

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, October 23, 2017

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 220 N. Hastings Avenue, on October 23, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Stutte with the following members present: Butch Eley, Ginny Skutnik, John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Sarah Hoops, Jeniffer Beahm, Scott Snell. Absent: None.

The Mayor led the group in recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik to adopt current agenda for October 23, 2017 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Stutte read the Public Notice - 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 located at the back of the Council Chambers. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers which is accessible to members of the public.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:**

Councilmember Odom reminded everyone of the Veterans Recognition Parade on November 4, 2017 in downtown Hastings and indicated all veterans are welcome to participate but that you do not have to be a veteran to participate. He stated that the parade is a way to say thank you to our veterans.

Councilmember Skutnik reported that the Museum Board met and they are busy re-establishing themselves in the space vacated by the Library.

Councilmember Hoops commented on the Library ribbon cutting for the grand re-opening. She talked about the transformation and thanked Library and other City Staff for their hard work and help.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Stutte welcomed Kevin Johnson, new Utilities Manager, to Hastings.

Mayor Stutte congratulated the Library on their new space and stated it was a great facility for the City of Hastings and that much of the funding for this project came out of the half cent sales tax which has just recently been renewed.

Mayor Stutte stated Hastings Police Department has been busy over the past few months and he thanked them for all they have been doing.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Sarah Hoops to approve all consent items as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of October 9, 2017

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

(c) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly reports

(d) Approval of the request of Business Improvement District to utilize city streets for the Annual Celebration of Lights on November 16, 2017

(e) Approval of Work Order GA-326

(f) Approval of Work Order EL-402

#### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

##### **4. General Business.**

(a) Moved by John Harrington seconded by Paul Hamelink to approve directing the City Engineer to cause placement of handicap stalls and signs at: North Denver Avenue adjacent to Lot 10, Block 16 Original Town Addition (Hastings Library) and the north side of 4th Street adjacent to Lots 15, 16, Block 9 Original Town Addition (Adams County Court House).

Dave Wacker, City Engineer, explained that the handicap space by the Library had already been in place and that the other handicap stall is located on the south side of the Adams County Courthouse.

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(b) Steve Kostner, Street Superintendent, reviewed the 2017 City of Hastings Snow Removal Plan with City Council. (Attached and made part of original minutes.)

Councilmember Snell stated he appreciates all the Street Department does with the resources that they have.

Councilmember Odom questioned if contractors to help with snow removal are hard to get.

Mr. Kostner indicated they don't have any large contracting firms that are currently helping.

Councilmember Odom asked if that was due to the potential for damage to their equipment.

Mr. Kostner stated that could be some of it and also possibly wages could be a factor.

Councilmember Odom questioned the use of the liquid ice melt that is being used in some places and whether we are using it.

Mr. Kostner explained that the brine that some places use is highly corrosive to roads and cars and can be costly. He indicated he felt it is not nearly as effective as people are saying and that he didn't feel the City had the resources or manpower to use it.

Councilmember Odom stated he felt the Street Department and other City departments that help with snow removal, do a great job and have a good policy and program in place.

Councilmember Eley agreed that the Street Department does a great job and his only concern was getting the word out to downtown residents to get cars moved off the streets and wondered

if there is any type of notification that could be used to inform people. He suggested circulating flyers now before snow removal begins.

Mayor Stutte suggested social media notification as a way to reach individuals.

Councilmember Skutnik suggested printing the snow routes in the Tribune.

#### 5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Ordinance No. 4533 creating a street improvement district within the City of Hastings to be known as Street Improvement District No. 2017-2, Osborne Drive West and Foundation Place (cul-de-sac).

Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Councilmember Phil Odom moved for passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember John Harrington.

Mr. Wacker stated this is a request from Johnson Imperial Homes, Company and that they wish to use the developer incentive program that was recently passed by Council.

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4533 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Ginny Skutnik moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Scott Snell seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. 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 passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted upon second and final reading and the Mayor signed and approved the ordinance. City Clerk attested the passage approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto. Published in the Hastings Tribune on October 27, 2017. Effective date of the ordinance is November 8, 2017.

(b) Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve Resolution No. 2017-47 approving plans, specifications and estimate of cost for Alley Improvement District No. 2017-1 (Alley from North Colorado Avenue east to North Minnesota Avenue including intersections) and directing the advertisement for bids. Mr. Wacker gave the staff report and explained that this is a developer requested district in connection with the Brewery Lofts Project. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(c) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by John Harrington to approve Resolution No. 2017-48 accepting the plat and schedule of assessments as prepared by the City Engineer for special assessments proposed to be levied in Street Improvement District No. 2016-2, Fox Run Street, Mallard Way Avenue, and Dovetail Circle in Lochland Meadows Subdivision Number 10. Mr. Wacker gave the staff report and stated that this project was initially requested by Johnson Imperial Homes, Company. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

(d) Moved by Sarah Hoops seconded by Butch Eley to approve Resolution No. 2017-49 accepting the plat and schedule of assessments as prepared by the City Engineer for special assessments proposed to be levied in Alley Improvement District No. 2013-1, 1st to 2nd Street, Kansas to St. Joseph Avenue. Mr. Wacker gave the staff report. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Scott Snell there being no further business to come before the Council the meeting be adjourned at 6:10 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

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Corey Stutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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