

**COUNCIL WORKSESSION, MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

Others present: Joe Patterson (City Administrator), David Wacker (City Engineer), Jack Newlun (Solid Waste Superintendent), Pete Kortum (Police Chief), David Ptak (City Attorney), Kimberly Jacobitz (City Clerk), Mark Evans (Building Inspector), Lewis Seberg (City Electrical Inspector), Chris Funk (Director of Zero Waste Programs-WasteCap Nebraska), Minetta Khan (Sustainability Coordinator-Central Community College), Robb Woodward (Woodward's Disposal Service), Staff from The Clark Enersen Partners.

Moved by Niemeyer, seconded by Goebel that the Worksession Agenda be adopted. The motion carried.

Council President Duval stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference room and that prior to this meeting a notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City Building, 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. The motion carried.

**Presentation on Recycling by WasteCap Nebraska**

Council President Duval voiced her concern about the need to recycle to conserve landfill space and the fact that the City's landfill is land-locked. She would like the City of Hastings to look at things that we can do as a community to prolong the life of the landfill, which is why WasteCap was invited to speak at the worksession.

Chris Funk has been working with Central Community College towards a Zero Waste campus. She introduced Minetta Khan to the group. Minetta stated that CCC and the City of Hastings are both stakeholders in this important initiative in front of council tonight. CCC has set a target goal of becoming a Zero Waste campus by 2018 and encourages the City of Hastings to be a leader in this area also. She stated that the issue of recycling is important to young professionals and will help to retain and attract that age group to this community.

The amount of waste being produced per person each day and put into landfills in Nebraska was discussed, along with the constant fluctuation of the market for material to be recycled. Robb Woodward, Woodward's Disposal Service, stated that they are paying to transport material with no value to other locations. The labor intensive work of sorting the material has driven them to outsource that process to keep employees from quitting. Kris suggested that communities could use multiple bins in order to separate recyclables for a single stream approach rather than commingling the material and sorting at another location. She stated that we are not currently recycling a large amount of cardboard and office paper, which could be recycled without many changes. Education, working together as a community, and committing to make changes in recycling habits are all key to resolving this issue.

Bill Hietzman suggested that the initial step by City Council could be a resolution committing to recycling. CCC will provide samples of resolutions to use.

**Presentation by Hastings Public Library Renovation Design Team on Proposed Renovation Plan**

Amy Hafer (Library Director) introduced staff from Clark Enersen Partners. They presented the updated plans and informed the City Council that the current plans encroach 4.5 feet onto the public right-of-way on the north side of the building. Dave Ptak, City Attorney, stated that one way to handle this situation would be to vacate the 4.5 feet on the north side of the Hastings Public Library.

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It was explained that the design process began in 2010 with a complete three level renovation plan. The current plan has been revised to renovate the entire first and second floors, leaving the lowest level open for future programs, storage, and workspace.

**Discussion of proposed revisions to City Code Chapters 28, 29, & 40**

Mark Evans, City Building Inspector, presented possible amendment to City Code Chapter 28 "Buildings", to adopt the 2012 International Building Codes and the 2009 International Energy conservation Code. This code adopts 5 different model codes: Building, Residential, Mechanical, Existing Building, and updates to 2009 Energy Code. The biggest impact on the code would be the residential code. The Board of Appeals reviewed this code at their meeting on March 31, 2015.

Lewis Seberg, City Electrical Inspector, presented possible amendment to City Code Chapter 29, to adopt the 2014 National Electric Code. The State of Nebraska has adopted the 2014 National Electrical Code. The City of Hastings is updating to the 2014 NEC and making some changes recommended by the Electrical Board.

Mark Evans presented possible amendment to City Code Chapter 40 "Property Maintenance" to adopt the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code. The last update to the building codes was in 2010, when the City adopted the 2009 I-codes. This code change is in keeping with the adoption of the other 2012 I-codes. The Board of Appeals met on March 31, 2015 to review and discuss. The Board of Appeals recommends adoption of the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code.

Moved by Krings, seconded by Niemeyer that the Mayor and Council go into closed session at 7:10 PM for the discussion of real estate negotiations. The motion carried.

Moved by Niemeyer, seconded by Krings that the Mayor and Council resume open session at 7:50 P.M. The motion carried.

Moved by Krings, seconded by Harrington there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 P.M. The motion carried.