

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 27, 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 July 27, 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, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Matt Fong, Brian Hoffman, Marc Rowan, Maggie Esch. Absent: None. City Administrator, Mark Funkey; City Attorney, Jesse Oswald; City Clerk, Tyler Ficken; Director of Finance/City Treasurer, Roger Nash; Technology Director, Erik Nielsen; Information Technology, Kirk Layton; Public Information Manager; Tony Herrman; Utility Manager, Derek Zeisler; Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman; Development Services Director, Kevin Kubo; Fire Chief, Troy Vorderstrasse; Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Library Director, Kelly Reisig; Safety Director, Trent Clark; Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson; Police Chief, Adam Story.

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

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson to adopt the current agenda. 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.

Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, July 24, 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 to be discussed at today's meeting is available for public review and a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is in the meeting room and accessible to members of the public.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Councilmember Fong reported on the success of the summer reading program. Councilmember Hoffman recognized Scout Troop 207 in attendance. Councilmember Rowan highlighted special events including the recent comedy event and community theater. Councilmember Esch reported that she had a child, and she is back for the budget; appreciates the time she was able to spend with family. Councilmember Huntley inquired with Utility Manager Derek Zeisler to provide a report, and he discussed the use of units #4, #5 and Don Henry and addressed the utility budget discussion that occurred.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

John Dieken spoke about problems with nuisance lighting near his home at 120 S. Minnesota Ave.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Beckby reported that he and staff will meet with the public to discuss taxes at the Auditorium on Thursday August 6, 2026 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Marc Rowan seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve the consent agenda except items d and f. 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 July 13, 2026

(b) Approval of claims and payroll except the claim of Vaughan's Printing

(c) Approval of Work Order EL-322, installation of a padmount switch and transformer at CPI west of Showboat Boulevard, north of BNSF Railroad

(d) Approval of the request of the Nebraska Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association to utilize city property for the Nebraska Chapter Antique Airplane Annual Fly In on August 28, 2026 - August 31, 2026 at the Hastings Municipal Airport (Insurance Pending). Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson to approve the request of the NE Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association to utilize city property for the NE Chapter Antique Airplane Annual Fly In to be held August 28, 2026 - August 31, 2026, at the Hastings Municipal Airport. 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 request of 201 N. Lincoln Enterprises, LLC dba Paul's Cigar Bar for a Special Designated Liquor License for Antique Airplane Annual Fly-in at the Hastings Municipal Airport on August 28-30, 2026

(f) Approval of the request of ASAPP (Area Substance & Alcohol Abuse Prevention) to utilize city property for the ASAAP Support Starts Here Color Run on August 22, 2026 (Insurance Pending). Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Larry Consbruck to approve the request of ASAPP (Area Substance & Alcohol Abuse Prevention) to utilize city property for the ASAAP Support Starts Here Color Run to be held on August 22, 2026. 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) Resolution No. 2026-45 approving the plans, specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the Lakeview 11th Subdivision water and sewer project

(h) Resolution No. 2026-46 approving the plans, specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the Lakeview 11th Subdivision paving project

(i) Approval of Invoice No. 2112 in the amount of \$661.25 from South Central Economic Development District for administrative services for Community Development Block Grant Project 24-DTR-004, Downtown Revitalization

(j) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant funds, Drawdown #5, in the amount of \$661.25 for general administrative work on Community Development Block Grant Project 24-DTR-004, Downtown Revitalization

(k) Approval of Invoice No. 2110 in the amount of \$2,955.00 from South Central Economic Development District for administrative services for Community Development Block Grant Project 21-DTR-007, Downtown Revitalization

