

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 24, 2015

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 August 24, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Powers with the following members present: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel. Absent: None.

The Mayor led the group in recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Moved by Krings, seconded by Niemeyer that the Agenda for the August 24, 2015 Regular Meeting be adopted. Official Notice of the meeting was given in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, August 21, 2015.

Roll Call resulted as follows: Aye: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel
No: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Powers 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 attended the Board of Public Works meeting held August 13, 2015. Marty Stange gave an extensive report at the meeting on a number of environmental regulations that will have an impact on Hastings Utilities, including the Clean Power Rule issued on August 3rd. This rule requires major reduction of CO2 emissions. Marty also reported the use of refined coal has reduced mercury emissions in both WEC1 and WEC2 plants. The first Mayor's Youth Council meeting will be held tonight at 8p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The Melon Roast car show was well attended yesterday at Brickyard Park. He thanked the Parks Department for the excellent job they did in getting the park prepared for the event.

Mayor Powers mentioned to the group that Tami Shick, President of the Hastings International Exchange Organization, graciously volunteered to coordinate an Ozu, Japan trip in the near future. Talk to Tami Shick or Phil Odom if you would like further information.

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

1(a) Minutes of the Council Meeting of August 10, 2015.

2(a) Approval of the manager application of Keith L. Stewart in connection with the Class "CK" Liquor License of Miscues, LLC located at 316 S. Elm Avenue.

(b) Approval of the request of the Hastings Police Department to close Osborne Drive East from 39th Street to 42nd Street from Friday, September 18, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. to Saturday, September 19, 2015 at noon for the World's Largest Truck Convoy.

(c) Approval of the application of the Hastings Museum for a Special Designated license at the Hastings Museum on September 22, 2015.

(d) Approval of the request of Hastings Area Church Women United, Hastings College and others, on behalf of Church World Service, to utilize City streets for a CROP Hunger Walk/5k Run on October 18, 2015.

4(a) Approval of the payroll for the period ending August 29, 2015, paid September 4, 2015.

(b) Approval of the regular claims and authorizing the City Clerk to issue checks against the various funds for payment.

Roll Call resulted as follows: Aye: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel
No: None. The motion carried.

Public hearing for the Comprehensive Revitalization Phase III Community Development Block Grant application (3rd year).

Charlie Wallace, South Central Economic Development District, Certified Grant Administrator for this project appeared to speak in favor. He stated that this project is the third year of the comprehensive revitalization strategy. The project includes street resurfacing along Garfield Avenue from 'A' Street to 'E' Street and along 'D' Street from Baltimore Avenue to Garfield Avenue. The grant total is \$225,000 CDBG funds, with the City leveraging funds on a one to one basis.

Joe Patterson, City Administrator, stated that the funds are being used for both sidewalks and streets. The City's sales tax is being used as leverage funds. These grant funds must be used in low to moderate income areas.

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, Mayor Powers declared the hearing closed.

Moved by Odom, seconded by Skutnik to approve the adoption of the Citizen Participation Plan required for applicants requesting Community Development Block Grant funding.

Roll Call resulted as follows: Aye: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel
No: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Hoops to approve the request for extension of contract end date to May 28, 2016 for Hastings Downtown Revitalization Community Development Block Grant 12-DTR-107.

Roll Call resulted as follows: Aye: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel
No: None. The motion carried.

Resolution No. 2015-21

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS

Whereas, the City of Hastings, Nebraska, is an eligible unit of a general local government authorized to file an application under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, and,

Whereas, the City of Hastings, Nebraska, has obtained its citizens' comments on community development and housing needs; and has conducted public hearing(s) upon the proposed application and received favorable public comment respecting the application which for an amount of \$225,000 for a Comprehensive Revitalization Project; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY

The City Council of the City of Hastings, that the Mayor be authorized and directed to proceed with the formulation of any and all contracts, documents or other memoranda between the City of Hastings and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development so as to effect acceptance of the grant application.

Moved by Goebel, seconded by Skutnik to pass and approve Resolution 2015-21.

Roll Call resulted as follows: Aye: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel
No: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Powers stated that there are ongoing discussions regarding the project across the street, but it may take a few years to decide if it is a good idea for the community. The group is working on the best outcome for the city.

Moved by Krings, seconded by Niemeyer there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Roll Call resulted as follows: Aye: Harrington, Duval, Odom, Niemeyer, Krings, Hoops, Skutnik, Goebel
No: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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