

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order in regular session by Mayor Powers with the following members present: Harrington, Odom, Glen, Krings, Oatman, Goebel. Absent: Peterson, Niemeyer.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Glen that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the southeast wall of the City Council Chambers and that prior to this meeting a notice was placed in the Hastings Tribune on February 10, 2012, that notice was posted in three public places, that each Councilmember and Mayor received a copy of the proposed agenda and that an agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection and that said meeting is held in open session. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Odom, Glen, Krings, Oatman, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Peterson, Niemeyer. The motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS** None.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

Moved by Krings, seconded by Goebel that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved:

1(a) Council Meeting of January 23, 2012.

1(b) Minutes of the Worksession of January 17, 2012.

2(a) Application of Tri-City Garden Corporation for a Special Designated License at the Hastings Museum on March 28, 2012.

2(b) Application of Tri-City Garden Corporation for a Special Designated License at the City Auditorium on April 3, 2012.

4(a) Payroll for the period ending February 4, 2012, paid February 10, 2012 and payroll for the period ending February 18, 2012, paid February 24, 2012.

4(b) Authorizing the City Clerk to issue checks against the various funds for payment of claims. (Claims attached to and made a part of these minutes).

4(c) Authorizing the City Clerk to issue checks against the various funds for payment of pre-paid claims. (Pre-paid claims included in list of regular claims).

5(a) Department Monthly Reports received and placed on file.

6(a) Renewal of 2012-2013 Liquor License Applications for the following: **Class "A" On Sale Beer** - Dunning Investments, Inc.; **Class "B" Off Sale Beer** - Bosselman, Inc., Casey's Retail Company (3), Hoff Brothers, Inc. (2), Cooperative Producers, Inc., Pester Marketing Company, Terick LLC, Thomsen Oil Co.; **Class "D" Package Liquor** - AWC, LLC, Bosselman Pump & Pantry, Inc., Cooperative Producers, Inc., GNS Corporation (2), Hoff Brothers, Inc. (2), Kmart Corporation, L.C.S., Inc., Nash-Finch Company, Wal Mart Stores, Inc., Walgreens Company; **Class "I" Liquor, Wine, Beer** - AFJ, Inc., GDL, Inc., Golden Coast, Inc., Hastings Hospitality, Inc., Rafael Ayala.

Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Odom, Glen, Krings, Oatman, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Peterson, Niemeyer. The motion carried.

At this time a public hearing was held on the request of Robert Murphy to rezone property from Agriculture to R-1A Single Family Large Lot Residential at 2130 South Wabash Avenue.

No one appeared to speak in favor.

No one appeared to speak in opposition.

The City Clerk advised that her office had received no written objections.

The Mayor declared the hearing closed.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 4318**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP AS DESIGNATED AND DESCRIBED IN SECTION 34-105 OF THE HASTINGS CITY CODE; TO REDESIGNATE THE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION AFFECTING THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO REVISE THE ORIGINAL DESIGNATIONS (Rezoning 2130 South Wabash Avenue from Agriculture to R-1A Single Family Large Lot Residential)

Said Ordinance was read by title and thereafter Councilman Odom moved for passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Harrington.

Councilman Krings moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended; Councilman Harrington seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote the following Councilmen voted YEA: Harrington, Odom, Glen, Krings, Oatman, Goebel. NAY: None. ABSENT: Peterson, Niemeyer. 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 Mayor then stated the question was "Shall Ordinance No. 4318 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following Councilmen voted YEA: Harrington, Odom, Glen, Krings, Oatman, Goebel. NAY: None. ABSENT: Peterson, Niemeyer. The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor signed and approved the ordinance and the City Clerk attested the passage approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto. Effective date of the ordinance is February 29, 2012.

Moved by Goebel, seconded by Glen that the Preliminary/Final Plat of Murphy Acres located at 2130 South Wabash Avenue be approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Odom, Glen, Krings, Oatman, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Peterson, Niemeyer. The motion carried.

