

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 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 October 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, Brian Hoffman, Maggie Esch, Larry Consbruck, Brad Consbruck, Matt Fong, Marc Rowan. Absent: none. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator, Mark Funkey; City Attorney, Jesse Oswald; City Clerk, Tyler Ficken; Fire Chief, Troy Vorderstrasse; Utility Manager, Derek Zeisler; Parks & Recreation Director, Jeff Hassenstab; Development Services Director, Kevin Kubo; City Planner, Ember Batelaan; Library Director, Kelly Reisig; Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson; Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Director of Finance/City Treasurer, Roger Nash; Technology Director, Erik Nielsen; Public Information Manager; Tony Herrman; Information Technology, Kirk Layton; Safety Director, Trent Clark; Airport Manager, Matt Kuhr.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Larry Consbruck to adopt the current agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: Marc Rowan. Absent: None. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, October 24, 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 Fong commented on the Library pumpkin painting event, trunk or treat and library foundation. Councilmember Rowan expressed his appreciation for the Museum's gift shop books about history. Councilmember Anderson thanked the public for their communication.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Rich Wilton thanked the City Council. Anjanette Bonham and Danielle Williams expressed support for the public art plan.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Marc Rowan seconded by Matt Fong to approve the consent agenda excepting item (k). Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, 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 October 13, 2025
- (b) Approval of claims and payroll
- (c) Approval of submittal of grants for Heartbeat Creative District
- (d) Approval of Work Order SW-385, Pollution Control Facility Bio Solids Lagoon Recirculation and Application Pump Station
- (e) Approval of Work Order SW-387, Pollution Control Facility Influent Pump Station
- (f) Approval of Work Order EL-271, installation of a 3 Phase UGD electric line and transformer to serve a new car wash business at 905 Hill Street
- (g) Approval of Work Order EL-283, purchase 115/13.8KV substation transformer (spare)
- (h) Approval of Work Order GA-391, installing EZRs in reg sets at 18th and Baltimore; 1st and Laird; Baltimore and UPPR
- (i) Approval of Work Order SW-386, Pollution Control Facility solids pump building
- (j) Approval of Work Order PL-642, motor control center 1G located in Whelan Energy Center Unit 1 chemical feed building
- (k) Approval of the manager application of Deanna Fuchs in connection with the Class "D" Liquor License of CF Altitude, LLC dba "ALTA #6216" located at 500 S. Burlington Avenue. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Steve Huntley to approve the manager application of Deanne Fuchs in connection with the Class "D" Liquor License of CF Altitude, LLC dba "ALTA #6216" located at 500 S. Burlington Avenue. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
- (l) Approval of NNS Service Agreement with Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC for storage and transportation services

(m) Approval of invoice in the amount \$19,665.96 from the Community Redevelopment Authority for work completed at 405 W. 2nd Street for the Community Development Block Grant Project 21-DTR-007, Downtown Revitalization

(n) Approval of request for Community Development Block Grant funds, Drawdown #12, in the amount of \$19,665.96 for project activity work completed to date for Community Development Block Grant Project 21-DTR-007, Downtown Revitalization

(o) Approval of Farris Construction Company permit to occupy or use a portion of the City street right-of-way at D Street east of Ross Avenue

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None

3. Public Hearings.

None

4. General Business.

(a) Approval of Duncan Field Ballpark Lease Agreement with Sodbusters' new owners. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Steve Huntley to approve the Duncan Field Lease Agreement between Hastings Sports LLC and the City of Hastings. Parks & Recreation Director, Jeff Hassenstab reported that the Hastings Sodbusters recently had a change in ownership, and the new 3-year lease is being presented with the new owners signing off on the lease. The terms of the lease remain the same, and the Sodbusters have been a great tenant for Duncan Field and bring an entertainment value to the community. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Resolution No. 2025-39 adopting the Heartbeat Creative District's Public Art and Creative Placemaking Plan. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Maggie Esch to approve Resolution No. 2025-39 adopting the Heartbeat Creative District's Public Art & Creative Placemaking Plan. City Planner, Ember Batelaan and Business Improvement Director, Lily Teeple reported that the proposed district is tremendous opportunity for the City of Hastings to add another layer to our downtown by creating economic incentives and bringing additional art to the Creative District, including the downtown area. The Heartbeat Creative District is in the process of implementing its Strategic Plan with the adoption of a Public Art & Creative Placemaking Plan. The intent of this plan is to clarify the process by which artists will be selected for public art projects as well as identify locations for

potential public art projects. The approval of this plan will streamline the process for approval of public art projects as well as support future grant applications.

Councilmember B. Consbruck inquired about the review process. City Planner, Ember Batelaan provided that the uniform traffic code would be followed and the art would receive multiple levels of review. Councilmember Rowan expressed concern regarding painted surfaces that could become slick for motorists. City Planner, Ember Batelaan stated that there would be a review of different types of paint, and projects will begin on First Street where there is less traffic. Councilmember Huntley asked how long an artwork would last. Business Improvement Director, Lily Teeple stated that the artwork is expected to last six months to one year before fading occurs and maintenance is addressed in the art plan. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(b) Resolution No. 2025-40 adopting and approving the execution of a State Grant Agreement for Project No. 3-31-0040-021/022/023-2025 (Apron Project). Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Maggie Esch to approve Resolution 2025-40 Adopting and Approving the execution of a State Grant Agreement for Project No. 3-31-0040-021/022/023-2025. Airport Manager, Matt Kuhr reported that the grant agreement will reduce the amount of the City's match for the project. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(c) Resolution No. 2025-41 approving the revised City of Hastings Employee Handbook. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Resolution No. 2025-41 approving the revised Hastings Employee Handbook. Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman reported that the revision to the handbook removes the clothing allowance for employees and required post-accident drug testing. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(d) Ordinance No. 4815 amending Section 50 - Traffic and Vehicles - of the Official Hastings City Code to include Section 50-704 regarding E-Scooter, E-Bikes, and Hoverboards. Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve Ordinance No. 4815 amending the City's Code of Ordinance to include Section 50-704 establishing lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, and hoverboard usage on public property. City Attorney, Jesse Oswald reviewed the proposed changes, including adding a light requirement, allowing use from sunset to sunrise, and adjusting speed limits on trails. Councilmember B. Consbruck

inquired about striping the trails to separate pedestrians and motorbikes. Parks & Recreation Director, Jeff Hassenstab has seen striping done, and added that per the trail rules, you are supposed to audibly alert, passing on the left, when passing on the trails. Councilmember Hoffman expressed a desire to adjust the 15mph speed limit; the trails are designed for exercise and bicycles commonly exceed 15mph. Councilmember Esch asked when the education component would begin. City Administrator, Mark Funkey stated that following the approval of the ordinance and 15 days for implementation, school resource officers would begin shortly thereafter. Councilmembers Hoffman and Huntley expressed a desire to amend the ordinance to keep the units off 2nd Street rather than the entire business district. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.
None.

7. Appointments.
(a) Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Maggie Esch to approve appointment to boards and commissions. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, 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).
None.

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Beckby adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

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