

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 10, 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 August 10, 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, Marc Rowan, Maggie Esch. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Matt Fong, Brian Hoffman. Staff present: 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; Director of Parks & Recreation, Jeff Hassenstab; 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 Maggie Esch to adopt the current agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. The motion carried.

Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, August 7, 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 accessible to members of the public.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Councilmember Rowan highlighted Kool-Aid Days. Councilmember Huntley brought a tall grass complaint. Councilmember Anderson highlighted the Heartland Pet Connection cleared shelters program.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Service Awards: Mike Hernandez, Auditorium, 10; Michael Peters, WEC, 30; Katherine Palmer, Police, 5; Konner Hinrichs, Landfill, 5; Eric Kelly, Street, 5; Brandon Miller, Engineering, 5.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Marc Rowan seconded by Michael Anderson to approve the consent agenda except items e and f. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of July 27, 2026

(b) Approval of the minutes of the Worksession of July 20, 2026

(c) Approval of claims and payroll

(d) Approval of the renewal of Liquor License Applications for the following Class "C" Liquor Licenses for the period of November 1, 2026 through October 31, 2027: 201 N. Lincoln Enterprises, LLC, Adams County Ag. Society, BG Olive Saloon, LLC, B & R Stores, Inc. (2), Barista's of Hastings, LLC, Barrel Bar II, LLC, Budson, Inc., Caribbean Bar & Grill, LLC, Cheese Shop, LLC, Disabled American Veterans, Eagles FO Hastings Aerie 592, Gabriel Sanchez, George J. J. Beckby (2), Halftime Lounge, LLC, Hallett, Inc., Hastings Lodging 2, LLC, Highland Operating Company, Hublocsters, LLC, Kitty's Roadhouse I, LLC, Knees and Martinis, LLC, L.A.K.E. Enterprises, Inc., Lakeside Wines Spirits and More, LLC, Miscues, LLC, Murphy's Wagon Wheel, Inc., No Coast Brewing, LLC, Odyssey Hastings, LLC, Rivals Bar & Grill, LLC, RM Retail Services, LLC, Sky, LLC, Steeple Brewing Company, LLC, The Coterie Social Club, LLC, The Wandering Well, LLC, Wanda's Place, LLC. Catering for the period of November 1, 2026 through October 31, 2027: 201 N. Lincoln Enterprises, LLC, Adams County Ag. Society, Eagles FO Hastings Aerie 592, Hublocsters, LLC, Kitty's Roadhouse I, LLC, Miscues, LLC, Murphy's Wagon Wheel, Inc., No Coast Brewing, LLC, RM Retail Services, LLC, The Wandering Well, LLC. Cigar Shop for the period of November 1, 2026 through October 31, 2027: 201 N. Lincoln Enterprises, LLC.

(e) Approval of the request of Special Olympics Nebraska to travel through the City of Hastings for the Special Olympics Nebraska Truck Convoy on September 19, 2026. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Brad Consbruck to approve the request of Special Olympics Nebraska to travel through the City of Hastings for the Special Olympics Nebraska Truck Convoy to be held on September 19, 2026. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. The motion carried.

(f) Approval of the request of Hastings College to utilize city property for the Melody Round-Up Parade on September 26, 2026. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson to approve the request of Hastings College to utilize city property for the Melody Round-Up Parade to be held on September 26, 2026, in Downtown Hastings. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

None.

4. General Business.

None.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Ordinance No. 4838 amending Section 50-704 of the Hastings City Code pertaining to E-bikes, E-scooters, and hoverboards to include provisions regarding the operation of off-road motor vehicles on public property. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Maggie Esch to approve Ordinance No. 4838 amending Section 50-704 of the Hastings City Code pertaining to E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and Hoverboards to include provisions regarding the operation of Off-Road Motor vehicles on public property. City Administrator Mark Funkey reported that the Ordinance cleans up the code regarding off-road vehicles with definition updates and identifying vehicles. Councilmember Huntley confirmed with City Administrator Funkey that it would include the bike trail. At the request of Councilmember Huntley, Police Chief Adam Story provided an update which includes education, warnings and citations. Councilmember Anderson confirmed with Police Chief Story that using off-road vehicle for clearing snow would still be allowed. Councilmember Esch received calls on the issue and inquired whether the Police Department had received calls also. Police Chief Adam Story confirmed that they have received complaints such as electric dirt bikes being driven in the parks and trails; a six-year-old ran into a vehicle and had to be taken on a life-flight. Police Chief Adam Story further stated that the change will address vehicles that are for off-road use only; scooters and electric bicycles are legal. Councilmember Rowan shared his concern regarding youth on the roadways; Police Chief Adam Story stated that a map is available showing allowed roads and there are no current age restrictions. Mayor Beckby stated that age restrictions will be part of future consideration for the Council. City Administrator Funkey stated that the City Code on this topic is a living document and will be updated in consideration of what other communities are doing. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan. Nays: None. Absent: Larry Consbruck, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. The motion carried.

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 6:22 p.m.

APPROVED:

George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

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