That the Preliminary/Final Plat of Marvin Bruntz Subdivision located at 7340 North Marian Road be approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Odom, Glen, Krings, Oatman, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Peterson, Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Moved by Krings, seconded by Glen that the Council authorize the continuation of Cable TV Franchise Fees such that 5% of gross receipts are paid to the City and of that amount, 1% is paid to Hastings Public Access Corporation.

Councilman Goebel stated he is on the Hastings Public Access Corporation (HPAC) Board and would mention that with their move to the City Building there is a lot better connection with Charter Communications, it has really improved. The Public Library is still accepting material from the public that will be played on the Public Access channel.

Vote on the motion. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Odom, Glen, Krings, Oatman, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Peterson, Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Moved by Glen, seconded by Odom that the contract for one 4x4 ambulance be awarded to Ed M. Feld Equipment Company of 113 N. Griffith Road, Carroll, Iowa 51401 in the amount of \$145,000.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Odom, Glen, Krings, Oatman, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Peterson, Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Odom that the addendum to Interlocal Agreement for Essential Ambulance Service to Adams County be approved.

Bob Sullivan, City Attorney, stated this addendum allows transportation from the jail to the hospital for individuals who are held at the County Jail; that is a cost that is absorbed by the County as well, therefore, we will provide that transport at no additional cost.

Vote on the motion. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Odom, Glen, Krings, Oatman, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Peterson, Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Moved by Krings, seconded by Glen that the contract for billing services for Hastings Fire & Rescue be awarded to EMS Billing Services of 6907 North 102<sup>nd</sup> Circle, Omaha, NE 68122 in the amount of 10% of actual collections and that the Mayor be authorized to execute contract.

The Fire Chief stated he essence of this is that the percentage is only on what is actually collected and that can be quite different from what is billed out. Medicare has assignment, which is an amount they pay or for participating providers for insurance companies. Chief Gilbert stated the thing we looked at in the budgeting was the amount, we always look at the amount that was collected, not the amount actually billed. We also had a proposal from Midwest Medical Services for 8%, but in discussions it felt that that would create a conflict of interest because both Midwest Medical Services and Hastings Fire & Rescue will be providing service to the community, not as competitors, but as partners.

Councilman Krings questioned if this was going to stay a contract service and was there any discussion at any point of this being done in house or was it always intended to be a contract service.

The Fire Chief stated Hastings is right at a tipping point within the population for when it begins to make sense to have in house billing. We don't have the expertise to be able to train a person or individual to do that and dealing with Medicare and Medicaid would be difficult. The Fire Chief stated our best option is to contract with a company that does that routinely.

Vote on the motion. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Odom, Glen, Krings, Oatman, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Peterson, Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Glen that the following rates for emergency medical services provided by Hastings Fire & Rescue be set as follows:

BLS Non-Emergent - \$390    BLS Emergent - \$595    ALS Non-Emergent - \$550

ALS Non-Transport - \$250    ALS-1 - \$730    ALS 2 - \$835  
Specialty Care Transport - \$825  
Mileage - \$14 Patient Mile    Standby - \$85 Per Hour

Councilman Krings questioned if the rates are comparable to current rates set by our current provider.

The Fire Chief stated the current provider is not required to divulge their rates; they had in the past under a contract with Adams County, but that ceased maybe four or five years ago. The Fire Chief stated what he can tell the Council is that anecdotally, you would be \$41 below their current rate on an ALS-1 which is an advanced life support where perhaps they start an IV. On an ALS-2, you would be about \$22.00 less than the local provider. The mileage rate may be higher, but again this is an instance where you have to look at what is actually paid. With the cost of gas going up this week, it is probably best to not underestimate.

The Mayor stated the Fire Chief has included a matrix of about 10 or 12 towns.

