

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Hoops 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 November 8, 2013, 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, Peterson, Odom, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**REPORTS LIAISONS:** Councilman Goebel reported on the October 31, 2013 Board of Public Works Meeting. There was an outage at WEC II which started October 18, 2013 and was to be back on line early in November. There was a 10,500 horse power induced air draft fan in which the shroud had come loose and some pieces came off of it. There was also some cracking found in some burners. Both repairs were made on a temporary basis until parts and design for a permanent repair can be made which will be done during a planned outage in the spring. There was a presentation given by JEO Engineering on the Water Rate Study they have done. Some preparation was made for the November 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Budget Meetings. The Board of Public Works will look at the final form of their budget and approve it at the November 14, 2013 Board of Public Works Meeting. On Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Council will hold their Worksession at Hastings Utilities to review the budget of Hastings Utilities and then the City Council will hold a public hearing on that budget at the November 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Councilman Goebel stated included in the budget are some rate increases, 12% increase on water, 5% on electric and 8% on sewer which was approved earlier. There are no increases planned on natural gas or street lights.

Councilman Goebel stated the Mayor's Youth Council is planning a meeting tonight after the Council Meeting.

Councilmember Hoops reported on the November 11<sup>th</sup> Library Board Meeting. There was a short recap given of the fiscal year end. The Library Director gave a preview of important points as they will be re-applying for the State accreditation this year; they will be evaluating their strategic plan and goals.

Councilman Odom stated since today is Veteran's Day, he wanted to thank all our veterans here in the room tonight, all those watching on TV and all those in the community. Councilman Odom asked Councilmembers Peterson and Goebel to relay to the Mayor's Youth Council a big thank you for the work they did in helping with the parade. They not only participated in the

parade, but made sure signs got up around town. We did have 63 units in our parade, wonderful weather and a fairly good crowd.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:** The Mayor read a proclamation proclaiming November 10<sup>th</sup> through November 16<sup>th</sup> as Nurse Practitioners Week.

Franc E. Wagner updated the Council on the Official Sister City visit to Ozu, Japan. The HIEO (Hastings International Exchange Organization) was created in 1995 to act as the official organization to represent the City of Hastings with our sister city of Ozu, Japan. In the past 17 out of 18 years, Ozu has sent businessmen, educators and students to visit in Hastings. As a sister city agreement, the City of Hastings then reciprocates by traveling to Ozu which we have, but it has been almost seven years since we have last been there. Our friends that come from Ozu all say that Hastings is such a wonderful place to live and many of them have returned time and time again. Each year when a group comes they bring at least one city official with them from their City office. City officials in Japan are revered highly so they always send someone from their City office and for our trip to Ozu, we are especially in hopes that we can have the Mayor as well as some Councilmembers make the trip. The official visitation trip is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2014. We have a tentative list of 13 people who are currently interested in going. The anticipated cost will be around \$2,500 which includes round trip air fare, hotels in Japan and most meals. We really encourage citizens of Hastings to take advantage of this economical trip in which you will be immersed in the Japanese culture and most likely will sleep on mats and will enjoy rice, fish and seaweed. Space is limited, so if you are interested or if you have questions, you can contact her. Brochures regarding the trip are available at the City Offices, Hastings College, Adams Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Area Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Odom stated he had the opportunity to go to Japan in 1995 and 2015 will be our 20 year anniversary. There are members of the HEIO that are trying to put something together and if the 20 year anniversary is here, we need to make sure that the City supports that in every way we can. Councilman Odom stated he can't express enough how excited and enthused the folks that come to visit are and they have hosted a couple of these visitors in their home. This trip is an excellent opportunity, and the only thing that we never have been able to develop as much as he had hoped, is the business relationship. Some of the business people that went over in 1995 have worked real hard to do some things and they did have some successes. We do have a great opportunity with this group and with our sister city relationship to continue helping economic development in the long run. We have had a number of the Japanese society here that have stayed for weeks upon weeks and looked at our businesses, evaluated and even worked within our local industry.

Ms. Wagner stated we just had four guests here in October and they said that Ozu is one of the fastest growing cities in Japan. The brochure says Ozu has a population of 29,000, but it is now at 33,000.

Denny Storer, past president of the HIEO, stated we have taken, between the City of Hastings and Hastings College, six delegations to Ozu since 1995. The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in 2015 and will be here before we know it and the celebration will probably be in July of 2015 here in Hastings. Mr. Storer stated some are probably wondering why all of this is important, but if you look at the statistics on this, Nebraska and particularly Adams County, exports an enormous amount of corn, soybeans, packaged beef and live cattle to Japan. The last time he checked, Nebraska was one of the highest exporting states of the lower 50 states to Japan. There is a very clear relationship there and firms like Jack Schreiners and Bruckman Rubber have been doing some very interesting things. Mr. Storer stated he hopes all of you can see your way to join us, it is an absolutely phenomenal experience.

