

ORDINANCE NO. 4787

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA, REQUIRING A YEARLY STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR THE CONTENT AND TIMING OF THE ADDRESS; PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL WORK SESSION; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND RELATED MATTERS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The Mayor and Council hereby deem it necessary and advisable the Mayor of the City of Hastings shall deliver an annual State of the City address at the first regularly scheduled City Council meeting in March of each calendar year.

The State of the City address shall include the following:

1. A comprehensive review of the financial condition of the city, including but not limited to:
 - a. Current debt levels.
 - b. Cash on hand.
 - c. Revenue and expenditure summaries.
 - d. Any additional financial information deemed relevant by the Mayor.
2. A summary of achievements and challenges from the prior year.
3. An outline of goals and objectives for the upcoming year.
4. Any failures or shortcomings encountered in City operations or governance in the prior year.
5. Other information deemed relevant or necessary by the Mayor to ensure full transparency and accountability.

The address shall be presented publicly and recorded in the minutes of the City Council meeting. A written transcript or summary including all visual aids shall be made available to the public on the City of Hastings' official website within ten (10) business days following the address.

Section 2. A city council work session shall be held the Saturday after the second regularly scheduled City Council meeting in February.

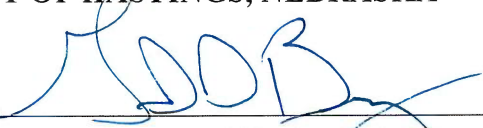
The purpose of the work session shall be the following:

1. Discuss the City's direction, goals, and objectives.
2. Evaluate challenges, concerns, and potential solutions.
3. Identify opportunities.

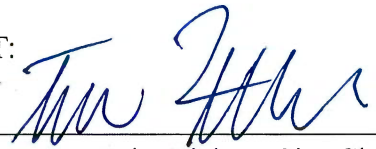
Section 3. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner and form provided by law and shall take effect and be in full force from and after its due passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of January, 2025.

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

By: 
George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
Tyler Ficken, City Clerk



Approved as to form: 
Jesse Oswald, City Attorney