The Fire Chief stated that that is correct, we looked at a lot of different communities, but it is interesting that there are no two cities alike and they have a different payer mix. For instance, North Platte has a large railroad population base with well paying insurance. What we tried to do is find cities that had the same qualities (size, number of calls, distance to the hospital, etc.) to determine those rates. As you move ahead with EMS Billing, they are going to be able to provide the financial reports that we will need to better define those rates. They will have the expertise at that and right now we statistically are lacking some things.

Councilman Goebel questioned the rate comparison chart, there were six cities that looked like they would be good ones to compare to and then a recommendation for our rates was set. They were all pretty close to the average with the exception of the advanced life support non-emergency call, the average is \$690 and you are recommending \$550.

The Fire Chief stated on the non-emergency transport, what determines whether it is a emergent or not emergent isn't really the Fire Department, it is actual patient condition that has to be met. We did go lower than the average.

Councilman Goebel stated that is quite a different figure from the average.

The Fire Chief stated the rate Councilman Goebel is looking at was the ALS Non-Transport.

Councilman Goebel stated he was looking at the ALS Non-Emergent, the average is \$690 and your recommendation is \$550.

The Fire Chief stated that would be like a transport rate, it is going to be one that doesn't occur very frequently by the nature of it because if you are starting IV's and you are doing different medical care it usually indicates that you are in a hurry to get to the hospital.

Councilman Goebel stated if we set that rate at \$550 now and then see that six months down the road that it is a not in line, we can change it.

The Fire Chief stated the key to a lot of this is having the financial statistics underneath us and knowing what our average customer looks like.

Councilman Goebel stated when he looked at the EMS Billing Services on line web site, they did

say, as the Fire Chief mentioned, that as you go along they will help you with rates to know if you are under or over billing.

The Fire Chief stated there is a lot of Medicare and Medicaid regulations that we want to be careful that we don't get on the wrong side.

The Mayor stated that if Councilman Goebel wanted to make a change, he certainly could do that.

Councilman Goebel stated he doesn't have any problem with it right now, but if we can look down the road in five or six months and have more statistics then we can see where we are at that time.

The Fire Chief stated we do plan on giving the Mayor and Council a monthly report beginning with the first month, which is rapidly approaching. The firefighters are very well prepared, they really have put a lot into this and we have just a very few minor things, but we have received the ok from the State to start to run.

Councilman Odom stated his hope is that we can massage these numbers as we go through a few months and we need to follow it closely.

Councilman Odom mentioned mileage, what he is hearing in the news right now is that gas and fuel prices in general could significantly go up in the next few months and what he heard today is that we are close enough to summer where they do the blended gases that they are just going to leave those prices high. Councilman Odom questioned if we are able to do a fuel surcharge to cover those highs like that.

The Fire Chief stated the Public Service Commission allows it, but Medicare and Medicaid don't. The Fire Chief stated one thing he wanted to mention on mileage is that ambulances have a lot of idle time when they are waiting to be loaded or unloaded.

Councilman Odom stated he isn't concerned when it is running, but even if it is idle time that gas or diesel has to be covered. Councilman Odom stated he believes we need to watch that and do whatever we can with our rates in the future.

The Fire Chief stated one of the reasons they keep ambulances running is because a lot of things are plugged in, i.e., defibrillators. The Fire Chief stated he also is worried about the cost of fuel in general because there isn't a lot we can do to change our fuel consumption.

The Mayor stated we can protect ourselves a little bit by bulk fuel purchases.

Councilman Odom asked if there had been any discussions by staff concerning compressed natural gas or other alternative fuels.

The Mayor stated no we haven't, but it is probably a discussion we probably should have.

Councilman Odom stated he believes it is something we should be looking at.

The Fire Chief stated the Fire Department is pretty environmentally friendly and as we look at the ambulance situation, one of the things we found is that there are a few services that are placing solar panels on tops of ambulances so they don't have that idle time. That is one of the things we will be looking at as we move ahead with our grant funding.

