CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
Monday, November 20, 2017

The Worksession was called to order by Council President John Harrington with the following member present: Paul Hamelink, Phil Odom, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm.

Others Present: Mayor Corey Stutte, Joe Patterson, Dave Wacker, Deb Bergmann, Steve Kostner, Brent Brooks, Kevin Johnson, Amy Hafer, Becky Matticks, Jeff Hassenstab, Don Threewitt, Dave Ptak, Brad Beahm, Becky Matticks.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Worksession was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, November 17, 2017. 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. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and accessible to members of the public.

Presentation and discussion on adopting Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) and amending sections of Chapter 42, Storm Water Management.

Dave Wacker, City Engineer, indicated that several years ago the City adopted regulations and management practices dealing with runoff. He stated that dealing with runoff is a serious business and the EPA has fined communities for not dealing with it appropriately. He said they are before the Council tonight to bring them up to date on modifications to the current City Code regarding Storm Water Management.

Deb Bergmann, Environmental Engineering Assistant, began presentation on Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) and amending sections of Chapter 42, Storm Water Management. *(Attached and made part of original minutes.)* She told Council that DEQ writes their permit for Storm Water Management. She indicated that the new permit has a lot more tracking and places more emphasis on post construction controls. She told Council that the City is overdue for a permit and talked about the Storm Water Management Plan and the control measures required. Ms. Bergmann indicated that a lot of what she is going over is already in the Hastings City Code and that again, the main change is just more tracking requirements. She talked about inspections and that they would be tracked by the EPA to make sure they are following up on the inspections. She told Council much of what is before them is modeled after what Kearney has put together as they were recently audited and had to develop much of it. She stated that the "Stop Work Order" had been added as an enforcement tool and she felt that was a good addition.

Councilmember Harrington asked who does the inspections and how often.

Ms. Bergmann indicated that she could do them, the Development Services Department or Building Inspector and that they would do inspections at least quarterly.

Councilmember Odom questioned if they would be looking in the future to build a storm water treatment facility.

Ms. Bergmann indicated each construction site is responsible for their own storm water management.

Discussion of Library and Museum Board functions.

Mayor Stutte indicated this was a follow up of discussion from earlier this year regarding the Museum Board and Library Board going to advisory boards. The draft ordinance that the City Attorney put together was passed out to Council. He indicated there has been some discussion with County Board Members regarding the Library Board.

Joe Patterson, City Administrator, stated that the Library is a true City/County library receiving taxes from each. He went on to explain that basically the Library and Museum would function like any other City department with the one main change being the department director hiring and firing running through the City Administrator's office and not the board. He stated there would not be a change in function of the Library or Museum but the functions of the boards would change.

Mayor Stutte indicated that the ordinance before Council deals with more than just the Library and Museum Boards but also Director of Human Resources and Director of Information Technology. He suggested setting up some working groups including Library and Museum board members to discuss changes.

Councilmember Harrington felt they were heading in the right direction and want to be consistent and get everyone on the same playing field.

Brad Beahm, Library board member, stated that they wanted to get past renovation of the Library building and now that it is complete, would like to be included in the discussion regarding Library Board changes.

Mayor Stutte stated they would set up working groups and move forward over the next few months.

Councilmember Hamelink stated they might also consider a town hall meeting for citizens so that they could respond to changes without having to come to a more formal City Council Meeting.

Mayor Stutte stated they would talk about putting one of those together after the working groups meet.

Update on sports complex agreement with City of Hastings and USA Softball of Nebraska.

Mr. Patterson indicated this item was on the agenda in response to a letter to the editor of the Tribune regarding the Nebraska Softball Complex. He reviewed the history of the complex indicating that in 1994 Hastings was selected as the site for the Nebraska softball facility beating out eight other communities. He passed out to Council the operating contract between the City and Nebraska Softball Foundation. Mr. Patterson stated the 30 acres of land is owned by the City of Hastings and leased to the Nebraska Softball Foundation with the Nebraska Softball Foundation being responsible for improvements and the City of Hastings Parks Department maintaining the facility. He stated that he and Jeff Hassenstab, Parks and Recreation Director, both serve on the Nebraska Softball Association Board and that the facility is home to Hastings College softball and baseball, Hastings High School softball and Adams Central softball. He went on to tell Council it is a wonderful facility and a great benefit to the City but it is not owned by the City but is managed by the City.

Councilmember Harrington stated that the economic impact of the facility is huge to the community of Hastings.

Mr. Patterson indicated he intended to share the letter with members of the Nebraska Softball Foundation and stated that some of the complaints were valid and they will be looking in to those.

Discussion of design standards on 33rd Street.

Mr. Wacker began discussion on the design standards on 33rd Street by stating they wanted to design for the future and for all user groups. He indicated that 33rd Street is listed in the One & Six Year Street Plan and explained there is currently an 80' utility easement, 62' paved street with three through traffic lanes with the outer lanes serving as parking. He stated they were looking at the possibility of tapering the street but still facilitating bike lanes where practicable and also providing space for parking. Mr. Wacker stated the question was how they should continue the development of 33rd Street.

Complete Streets were talked about and the City being committed to that and the kind of community they wanted to become.

Mr. Wacker explained that the developer pays the cost of a 36' wide street and over that is paid for by the City.

Discussion was had on safety standards, keeping lanes lined up and calculating the tapering of lanes, speed limits in residential areas and parking concerns.

Mayor Stutte questioned if they had met with the developer regarding width or access to parking.

Mr. Wacker indicated they had and the developer had concerns.

Councilmember Odom stated in the past they have went with the least expensive and have had to come back later and widen and it was more expensive than if they would have done it in the first place. He stated he felt perhaps they should continue on with the 62' design all the way out to Baltimore Avenue and avoid problems like they had with 12th Street.

Mayor Stutte asked the point of view from a planning perspective.

Councilmember Odom left the meeting at 6:42 P.M.

Don Threewitt, Development Services Director, stated he felt the design needs to be proper to begin with and take into consideration a multimodal street and keeping on street parking for homeowners along with maintaining continuous bike paths.

Councilmember Hamelink stated he hated to lose the parking.

Councilmember Skutnik agreed.

Mr. Wacker indicated the turn lane on the street is designed for the future.

Councilmember Eley agreed it will be a highly traveled street.

Councilmember Harrington asked if it was the consensus of Council to leave 33rd Street as a 62' street.

Councilmember Eley asked why they are looking at reducing the size of the street.

Mr. Wacker stated the developer asked to reduce the street size.

Mr. Patterson stated he thought the developer was looking to soften the traffic flow.

Mr. Wacker stated they can stick with the 62' wide street if the Council wished.

Mr. Patterson brought up plans to improve 42nd Street which will connect Highway 281 to Baltimore Avenue and stated at this time the developer does not want 33rd Street to connect to Baltimore Avenue.

Councilmember Beahm questioned if 42nd Street will get to Baltimore Avenue before 33rd Street.

Mayor Stutte suggested they talk to the developer in a development review meeting and make sure of what he is asking for and that we get it right.

Moved by Skutnik, seconded by Beahm there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Harington, Hamelink, Snell, Eley, Hoops, Skutnik, Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Odom.