- (l) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant funds, Drawdown #18, in the amount of \$2,955.00 for general administrative work on Community Development Block Grant Project 21-DTR-007, Downtown Revitalization
- (m) Approval of Invoice No. 2116 in the amount of \$3,967.50 from South Central Economic Development District for administrative services for Community Development Block Grant Project 24-PWI-008, Public Works
- (n) Approval of Invoice No. 2117 in the amount of \$2,616.25 from South Central Economic Development District for construction management services for Community Development Block Grant Project 24-PWI-008, Public Works
- (o) Approval of the request for Community Redevelopment Block Grant funds, Drawdown #7, in the amount of \$6,583.75 for construction management and general administration for Community Development Block Grant Project 24-PWI-008, Public Works
- (p) Approval of Invoice No. 2144 in the amount of \$4,782.40 from South Central Economic Development for administrative services for Brownfield Grant
- (q) Approval of Invoice No. 2118 in the amount of \$2,357.50 from South Central Economic Development District for administrative services for Community Development Block Grant Project 25-ED-001
- (r) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant Funds, Drawdown #2, in the amount of \$2,357.50 for general administration work for Community Development Block Grant Project 25-ED-001
- (s) Approval of Invoice No. 2114 in the amount of \$5,290.00 from South Central Economic Development District for administrative services for Community Development Block Grant Project 24-PWF-001, Public Facilities
- (t) Approval of Invoice No. 2115 in the amount of \$2,846.25 from South Central Economic Development District for construction management services for Community Development Block Grant Project 24-PWF-001, Public Facilities
- (u) Approval of Pay Estimate No. 2 to Revive, Inc. in the amount of \$87,516.97 for the project as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding for Community Development Block Grant Project 24-PFW-001
- (v) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant funds, Drawdown #6, in the amount of \$95,653.22 for Pay Estimate #2, construction management services and administrative services work on Community Development Block Grant 24-PWF-001, Public Works Facilities
- (w) Approval of Invoice No. 2113 in the amount of \$2,415.00 from South Central Economic Development District for administrative services for Community Development Block Grant Project 24-ED-003, Economic Development
- (x) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant funds, Drawdown #5, in the amount of \$2,415.00 for general administrative work on Community Development Block Grant Project 24-ED-003, Economic Development
- (y) Approval of Invoice No. 2111 in the amount of \$1,380.00 from South Central Economic Development District for administrative services for Community Development Block Grant Project 23-ED-001, Economic Development
- (z) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant funds, Drawdown #7, in the amount of \$1,380.00 for general administrative work on Community Development Block Grant Project 23-ED-001, Economic Development

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.
None.

3. Public Hearings.
None.

4. General Business.

(a) Approval of the claim of Vaughan's Printing in the amount of \$330.00. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Matt Fong to approve the claim of Vaughan's Printing in the amount of \$330.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstention: Maggie Esch. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Resolution No. 2026-43 pertaining to the placement of veteran parking signs in City of Hastings parking lots. Moved by Marc Rowan seconded by Matt Fong to approve Resolution 2026-43 pertaining to the placement of veteran parking signs in City parking lots. City Attorney, Jesse Oswald reported that the signs would be posted at various public facilities with the signs being provided at no charge by the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters; the City will incur the cost to install. Stacie Moody Gilbert reported from her union group; many members are veterans and the armed forces council moved forward with having signs in the community. Councilmember Rowan asked if additional organizations could contact her about additional signs and she agreed. Stacie Moody Gilbert confirmed with Councilmember L. Consbruck that the program would be operating on the honor system. 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) Ordinance No. 4836 amending City Code Section 6-223 pertaining to cruelty to animals. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brian Hoffman to Ordinance No. 4836 amending City Code Section 6-223 pertaining to cruelty of animals. City Attorney Jesse Oswald reported that the changes are to definitions and expected care for animals. Councilmember Rowan asked what prompted that change. City Attorney Jesse Oswald stated that the changes are at the request of the CSOs for clarification purposes. 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) Ordinance No. 4837 establishing a Natural Gas Rate Schedule For Sales to Large Volume Industrial Customers. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson to approve Ordinance No. 4837 Establishing a Natural Gas Rate Schedule For Sales to Large Volume Industrial Customers. Utility Manager Derek Zeisler reported that the ordinance would allow for prepaid gas agreements on large gas users which would save funds for the users while generating income for the utility. Councilmember Huntley confirmed with Utility Manager Derek Zeisler that the City would not be running additional gas lines. Councilmember Anderson and Utility Manager Derek Zeisler discussed potential users which would include large ethanol plants or large biofuel

plants. 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 suspend the rules and approve Ordinance No. 4837 Establishing a Natural Gas Rate Schedule For Sales to Large Volume Industrial Customers 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.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance No. 4836 amending City Code Section 6-223 pertaining to cruelty of animals 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.

6. Final Passage of Ordinances.
None.

7. Appointments.
(a) Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Larry Consbruck to approve the appointment as presented. 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 6:37 p.m.

APPROVED:

George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

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