Vote on the motion. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Odom, Glen, Krings, Oatman, Goebel.  
Nays: None. Absent: Peterson, Niemeyer. The motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-6**

WHEREAS, the Hastings City Council is considering the annexation to the City of Hastings certain lands described herein; and

WHEREAS, Neb.Rev.Stat 16-117 (Reissue 1991) requires that the City Council adopt a resolution stating that the City is considering the annexation of such lands; and

WHEREAS, said statute also requires that the City prepare and adopt a plan for extension of City services to the land considered for annexation; and

WHEREAS, said Plan has now been prepared by City staff, and it has been reviewed by the Hastings City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska, as follows:

1. That the Hastings City Council is considering the annexation of certain land to the City of Hastings, and the description of the boundary of such land is as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast Corner of Lot 2 (existing corporation corner), Centennial Subdivision, said Corner also being on the Westerly Right-of-Way line of Centennial Avenue, all being located in Hastings Industrial Park West in the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section 14, Township 7 North, Range 10 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Adams County, Nebraska; Thence N 45°34'16" W (assumed bearing) along the Southerly line (existing Corporation line) of said Lot 2 a distance of 163.48 feet; Thence continuing along said Southerly line (existing corporation line) N 69°00'00" W a distance of 213.91 feet; Then N 60°17'18" E a distance of 821.36 feet to a point on the East line of Lot 1, Centennial Subdivision; Thence S 00°17'18" E along said East line a distance of 349.73 feet to the Southeast Corner of said Lot 1; Thence S 89°38'50" W along the South line of said Lot 1 a distance of 120.99 feet to the Southwest Corner of said Lot 1 and the point on a 269.92 feet radius curve to the left; Thence Southwesterly along the Arc of said curve (chord bearing and distance being S 55°21'17" W for 304.39 feet) a distance of 323.29 feet to the point of tangency; Thence S 21°00'00" W a distance of 80.00 feet to the Beginning.

2. A public hearing on the question of this annexation is hereby scheduled for February 28, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 220 North Hastings Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.
3. A Plan of the City of Hastings for extension of City services to the land proposed for annexation is available for inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the City Clerk, 220 North Hastings Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.
4. The Plan described hereinabove has been reviewed by the Mayor and City

Council and is hereby approved.

5. The Hastings City Clerk shall cause a copy of this Resolution and a copy of the map drawn to scale delineating the land proposed for annexation, which map is attached to the above-described Plan, to be published in the Hastings Tribune at least one time, not less than ten days prior to the date of the public meeting.
6. The Hastings City Clerk shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be sent by first class mail to the school board of any school district in the land proposed for annexation.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-7**

WHEREAS, the Hastings City Council is considering the annexation to the City of Hastings certain lands described herein; and

WHEREAS, Neb.Rev.Stat 16-117 (Reissue 1991 requires that the City Council adopt a resolution stating that the City is considering the annexation of such lands; and

WHEREAS, said statute also requires that the City prepare and adopt a plan for extension of City services to the land considered for annexation; and

WHEREAS, said Plan has now been prepared by City staff, and it has been reviewed by the Hastings City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska as follows:

- 1 That the Hastings City Council is considering the annexation of certain land to the City of Hastings and the description of the boundary of such land is as follows:

Referring to the Southeast corner of Lot 6, Block 3, Hastings Industrial Park West, said Corner also being on the Westerly Right-of-Way line of Centennial Avenue, all being located in the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 14, Township 7 North, Range 10 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Adams County, Nebraska; Thence S 89°38'50" W (assumed bearing) along the Southerly line (existing Corporation line) of said Lot 6 a distance of 334.92 feet to the point on a 459.28 foot radius curve to the South; Thence Southwesterly along the Arc of said curve (chord bearing and distance being S 83°26'18" W for 99.34 feet) a distance of 99.53 feet to the TRUE POINTS OF BEGINNING; Thence continuing Southwesterly along the Arc of said curve (chord bearing and distance being - S 72°26'16" W for 76.73 feet) a distance of 76.82 feet; Thence N 21°00'00" E along a parallel with the Easterly line of said Lot 6 a distance of 574.95 feet to a point on the Northerly line of Lot 3, Centennial Subdivision; Thence S 69°00'00" E along said Northerly line a distance of 60.00 feet; Thence S 21°00'00" W along a line (existing corporation line) parallel with the Easterly line of Said Lot 6 a distance of 527.12 feet to the Point of Beginning.

