CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 24, 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 24, 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, Larry Consbruck, Matt Fong, Brian Hoffman. Absent: None. 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 Captain, Jason Haase.

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, August 21, 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:
Reports of Liaisons. Councilmember Hoffman thanked Mayor Beckby for the budget discussion with the public at the auditorium. Councilmember Rowan highlighted activities at the airport.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:
Willis Hunt spoke on items 4c and 5f.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:
Mayor Beckby expressed his appreciation to those that attended the budget forum and his concerns about e-bikes in the community and the need for updated regulations.

CONSENT AGENDA:
1. All Consent Items.
Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Matt Fong to approve the consent 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.
(a) Approval of the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of July 28, 2026
(b) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of August 10, 2026
(c) Approval of claims and payroll
(d) Approval of Pay Estimate #3 in the amount of $167,768.10 for the Revive Inc. project 24-PWF-001 (CDBG portion per Memorandum of Understanding is $129,013.67)

(e) Approval of the request for Community Development Block Grant funds, drawdown in the amount of $129,013.67 for contract work on Revive Inc. project 24-PWF-001

(f) Approval of Work Order WA-147 Water Extension District 2026-1 to Lakeview 11th Subdivision

(g) Approval of Work Order SW-393 Lakeview 11th Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Service

(h) Approval of the contract with Van Kirk Bros. Contracting for the Lakeview 11th Subdivision Water and Sanitary Sewer Extension District 2026-01

(i) Approval of the contract with Gehring Construction for the Lakeview 11th Subdivision Paving Project

(j) Approval of the contract with Environmental Services, Inc. for the Former Middle School Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACM) Abatement

(k) Approval of the request of Bath Bliss Gifts to utilize city property for the Junk Street event on September 12, 2026 (Insurance Pending)

(l) Approval of the request of United Way of South Central Nebraska to utilize city property for the United Way Plane Pull on September 19, 2026, at the Hastings Municipal Airport

(m) Report on objections to Street Improvement District No. 2026-1 Lakeview 11th Subdivision

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public hearing on the application of Banimart 11, LLC dba "S Mart 10" for a Class "D" Liquor License (Beer, Wine, Spirits, Off Sale) at 500 S. Burlington Avenue. Resolution No. 2026-47 approving the application of Banimart 11, LLC dba "S Mart 10" for a Class "D" Liquor License at 500 S. Burlington Avenue. Mayor Beckby opened the public hearing. Umair Multani spoke on behalf and in support of the application. Mayor Beckby closed the public hearing. Moved by Larry Consbruck seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Resolution No. 2026-47 approving the application of Banimart 11, LLC dba "S Mart 10" for a Class "D" Liquor License at 500 S. Burlington Avenue. 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 the manager application of Temple D. Juelfs in connection with the Class "D" Liquor License of Banimart 11, LLC dba "S Mart 10" located at 500 S. Burlington Avenue. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve the manager application of Temple D. Juelfs in connection with the Class "D" Liquor License of Banimart 11, LLC dba "S Mart 10" located at 500 S. Burlington Avenue. 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) Public hearing on the adoption of the City of Hastings 2027-2032 One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Resolution No. 2026-50 approving the 2027-2032 One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Mayor Beckby opened the public hearing. Mayor Beckby closed the public hearing following no comments from the public. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve Resolution No. 2026-50 adopting the City of Hastings 2027-2032 One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Director of Engineering Lee Vrooman reported on road projects completed, road projects in process, upcoming road projects and reviewed the quiet crossings project status. Realistically, the quiet crossing project will be completed in 2028 given the review time expected from the Federal Railroad Administration. 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 proposed increase to the Adams County Enhanced 911 surcharge for the Hastings 911 Center. Ordinance No. 4842 increasing the Adams County Enhanced 911 surcharge for the Hastings 911 Center. Mayor Beckby opened the public hearing. Mayor Beckby closed the public hearing following no comments from the public. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Ordinance No. 4842 increasing the Adams County Enhanced 911 surcharge for the Hastings 911 Center. Police Captain, Jason Haase reported that the Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) is one of the few that are not currently charging the statutory maximum of $1 per landline per month. The number of landlines is decreasing; this change is expected to bring in approximately $48,000 per year total, with the increase representing $15,000 of that amount. There was discussion about the funding eventually going away, and Police Captain, Jason Haase said that as landlines go away, the revenue for wireless is likely to see a proportionate increase with landlines being replaced by wireless. 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 suspend the rules and approve Ordinance No. 4842 increasing the Adams County Enhanced 911 surcharge for the Hastings 911 Center 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 a 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 regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026, from 6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. at City Hall, 615 W. 3rd Street. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson to approve moving the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026, from 6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. at City Hall, 615 W. 3rd Street. 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 the calling of a Special Council Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, 615 W. 3rd Street, for the purpose of a public hearing on the 2026-2027 Annual Budget for the City of Hastings and related budget items. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson to approve the calling of a Special Council Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, 615 W. 3rd Street, for the purpose of a public hearing on the 2026-2027 Annual Budget for the City of Hastings and related budget items. 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) Budget discussion. City Administrator, Mark Funkey reviewed the proposed budget including options for revenue, property tax request authority and budget recommendations which included setting the levy at .406359, $500,000 in additional utility dividend fee revenue and deferring cemetery and Fire Station #1 improvements totaling $748,000. Taking those actions would reduce the deficit by $2,439,889, and the amount of cash needed to balance the budget would be reduced to $1,160,111. City Administrator Funkey added that to address the remaining deficit, the Council could reconsider the restaurant tax which could raise approximately $1.2 million and consider increasing the Occupation Tax by 1% which could generate an additional $100,000 in additional revenue. The Council discussed the Occupation Tax and Restaurant tax options and the need to address Airbnb activity and mobile food vendor activity to be included as entities paying those taxes. The Council discussed fees for services that the City provides;

