

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 12, 2026

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 January 12, 2026.

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; 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; Public Information Manager; Tony Herrman; Technology Director, Erik Nielsen; 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 Matt Fong seconded by Brian Hoffman to adopt the current agenda excluding item 2a. 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.

Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, January 9, 2026. 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 Hoffman recognized the scout members in attendance. Councilmember Rowan spoke regarding services such NAD tours provided by the Hastings Museum to spark interest; input from the community is desired. Councilmember Fong thanked the Parks & Recreation Department for the events they held recently; there were good photos and updates. Councilmember Anderson thanked citizens for their communication regarding sidewalk parking issues and garbage in alleys; concerns are welcome.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Service Anniversaries: William Camby, Warehouse, 5; Elizabeth Karr, Business Office, 5; Keith Leonhardt, Administration, 45; Katrina Hamel, WEC, 5.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Michael Anderson seconded by Marc Rowan to approve all consent items excluding items 1g and 1h. 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 December 8, 2025

(b) Approval of claims and payroll

(c) Approval of Work Order GA-394, new four-inch medium pressure gas main extension to Gosper-Automotive Training Center Building at Central Community College

(d) Approval of Work Order EL-316, installation of single phase underground electric lines and padmount transformers to serve the new Cedarpark residential development located on D Street and Cedar Avenue

(e) Approval of Work Order EL-319, rebuild existing overhead power line along 12th Street from 6th Avenue to Showboat Boulevard

(f) Approval of Work Order EL-321, installation of overhead streetlight lines and poles with streetlight fixtures in the single-family residential development on 3rd Street, Rosewood Drive and West 1st Avenue

(g) Approval of Contract Amendment No.1, Exhibit B, Revision 1, and Exhibit C, Revision 1, all to Contract No.12-UPGR-1029 between the City of Hastings and Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve Contract Amendment No.1, Exhibit B, Revision 1, and Exhibit C, Revision 1, all to Contract No.12-UPGR-1029 between the City of Hastings and Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy. Utility Manager, Derek Zeisler reported that the updated contract would allow the City to manage hydro power energy credits. 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.

(h) Ratification of engagement of Woods Aitken LLP to represent the City regarding case no. 1586 involving International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 1597. Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Matt Fong to approve ratification of engagement of Woods Aitken LLP to represent the City regarding case co. 1586 involving International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 1597. City Attorney, Jesse Oswald reported that the City received notification during the holiday, and Woods Aitken LLP, who represented the City twice previously, was engaged to respond. Councilmember L. Consbruck asked if the response could be handled internally. City Attorney, Jesse Oswald replied that unionization law is not his specialty. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: Larry Consbruck. Absent: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Ordinance No. 4820 for a Plat Vacation of lots 12-49 of the Garages Addition for The Garages 7th Addition generally located southeast of the intersection of East South Street and Showboat Boulevard. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Ordinance No. 4820 for a Plat Vacation of lots 12-49 of the Garages Addition for the Garages 7th Addition. Development Services Director, Kevin Kubo reported that the application is consistent with the filed plat. Staff recommended approval of the plat to the Planning Commission which voted 5-0 to approve the Plat Vacation of lots 12-49 of the Garages Addition for the Garages 7th Addition. 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. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Maggie Esch to approve Ordinance No. 4820 for a Plat Vacation of lots 12-49 of the Garages Addition for the Garages 7th Addition on second and 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.