The Mayor stated we had an intern a couple of years ago and he is now been appointed to a gigantic development in Malaysia somewhere where they are going to do a 90 billion dollar development. There will be hundreds of thousands of houses, it is going to be complete cities and soccer stadiums with 400 to 500 miles of pavement. We are hoping to have him meet up with us in Ozu as well.

Moved by Skutnik, seconded by Peterson that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved:

- 1(a) Minutes of the Council Meeting of October 28, 2013.
- 1(b) Minutes of the Worksession of October 22, 2013.
- 2(a) Application of Murphy's Wagon Wheel, Inc. for a Special Designated License at The Lark on December 6, 2013.
- 2(b) Application of Murphy's Wagon Wheel, Inc. for a Special Designated License at the City Auditorium on December 7, 2013.
- 2(c) Application of Murphy's Wagon Wheel, Inc. for a Special Designated License at The Lark on December 13, 2013.
- 2(d) Application of Murphy's Wagon Wheel, Inc. for a Special Designated License at the Hastings Museum on December 14, 2013.
- 4(a) Payroll for the period ending November 9, 2013, paid November 15, 2013.
- 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 claims attached).

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

At this time a public hearing was held on the application of Miscues LLC dba "Miscues" for a Class "CK" Liquor License to be operated at 316 South Elm Avenue.

Josephine Chase of 106 North California stated she was representing the previous owner, Michael Chase. Ms. Chase asked the Council to allow the new Miscues to go into effect.

No one appeared to speak in opposition.

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

There being no other persons wishing to speak, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-52**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA, that after hearing had as required by law, consideration of the facts of this application, the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, and the pertinent city ordinances of the City of Hastings, Nebraska:

The Hastings City Council hereby recommends that the application of MISCUES LLC dba "Miscues" for a Class "CK" Liquor License for the license period ending October 31, 2014, at 316 South Elm Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska, be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Skutnik that Resolution No. 2013-52 be passed and approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Peterson, Odom, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Moved by Krings, seconded by Odom that the Manager Application of Michael D. Richardson in connection with the Class "CK" Liquor License of Miscues LLC dba "Miscues" located at 316 South Elm Avenue be approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Peterson, Odom, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Niemeyer. The motion carried.

At this time a public hearing was held on the application of T Post Holdings LLC dba "Tori's Steak and Pub" for a Class "C" Liquor License to be operated at 1609 North Kansas Avenue.

Troy Post, owner of Tori's Steak & Pub, appeared to speak on behalf of the application.

No one appeared to speak in opposition.

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

There being no other persons wishing to speak, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-53**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA, that after hearing had as required by law, consideration of the facts of this application, the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, and the pertinent city ordinances of the City of Hastings, Nebraska:

The Hastings City Council hereby recommends that the application of T POST HOLDINGS LLC dba "Tori's Steak and Pub" for a Class "C" Liquor License for the license period ending October 1, 2014, at 1609 North Kansas Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska, be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

Moved by Odom, seconded by Harrington that Resolution No. 2013-53 be passed and approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Peterson, Odom, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Moved by Hoops, seconded by Goebel that the Manager Application of Troy H. Post in connection with the Class "C" Liquor License of T Post Holdings LLC dba "Tori's Steak and Pub" located at 1609 North Kansas Avenue be approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Peterson, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Moved by Goebel, seconded by Odom that the salary range of Environmental Engineering Assistant I to come into conformance with the Engineering Assistant I position be approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Peterson, Odom, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Niemeyer. The motion carried.

Moved by Odom, seconded by Skutnik that the Mayor be authorized to execute contract with Kirkham Michael for engineering design of concrete pavement rehabilitation at the airport, Project No. 3-31-0040-13, in the amount of \$111,860.69.

Dave Wacker, City Engineer, stated for the last couple of years we have made grant applications for federal funds at the Hastings Airport. Each year we update a number of projects and the recent project we are working on is pavement rehabilitation; there are some panels out there that

are actually starting to deteriorate. We have about a \$500,000 to \$600,000 grant application that is going to be forwarded for pavement repair and surface grinding at the Airport. What we are approving tonight is the contract for the engineering services that are necessary for plans, specifications and safety conformance report to bid the work and build the proposed improvements. This is 90% federally funded and the remaining 10% would be paid by the City. We are hopeful to have the design completed this year and hopefully the funds will be available in the spring to let the bid and accomplish the work.

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

Moved by Hoops, seconded by Odom there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourn at 7:26 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Harrington, Peterson, Odom, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. Nays: None. Absent: Niemeyer. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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