2. A public hearing on the question of this annexation is hereby scheduled for February 28, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 220 North Hastings Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.

3. A Plan of the City of Hastings for extension of City services to the land proposed for annexation is available for inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the City Clerk, 220 North Hastings Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.
4. The Plan described hereinabove has been reviewed by the Mayor and City Council and is hereby approved.
5. The Hastings City Clerk shall cause a copy of this Resolution and a copy of the map drawn to scale delineating the land proposed for annexation, which map is attached to the above-described Plan, to be published in the Hastings Tribune at least one time, not less than ten days prior to the date of the public meeting.
6. The Hastings City Clerk shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be sent by first class mail to the school board of any school district in the land proposed for annexation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-8**

WHEREAS, the Hastings City Council is considering the annexation to the City of Hastings certain lands described herein; and

WHEREAS, Neb.Rev.Stat. 16-117 (Reissue 1991) requires that the City Council adopt a resolution stating that the City is considering the annexation of such lands; and

WHEREAS, said statute also requires that the City prepare and adopt a plan for extension of City services to the land considered for annexation; and

WHEREAS, said Plan has now been prepared by City staff, and it has been reviewed by the Hastings City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska, as follows:

1. That the Hastings City Council is considering the annexation of certain land to the City of Hastings, and the description of the boundary of such land is as follows:

Referring to the Southwest Corner of Lot 1, Block 1, Hastings Industrial Park West Subdivision, Adams County, Nebraska, said corner also being on the North Right-of-Way line of Park West Drive; Thence N 00°24'45" W (assumed bearing) along the West line of said Lot 1 a distance of 200.50 feet to the TRUE POINT of BEGINNING; Thence continuing N 00°24'45" W along said West line a distance of 179.50 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 1; Thence N 89°35'15" E along the North line of said Lot 1 a distance of 340.91 feet to the Northeast Corner of said Lot 1; Thence S 00°00'00" E along the East line of said Lot 1 a distance of 175.01 feet to the East/Southeast Corner of said Lot 1, said Corner also being the point of intersection of the West Right-of-Way line of South Baltimore Avenue and the North Right-of-Way line of Park West Drive; Thence S 89°35'15" W along said North Right-of-Way line a distance of 25.27 feet to a point on a 92.63 foot radius curve to the left; Thence Southerly along said Right-of-Way line and the Arc of said curve (chord bearing and distance being S

80°57'38: W for 30.08 feet) a distance of 30.21 feet to the point; Thence S 89°35'15" W along a line (existing corporation line) parallel with the North Right-of-Way line (extended) of said Park West Drive a distance of 284.63 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The forgoing legal description encompasses all the Commercial Property Management LLC property (ECHO SUPPLY COMPANY) annexed to the applicable Industrial Area Agreement, and includes the portions of Lot 1, Block 1, Hastings Industrial Park West Subdivision annexed incrementally by passage of four separate ordinances in previous years, as well as the fifth portion of that property which is being annexed at this time.

2. A public hearing on the question of this annexation is hereby scheduled for February 28, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 220 North Hastings Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.
3. A Plan of the City of Hastings for extension of City services to the land proposed for annexation is available for inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the City Clerk, 220 North Hastings Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.
4. The Plan described hereinabove has been reviewed by the Mayor and City Council and is hereby approved.
5. The Hastings City Clerk shall cause a copy of this Resolution and a copy of the map drawn to scale delineating the land proposed for annexation, which map is attached to the above-described Plan, to be published in the Hastings Tribune at least one time, not less than ten days prior to the date of the public meeting.
6. The Hastings City Clerk shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be sent by first class mail to the school board of any school district in the land proposed for annexation.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-9**

