

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 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 November 10, 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; Police Chief, Adam Story; Utility Manager, Derek Zeisler; Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman; Development Services Director, Kevin Kubo; 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.

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, 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, November 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.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Councilmember Fond discussed the success of the Library Trunk-or-Treat event and planning for next year. Councilmember Hoffman discussed the Ward 4 Town Hall meeting scheduled for November 18, 2025, beginning at 6pm at the Hastings College Wilson Center. Councilmember Huntley discussed with Development Services Director, Kevin Kubo the open houses in pursuit of Certified Local Government status which will allow access to resources for historic preservation. Councilmember Anderson thanked community members for attending the meeting given the colder conditions, and feedback from the public.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Service Anniversaries: Scott Rust, Operations, 25; James Schuyler, Electric, 15; James Golick, Engineering, 15; Randy Ruxton, Electric, 25.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Matt Fong to approve all consent items. 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 27, 2025
- (b) Approval of the minutes of the Worksession of October 20, 2025
- (c) Approval of claims and payroll
- (d) Approval of Work Order GA-392, Don Henry gas meter replacement
- (e) Approval of Work Order WA-137, new 8" water main for fire protection of K & K Plaza at East Park Street and 4th Avenue
- (f) Approval of Work Order PL-643, replacement of Motor Control Center for North Denver Station Unit 5 turbine area
- (g) Approval of Work Order WA-140, upgrade communications, hardware and software at North Baltimore Reverse Osmosis Treatment Facility
- (h) Approval of the manager application of Lily S. Teeple in connection with the existing Class "I" Liquor License of The Listening Room, Inc. dba "The Lark and The Listening Room" located at 809 W. 2nd Street

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.
None.

3. Public Hearings.
None.

4. General Business.

(a) Presentation on Community Action Plan - Michele Bever, South Heartland District Health Department Director. Michelle Bever, Director of the South Heartland District Health Department presented the Community Health Improvement Plan. It includes priorities for the next six years in Adams, Clay, Nuckolls and Webster Counties; input was received from community members to develop the plan. Mental Wellbeing, Chronic Disease Conditions and Senior Health were identified as priorities, and the plan provides strategies to address those priorities.

(b) Approval of the agreement with The Diamond Engineering Co. for the K & K and Nebraskan Mobile Parks fire main. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Larry Consbruck to approve agreement with The Diamond Engineering Co. for the K & K and Nebraskan Mobile Parks Fire Main in the amount of \$274,222.45. Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman reported that the work is for the CDBG grant that was awarded to the City to install fire main in the K&K and Nebraskan Mobile Parks. Bids were opened on October 15th with The Diamond Engineering Co. being the low bid at \$274,222.45. All work under this contract will be paid for through the grant or the

required grant match from the park's owner, Lone Vista, LLC; there will be no cost to the City. Councilmember Huntley asked if there would be additional projects. Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman, said that it would not be next year but possible the following year. 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) Approval of the final plat for the Ponderosa Park Subdivision. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Maggie Esch to approve the Final Plat for the Ponderosa Park Subdivision. Director of Development Services, Kevin Kubo reported that the existing building will be demolished, and a medical facility will be built on Lot 1 of the proposed plat. The plat aligns with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan and future land use map, conforms with applicable zoning regulations, there is adequate and appropriate access, and the design of the public infrastructure meets minimum standards. The Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval to the City Council. Mayor Beckby asked if there was a plan for TIF submitted with this item. Director of Development Services, Kevin Kubo responded in the affirmative and discussed further with the Mayor that the applicant could pursue TIF on the additional lots also; the area is within a redevelopment district which has been determined to be blighted and substandard. Councilmember Rowan confirmed with Director of Development Services, Kevin Kubo that dollars in addition to those previously approved could be approved for lots 2 & 3. 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. 2025-42 authorizing execution of agreement with Nebraska Department of Transportation for Traffic Control Device Maintenance for traffic signals on US Highway 34. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2025-42 Agreement with NDOT for Traffic Control Device Maintenance for traffic signals on US Hwy 34. Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman reported that the agreement defines maintenance responsibilities for the traffic signals at Kansas Avenue, 33rd Street, and 42nd Street on Hwy 34/Burlington Avenue. The City is responsible for maintenance outside the controller box. The NDOT maintains everything within the controller box. This is the same arrangement as the other traffic signals on Burlington Avenue. These are the only 3 signals that were not included in the previous agreements. Councilmember Rowan confirmed with Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman that these would be the final traffic signals. 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) Amended Ordinance No. 4815 enacting Section 50-704 regarding E-Scooter, E-Bikes, and Hoverboards (Second and Possible Final Reading). Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Brad Consbruck to approve the amended Ordinance No. 4815 enacting Section 50-704 establishing lightweight e-scooter, e-bike, and hoverboard usage on public property. City Attorney, Jesse Oswald provided updates to the ordinance addressing mobility scooter use, the prohibition of the use of lightweight e-

scooter, e-bike, and hoverboard on 2nd Street from Burlington Ave. east to Minnesota Ave., people are allowed to cross 2nd Street at marked intersections and the replacement of the 15mph speed limit on the hike and bike trail with safe and reasonable speed. Councilmember Rowan asked for confirmation that the Police Department is comfortable with the Ordinance, and City Administrator, Mark Funkey confirmed. Councilmember Esch inquired with staff about the school education component. Police Chief, Adam Story provided that education would begin with social media, media interviews and working on school interactions. City Attorney, Jesse Oswald added that a map showing areas of restricted use has been created by Lindsey Stone in the Engineering Department which will help with education. Councilmember Hoffman added that Hastings College should also be included due to the number of guests in the community. Mayor Beckby added that education at the time of a violation is also an important part, and discussed diversion following multiple offenses as opposed to impoundment and destruction. Police Chief, Adam Story provided that diversion is always an option with an offense by a juvenile. Councilmember Anderson inquired about the use of a video course at the library or City website outlining the regulations or recording a class at the school which could be used in the future. City Administrator, Mark Funkey stated that staff could work with Public Information Manager, Tony Herrman on a recording for the City website and potentially the library. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 4815 and take to final reading. 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. 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.

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Beckby adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

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