meadows 13th Addition. City Planner, Ember Batelaan reported that the final plat generally conforms with the comprehensive plan, zoning regulations, has adequate and appropriate access, and the public infrastructure is appropriate for current and future developments. Staff presented the final plat to the Planning Commission which voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the final plat for Cimarron Meadows 13th Addition Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. The motion carried.

4. General Business.

(a) Approval of the preliminary plat for Cedar Park Subdivision. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to approve the Preliminary Plat for the Cedar Park Subdivision. City Planner, Ember Batelaan reported that the preliminary plat generally conforms with the comprehensive plan and conforms with the Medium Density Residential land use category, conforms with applicable zoning regulations, provides adequate access and design of the public infrastructure meets the City's minimum standards; the developer will be paving South Cedar. The Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the preliminary plat for Cedar Park Subdivision. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Ordinance No. 4804 vacating St. Joseph Avenue between the north right-of-way line of west South Street and the south line of the Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way all located in Hastings, Nebraska. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Ordinance No. 4804 Vacating St Joseph Avenue between the north Right-of-Way line of west South Street and the south line of the Burlington Northern Railroad Right-of-Way all located in Hastings, Nebraska. Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman stated that his report for this item would address the following four ordinances. Vacation of the St. Joseph Ave. will allow Bruckman Rubber to install a larger nitrogen tank which would replace the existing tank that sits on the west side of their business (east side of St. Joseph). If approved, the vacated street will be conveyed to Bruckman Rubber except for the half of the street that is adjacent to Kully Pipe and Steel which will be conveyed to them. A private access agreement will be required for the vacated street so that all parties

can access their buildings. Bruckman Rubber has a phased plan for expansion. Work in 2025-2026 includes the vacation of St. Joseph Avenue and then the expansion of the nitrogen tank along with the possible vacation and conveyance of the north/south alley between St. Joseph and Kansas Avenues. Bruckman Rubber and Robert Wallace own both sides of the alley in its entirety. Closure of the alley helps Bruckman Rubber ensure the safety of their employees that cross the alley many times a day. Work in 2026-2027 would include the construction of Building #1. Work in 2028-2029 per Bruckman Rubber's strategic plan includes the possible purchase of the City parking lot to further expand the business and construction of Building #2. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 with one abstention to recommend approval. Councilmember Fong asked when this portion of street would have last been a thoroughfare. Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman replied that it had been a long time going back to the original 1887 plat of the City. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. The motion carried. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brian Hoffman to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 4804 and take to second and final reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. 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) Ordinance No. 4805 authorizing the conveyance of St. Joseph Avenue between the north right-of-way line of west South Street and the south line of the Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way, all located in Hastings, Nebraska. Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Michael Anderson to approve Ordinance No. 4805 authorizing the conveyance of St Joseph Avenue between the north Right-of-Way line of west South Street and the south line of the Burlington Northern Railroad Right-of-Way, all located in Hastings, Nebraska. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. The motion carried. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 4805 and take to second and final reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. 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.

(c) Ordinance No. 4806 vacating the entire 14-foot alley extending north and south within Block 26, of the Original Town of Hastings, to the City of Hastings, Nebraska. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Matt Fong to approve Ordinance No. 4806 Vacating the entire 14-foot alley extending north and south within Block 26, of the original town of Hastings, to the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. The motion carried. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brian Hoffman to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 4806 and take to second and final reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. 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.

(d) Ordinance No. 4807 authorizing the conveyance of the entire 14-foot alley extending north and south within Block 26, of the Original Town of Hastings, to the City of Hastings, Nebraska. Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Ordinance No. 4807 Authorizing the conveyance of the entire 14-foot alley extending north and south within Block 26, of the original town of Hastings, to the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. The motion carried. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brian Hoffman to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 4807 and take to second and final reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. 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) Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve the proposed slate of appointments. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: Marc Rowan. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. The motion carried.

8. Miscellaneous and Other Business.

None.

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

None.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson there being no further business before the Council to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: Marc Rowan. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch. 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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