(b) Public hearing regarding a request to annex property generally located southeast of the intersection of East South Street and South Showboat Boulevard, known as The Garages 7th Addition, into the corporate limits of the City of Hastings. Ordinance No. 4823 annexing property generally located southeast of the intersection of East South Street and South Showboat Boulevard, known as The Garages 7th Addition, into the corporate limits of the City of Hastings. Mayor Beckby opened the public hearing. Matt Langston of Olssen spoke in support of the project, and changes are being requested to maximize the use of the property. Moved by Larry Consbruck seconded by Michael Anderson to approve Ordinance No. 4823 annexing property generally located southeast of the intersection of East South Street and South Showboat Boulevard known as The Garages 7th Addition into the corporate limits of the City of Hastings. Development Services Director, Kevin Kubo reported that the property is contiguous to the corporate limits of Hastings and can be served by existing infrastructure in the area. The Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval to the City Council. 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 Garages 7th Addition. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Larry Consbruck to approve the final plat for the Garages 7th Addition. Development Services Director, Kevin Kubo reported on the change to the cul-de-sac on the plat and confirmed with Councilmember Huntley that it meets the City's requirements and addressed Councilmember Rowan's concerns regarding a low area on the western area of the plat. 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) Public hearing on the request of Alan Anderson to change zoning from R-1, Urban Single-Family Residential District to C-O, Commercial Office Non-Retail District for property generally located southwest of the intersection of Osborne Drive West and North Shore Drive. Ordinance No. 4822 amending the Zoning District Map to change zoning from R-1, Urban Single-Family Residential District to C-O, Commercial Office Non-Retail District for property generally located southwest of the intersection of Osborne Drive West and North Shore Drive. Mayor Beckby opened the public hearing. Mayor Beckby closed the public hearing following no comments from the public. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Michael Anderson to approve Ordinance No. 4822 and amend the Official Zoning District Map to rezone the property generally located southwest of the intersection of Osborne Drive West and North Shore Drive from R-1, Urban Single-Family Residential District to C-O, Commercial Office Non-Retail District. Development Services Director, Kevin Kubo reported that residential uses neither conform nor do not conform to the Comprehensive Plan, and adequate public infrastructure is available in the area to serve the development. The Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval to the City Council. Councilmember Rowan asked if there was any input from nearby property owners. Development Services Director, Kevin Kubo reported that property owners in the area were in support of the development since it would be residential. 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. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve Motion to approve Ordinance No. 4822 and amend the Official Zoning District Map to rezone the property generally located southwest of the intersection of Osborne Drive West and North Shore Drive from R-1, Urban Single-Family Residential District to C-O, Commercial Office Non-Retail District on second and 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.

(e) Public hearing on amending Chapter 54 of the Official City Code of the City of Hastings and the repealing of Chapter 34 of the 2020 Edition of the Official City Code of the City of Hastings which includes the updated Uses and Districts Table, R-5 Urban Single Family Undersized Lot Residential Districts, updated R-3 Multiple-Family Residential Districts, and updated R-4 Urban Neighborhood Districts, and enacting Sections 54-400 to 54-1100, including the updates in Article IV Standards for Conditional Uses. Ordinance No. 4824 amending Chapter 54 of the Official City Code of the City of Hastings, repealing of Chapter 34 of the 2020 Edition of the Official City Code of the City of Hastings which includes the updated Uses and Districts Table, R-5 Urban Single Family Undersized Lot Residential Districts, updated R-3 Multiple-Family Residential Districts, and updated R-4 Urban Neighborhood Districts, and enacting Sections 54-400 to 54-1100, including the updates in

Article IV Standards for Conditional Uses. Mayor Beckby opened the public hearing. Mayor Beckby closed the public hearing following no comments from the public. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Michael Anderson to approve Ordinance No. 4824 amending Chapter 54 of the Official City Code of the City of Hastings, repealing of Chapter 34 of the 2020 Edition of the Official City Code of the City of Hastings which includes the updated Uses and Districts Table, R-5 Urban Single Family Undersized Lot Residential Districts, updated R-3 Multiple-Family Residential Districts, and updated R-4 Urban Neighborhood Districts, and enacting Sections 54-400 to 54-1100, including the updates in Article IV Standards for Conditional Uses. City Planner, Ember Batelaan reported that the proposed changes address legal issues and issues of consistency in the current code and recodify to make the information readily accessible to the public on Municode. City Planner, Ember Batelaan reported on changes to district codes, repeal of R-5 Undersized Lot District, adjustment of setbacks for R-3 Multiple-Family District to 5 feet, repeal of R-4 Urban Neighborhood District, changes to the standards for the conditional use process and recodification of the zoning chapter. The Planning Commission voted 5-0 to approve the recommendation to the City Council. 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. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve Ordinance No. 4824 amending Chapter 54 of the Official City Code of the City of Hastings, repealing of Chapter 34 of the 2020 Edition of the Official City Code of the City of Hastings which includes the updated Uses and Districts Table, R-5 Urban Single Family Undersized Lot Residential Districts, updated R-3 Multiple-Family Residential Districts, and updated R-4 Urban Neighborhood Districts, and enacting Sections 54-400 to 54-1100, including the updates in Article IV Standards for Conditional Uses on second and 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.