WHEREAS, the Hastings City Council is considering the annexation to the City of Hastings certain lands described herein; and

WHEREAS, Neb.Rev.Stat. 16-117 (Reissue 1991) requires that the City Council adopt a resolution stating that the City is considering the annexation of such lands; and

WHEREAS, said statute also requires that the City prepare and adopt a plan for extension of City services to the land considered for annexation; and

WHEREAS, said Plan has now been prepared by City staff, and it has been reviewed by the Hastings City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska, as follows:

1. That the Hastings City Council is considering the annexation of certain land

to the City of Hastings, and the description of the boundary of such land is as follows:

A tract of land being part of Lot 8, Block 1, Hastings Industrial Park West Subdivision located in the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) Section 14, Township 7 North, Range 20 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Adams County, Nebraska and more particularly described as follows:

The South 121.85 feet of Lot 8, Block 1, Hastings Industrial Park West Subdivision in the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 14, Township 7 North, Range 10 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Adams County, Nebraska.

The foregoing legal description encompasses all of the L & H Manufacturing Co., Inc., a Nebraska Corporation property annexed to the applicable Industrial Area agreement, and includes the portions of the L & H Manufacturing Co., Inc. property annexed incrementally by passage of four separate ordinances in previous years, as well as the fifth portion of that property which is being annexed at this time.

2. A public hearing on the question of this annexation is hereby scheduled for February 28, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 220 North Hastings Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.
3. A Plan of the City of Hastings for extension of City services to the land proposed for annexation is available for inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the City Clerk, 220 North Hastings Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.
4. The Plan described hereinabove has been reviewed by the Mayor and City Council and is hereby approved.
5. The Hastings City Clerk shall cause a copy of this Resolution and a copy of the map drawn to scale delineating the land proposed for annexation, which map is attached to the above-described Plan, to be published in the Hastings Tribune at least one time, not less than ten days prior to the date of the public meeting.
6. The Hastings City Clerk shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be sent by first class mail to the school board of any school district in the land proposed for annexation.

Moved by Glen, seconded by Harrington that Resolution Nos. 2012-6, 2012-7, 2012-8 and 2019-9 be passed and approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Odom, Glen, Krings, Oatman, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Peterson, Niemeyer. The motion carried.

**REPORTS OF LIAISONS:** Councilman Goebel reported on the February 2, 2012 Board of Public Works Meeting. There was discussion about the possibility of a compressed natural gas station. Currently there are a couple in Lincoln and Omaha and one public access refueling at the Lincoln Airport. There are some real advantages to compressed natural gas vehicles at the present because of the low cost of natural gas currently. There are a lot less emissions from a vehicle running on compressed natural gas as opposed to those running on gasoline or diesel. Both types of vehicles can be converted to compressed natural gas, but the cost to convert really varies widely. There is quite an amount of savings as you go along, both the fuel use and

lifetime of the vehicle because compressed natural gas burns so much cleaner. There was also a report given on the street lighting (LED lights & Induction Lighting). Both lighting is better than the high pressure sodium lighting and from what Hastings Utilities has found out in their studies and having tried both types, the LED is working out better. There was also a discussion about the lack of street lighting on Osborne Drive West. The Board will be looking at that street as well as others in town that do not currently have good street lighting. The new power plant was scheduled for an outage beginning on February 10<sup>th</sup> that will run about six weeks for some warranty work on the turbine that was put in when the plant was built.

Councilman Goebel reported on the Mayor's Youth Council of January 26, 2012. Library Director Amy Greenland was presented a check in the amount of \$613.00 for the Library Renovation Project. The \$613.00 was from the proceeds from the Middle School Dance they held on December 30<sup>th</sup> at the City Auditorium.

Moved by Odom, seconded by Kings there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourn at 7:33 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Odom, Glen, Krings, Oatman, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Peterson, Niemeyer. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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