attendance at the water park was up, increased fees could impact attendance, and Councilmember Rowan provided that fees could be increased, for example at the Museum, but it does not address the big picture. Director of Finance, Roger Nash reported that if the City kept the levy stable with the valuation increase, there would be approximately $500,000 in additional revenue, but budget authority would be lost in the process. The Council discussed the merit of deferring cemetery expenses and was generally not in favor of deferring the expenses. Director of Finance, Roger Nash added that cuts or savings for one-time expenditures are only realized if the plan is not to proceed with the improvements in the future; additionally, the costs of the projects are likely to increase in future years. The City's recurring costs in the general fund are tied to services provided by staff, and in the future, without additional revenue, the City will be forced to focus on funding essential services. The Council discussed the levy amount following the request from Director of Finance, Roger Nash for direction on what number to present at the September 14, 2026 City Council meeting. City Administrator, Mark Funkey reviewed the current cuts which include one full-time position in the Finance Department, four part-time positions in the Fire Department, and the utilization of Police Department wireless 911 funds to support 1.5 to 2 staff members for the 911 center; no positions have been added. The Council discussed revenue options that other communities are utilizing, including the restaurant tax, additional sales tax revenue through growth, an LB840 program and additional utility dividend. Following the discussion, City Administrator, Mark Funkey stated that he would provide options on the levy and dividend fee for Council at the September 14, 2026 Council meeting.

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 (Second Reading). Moved by Michael Anderson seconded by Maggie Esch to approve second reading of 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 Attorney, Jesse Oswald reviewed the Ordinance with Council and confirmed that the Ordinance applies only to off-road bikes. The Council discussed potential future changes to the ordinance to include regulations for helmets, vests, age restrictions, insurance requirements or a ban; further discussion and consideration will occur at the September 21, 2026 Council meeting. 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. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Ordinance No. 4838 on second and final reading 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. 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. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by a 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) Ordinance No. 4839 amending Section 52-910 of the Hastings City Code to establish effective rates for water use. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Matt Fong to approve Ordinance No. 4839 amending Section 52-910 of the Hastings City Code to establish effective rates for water use. 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. 4839 on second and final reading amending Section 52-910 of the Hastings City Code to establish effective rates for water use. 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 a 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.

(c) Ordinance No. 4840 amending Section 52-802 of the Hastings City Code establishing the sewer rate schedule. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Larry Consbruck to approve Ordinance No. 4840 amending Section 52-802 of the Hastings City Code establishing the sewer rate schedule. 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. 4840 on second and final reading amending Section 52-802 of the Hastings City Code establishing the sewer rate schedule. 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 a 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.

(d) Ordinance No. 4841 amending Section 52-405 of the Hastings City Code establishing the rate rider for customers receiving electricity from the Hastings Community Solar Farm. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Michael Anderson to approve Ordinance No. 4841 amending Section 52-405 of the Hastings City Code establishing the rate rider for customers receiving electricity from the Hastings Community Solar Farm. 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. 4841 on second and final reading amending Section 52-405 of the Hastings City Code establishing the rate rider for customers receiving electricity from the Hastings Community Solar Farm. 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 a 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) Ordinance No. 4843 updating Hastings City Code to reflect the time and location of City Council Meetings and Work Sessions. Moved by Maggie Esch seconded by Matt Fong to approve Ordinance No. 4843 updating Hastings City Code to reflect the time and location of City Council Meetings and Work Sessions. 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. 4843 on second and final reading updating Hastings City Code to reflect the time and location of City Council Meetings and Work Sessions. 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 a 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.

(f) Resolution No. 2026-48 approving the levy authority for the Community Redevelopment Authority. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Maggie Esch to approve Resolution No. 2026-48 approving the levy authority for the Community Redevelopment Authority. Director of the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA), Randy Chick presented the tax ask of the CRA and a overview of the organization and accomplishments. A property owner with a home valued at $155,603 would pay the CRA $40.46 for the year at the proposed tax ask. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Matt Fong. Nays: Michael Anderson. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(g) Resolution No. 2026-49 allowing parking signs to be placed at the entrance of public parking lots within the City of Hastings. Moved by Maggie Esch seconded by Steve Huntley to approve Resolution 2026-49 allowing parking signs to be placed at the entrance of public parking lots within the City of Hastings. 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) Resolution No. 2026-51 allowing the County Attorney and their deputies to prosecute juvenile violations of city ordinance, tobacco violations for defendants under 21 years of age, and any violations of city ordinances that may arise in any case in which the county attorney has filed a violation of state statute. Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Maggie Esch to approve Resolution No. 2026-51 allowing the County Attorney and their deputies to prosecute juvenile violations of City Ordinance, tobacco violations for defendants under 21 years of age, and any violations of city ordinances that may arise in any case in which the county attorney has filed a violation of state statute. 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) Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson to approve appointments to the Mechanical Advisory Board 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 8:38 p.m.

APPROVED:

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George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

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