

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 25, 2016

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 January 25, 2016.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Powers with the following members present: Vern Powers, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel, Kathy Duval, John Harrington, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Phil Odom. Absent: Chuck Niemeyer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ADOPT AGENDA:

Moved by Phil Odom seconded by John Harrington that the Agenda for January 25, 2016 Regular Meeting be adopted. Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, January 22, 2016.

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Chuck Niemeyer.

Mayor Powers read the Public Notice - Pursuant to the Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-142, 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 COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilmember Goebel reported on the Board of Public Works meeting held January 14, 2016. The Board approved an agreement with Hasting Economic Development Corporation for \$125,000 to promote economic development in Hastings. They also approved an agreement with the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$30,000. A discussion regarding in lieu of taxes electric wholesale sales was held. The Board would like to discuss this item with the Council. A small power and co-generation agreement with a Hasting resident was approved. The next Board of Public Works meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Hastings Utilities.

Councilmember Krings attended the annual meeting of Hastings Economic Development Corporation held last Thursday. Approval of the new Talent Recruitment Coordinator, Maggie Vaughn, was a highlight. Maggie will work with employers and individuals at middle and high school levels to identify economic opportunities in Hastings. He thanked Bob Wilson, General Manager at Flowserve, for his past service as HEDC President. HEDC welcomed Doctor Tyler Adams as their 2016 President.

Councilmember Odom reported on a meeting scheduled for this Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Hastings Public Library. We will have an opportunity to receive input from the community on housing needs.

Joe Patterson reported that Hastings was selected to partner with the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), along with three other communities: Scottsbluff, Columbus, and Fremont. There will be two professors from UNO speaking at the meeting, which will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Hastings

Public Library in the 2nd floor auditorium. Attendees will be shown what has evolved in our community and where we are going.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Powers commented that we will be using new software tonight during the Council meeting. He thanked those who worked to choose the meeting management software and complete the Council Chamber's renovation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Sarah Hoops seconded by Michael Krings to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- 1(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of January 11, 2016.
 - 2(a) Approval of the application of Midtowne Mart, LLC for a Special Designated License at the Hastings Community Theatre on February 26, 27 & 28, 2016.
 - 3(a) Approval of the payroll for the period ending January 30, 2016, paid February 5, 2016.
 - 3(b) Approval of the regular claims and authorizing the City Clerk to issue checks against the various funds for payment.
 - 5(a) Approve receiving and placing on file department monthly reports.
- Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Chuck Niemeyer. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

General Business.

Kimberly Jacobitz, City Clerk, advised the Mayor and Council she received no objections to Street Improvement District 2016-2 (Fox Run, Mallard Way, Dovetail Circle in Lochland Meadows Subdivision 10). Therefore, it is valid.

Moved by Everett Goebel seconded by Ginny Skutnik to approve the Telecommunications Line Right-Of-Way License Agreement with Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. (GW 2016-1).

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Chuck Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Mayor removed himself from his chair for the application from No Coast Brewing and asked Council President Duval to take his place, as he has interest in the brewery.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by John Harrington to approve of the application from No Coast Brewing, LLC dba "First Street Brewing" for Downtown Revitalization Facade funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 and authorize drawdown of funds. (CDBG Contract 12-DTR-107)

Councilmember Krings commented this project is one of many improvements being worked on downtown. He thanked the investors on all downtown projects. There have been great projects along 2nd Street and now projects are being done on 1st Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Chuck Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) ORDINANCE NO. 4470. . . VACATING NORTH RHODE ISLAND AVENUE BETWEEN 3RD STREET AND 4TH STREET; TO VACATE THE LOTS AND ALLEY IN BLOCK 7 AND LOTS IN BLOCK 8, ALL IN THOMPSON'S ADDITION, CITY OF HASTINGS, ADAMS COUNTY, NEBRASKA; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE REGISTER OF DEEDS

OF ADAMS COUNTY, NEBRASKA; REPEALING INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

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

Councilmember Krings stated all schools are being renovated and now have HVAC. He thanked the community for approving the bond issue so this work could be done. He added that many contractors on these projects are local businesses.

Councilmember Odom requested that maps be added to future agenda items so constituents can have a visual of the area being discussed.

The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 4470 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted YEA: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Chuck Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Councilmember Krings moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Duval seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted YEA: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. No: None. Absent: Niemeyer. 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 January 29, 2016. Effective date of the ordinance is February 10, 2016.

(b) Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Sarah Hoops to approve Resolution No. 2016-1...Approving plans, specifications and estimate of cost for Street improvement District 2015-1 and directing the advertisement for bids.

Councilmember Goebel commented that this is the pavement district from 2nd Avenue, which includes sidewalks in the area.

Dave Wacker, City Engineer, stated that this project includes storm sewer and intersection improvements. A previously approved agreement laid out an estimate of cost that dealt with intersection and storm sewer. The balance of the project will be paid by Hastings College. Property owners adjacent to the project were given notice that no assessments would be levied against them. Hastings College is requesting additional work to be added into project.

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Chuck Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Miscellaneous and Other Business.

Moved by Ginny Skutnik seconded by Everett Goebel that the Mayor and Council go into Executive Session at 6:03 P.M. for real estate negotiations and personnel.

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Chuck Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Moved by Phil Odom seconded by Michael Krings that the Mayor and Council come out of Executive Session into Regular Session at 7:36 P.M.

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Chuck Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Moved by Michael Krings seconded by Ginny Skutnik there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Roll Call: Ayes: John Harrington, Kathy Duval, Phil Odom, Michael Krings, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Everett Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Chuck Niemeyer. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Kathy Duval, Acting-Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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