4. General Business.

(a) Approval of moving the City Council Worksession from Monday, January 19, 2026 to Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. at the Hastings Municipal Airport due to Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve moving the City Council Worksession from Monday, January 19, 2026 to Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. 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) Approval of acceptance of Lot 2 of Eastside Estates, from the Community Redevelopment Authority to the City of Hastings, which is located on the west side of Eastside Boulevard running from 12th Street North to 14th Street and authorizing the Mayor to execute related documents to said transfer. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Maggie Esch to accept Lot 2 of Eastside Estates and authorize the Mayor to execute related

documents necessary to transfer said lot from the CRA to the City of Hastings. City Attorney, Jesse Oswald provided a description of the property to be accepted. When asked about why the CRA would move the property, City Attorney, Jesse Oswald stated that the strip of property would not be able to be developed as a narrow-landlocked strip; there would be a potential for development in the future under one ownership. Councilmember Rowan asked if the City would need to mow and maintain the property, and City Administrator, Mark Funkey stated that the property is currently being maintained by the City. 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 Contract No. 25-UPGR-146, Contract to Transfer Renewable Energy Certificates to the City of Hastings between the City of Hastings and Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Larry Consbruck to approve Contract No. 25-UPGR-146, Contract to Transfer Renewable Energy Certificates to the City of Hastings between the City of Hastings and Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy. Utility Manager, Derek Zeisler reported that the updated contract would allow the City to manage hydro power energy credits; the value of the credits is lower now that it has been in the past, but it is a long term agreement. 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) Approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Hastings Rural Fire Department to render service for specific emergency incidents. Moved by Michael Anderson seconded by Steve Huntley to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Hastings and Hastings Rural Fire Department to render services for emergency incidents as stated in the agreement. Fire Chief, Troy Vorderstrasse reported that approval will speed up the process of getting resources where they are needed, and a higher level of safety for employees and the public. 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.

(e) Approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Juniata Volunteer Fire Department to render service for specific emergency incidents. Moved by Larry Consbruck seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Interlocal Agreement between the City of Hastings and Juniata Volunteer Fire Department, to render services for emergency incidents as stated in the agreement. Fire Chief, Troy Vorderstrasse reported this item is a renewal; the initial agreement addressed Westbrook which is in the Hastings city limits, but within the Juniata's Fire District. This agreement reflects to 2011 agreement with the improved incident notification process. Fire Chief, Troy Vorderstrasse discussed response scenarios with the Council. 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.

(f) Approval of the Agreement with SCEDD for Program Management of EPA Brownfield Grant. Moved by Maggie Esch seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve an agreement with SCEDD for Program Management of EPA Brownfield Grant in the amount of \$20,000. 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.

(g) Approval of the final plat for The Garages 8th Subdivision. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson to approve the final plat for the Garages 8th Subdivision. Development Services Director, Kevin Kubo reported that the request conforms with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan, applicable zoning regulations, adequate and appropriate access, and public infrastructure meets the City's minimum standards. The Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval on the condition of approving plat vacation of lots 50-75 of the Garages Addition for The Garages 8th Subdivision. 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) Ordinance No. 4821 for a Plat Vacation of lots 50-75 of the Garages Addition for The Garages 8th Subdivision generally located southeast of the intersection of East South Street and South Showboat Boulevard. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson to approve Ordinance No. 4821 for a Plat Vacation of lots 50-75 of the Garages Addition for the Garages 8th Subdivision. 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. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Ordinance No. 4821 for a Plat Vacation of lots 50-75 of the Garages Addition for the Garages 8th Subdivision on second and 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.

(b) Resolution No. 2026-01 amending the Annual Fee Resolution increasing the Hastings Museum Friends and Family Membership. Moved by Michael Anderson seconded by Brad Consbruck to approve Resolution 2026-01, amending the annual fee resolution, by increasing the fee for the Hastings Museum Friends and Family Membership level to \$125. Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson reported that adjusting the fee would allow the museum to continue with the Association of Science and Technology Centers passport program which allows members to visit participating museums at no charge with some caveats. Councilmember Anderson confirmed with Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson that the museum membership remains competitively priced. 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) Appointment of Lee Vrooman as Street Superintendent. Moved by Michael Anderson seconded by Larry Consbruck to approve appointment of Lee Vrooman as the City of Hastings' Street Superintendent. 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 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

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