

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 11, 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 11, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Council President Duval with the following members present: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel.
Absent: Mayor Vern Powers.

Council President Duval led the group in recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Moved by Niemeyer, seconded by Harrington that the Agenda for the January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting be adopted. Official Notice of the meeting was given in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, January 8, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel.
Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Council President Duval read the Public Notice – Pursuant to the 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 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.

Councilmember Goebel reported on the Board of Public Works meetings held since the last Council meeting in December. Hastings Utilities made an application for a \$4.4 million State grant to assist in the water treatment plant. The HEDC and Chamber of Commerce funding agreements were tabled to bring them into line with the new fiscal year, which will be concurrent with the City Council's. The Board approved a revised residency requirement. It was reported WEC2 is back online and generating electricity, with some improvement in the energy market. Hastings Utilities is writing off uncollectible accounts and turning over unpaid debt to a collection agency. A quarterly financial report was given. The next meeting is January 14th, 9:00 A.M. in the Hastings Utilities Boardroom.

Marv Shultes announced his retirement recently, which is planned for July 15, 2016. Mr. Goebel thanked him for his service to the community.

Council President Duval recognized the service anniversaries for Byron Gates, 25 years of service as of January 28, 2016; Keith Leonhardt, 35 years of service as of January 6, 2016.

Council President Duval reminded everyone that the January Council Worksession scheduled for January 18th (Martin Luther King Day) will be moved to 5:30 P.M., January 19, 2016.

Moved by Niemeyer, seconded by Skutnik that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved:
1(a) Minutes of the Council Meeting of December 14, 2015.
(b) Approval of the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of December 21, 2015.
4(a) Payroll for the period ending January 16, 2016, paid January 22, 2016.
(b) Regular claims and authorizing the City Clerk to issue checks against the various funds for payment.
(c) Prepaid claims and authorizing the City Clerk to issue checks against the various funds for payment.
5(a) Department Monthly Reports received and placed on file.

Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Odom, seconded by Goebel for the approval of Change Order No. 1 to Mercury Emissions Control Equipment Construction with ProEnergy Services for a net addition of \$2,046.65.

Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Hoops for the approval of awarding contract for Sanitary Sewer Extension District 2016-1, Second Avenue to 26th Street, to Van Kirk Brothers Contracting, Sutton, Nebraska, in the amount of \$125,726.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4469. . .AMENDING SECTION 32-304 OF THE HASTINGS CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR A CHANGE IN THE ELECTRIC RATE FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL SERVICE (TSS) WHICH WAS INADVERTENTLY LEFT OUT OF ORDINANCE NO. 4461; TO REPEAL ANY ORDINANCE OR OTHER PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

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

Council President Duval then stated the question “Shall Ordinance No. 4469 be passed and adopted?” Upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted YEA: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel No: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

Councilmember Krings moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilmember Niemeyer seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmembers voted YEA: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel No: None. Absent: None. 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 15, 2016. Effective date of the ordinance is January 27, 2016.

Moved by Krings, seconded by Niemeyer that the Council approve the Mayor’s Reappointments as follows:

BOARD/COMMISSION	APPOINTEE	DATES OF TERM
BID	Andrew Vrbas	11-10-15 to 11-10-18
	Eldon Orthman	11-10-15 to 11-10-18
	Tony Harmon	11-15-15 to 11-15-18
Tree Board	William Locke	11-15-15 to 11-15-18
	Margaret Lainson-Hermes	11-15-15 to 11-15-18
	Jane Marie	11-15-15 to 11-15-18
CRA	Rick Klamm	11-1-15 to 11-1-20
Brd of Adjustment	John Northrup	7-1-15 to 7-1-18
	Robert Meyers	7-1-15 to 7-1-18
Brd of Appeals	Todd Kwiecinski	11-1-13 to 11-1-18

Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Goebel announced that he will not file for re-election for the City Council. He encouraged citizens in the 1st Ward to run for the City Council.

Moved by Odom, seconded by Skutnik that the Council go into Executive Session at 5:45 P.M. for litigation, negotiation, and personnel. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Skutnik, seconded by Niemeyer that the Council go out of Executive Session into Regular Session at 6:29 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Niemeyer, seconded by Skutnik there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. Nays: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Vern P. Powers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly S. Jacobitz, City Clerk

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