

**Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Fasbender, Councilmembers Folch, Fox, Haus, Lawrence, Leifeld, and Pemble

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Wietecha
Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh
City Attorney Kori Land
Recreation Programming Specialist Paige Marschall-Bigler

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the City Council regular meeting on September 18, 2023.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Council Items to be Considered

Mayor Fasbender requested to add State Bonding Resolution to the Administration section of Reports from City Staff, seconded by Councilmember Folch.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Pemble motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Haus.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution No. 10-01-23: Accept Donation to the Parks and Recreation Department from the Reinhardt-Harrington Family
3. Approve Special Event Designation: DBA Community Halloween
4. Declare Surplus Property and Authorize for Public Sale, Donation, or Disposal – Hastings Fire Department

Public Hearing: Health Care Facility Revenue Bonds: Resolution No. 10-02-23: Consenting to Issuance by Duluth EDA

Wietecha provided an overview of the request to hold a public hearing and approve the resolution consenting to the Issuance of Health Care Facilities Revenue Bonds by the Duluth Economic Development Authority to Finance Projects in the City. Wietecha indicated Regina Senior Living is planning some improvements at the facility in Hastings as well as facilities in Winona and New Brighton. City Council is requested to consent to the issuance of the bonds to finance the improvements in Hastings.

Mayor Fasbender opened the public hearing at: 7:07 p.m.

Mayor Fasbender closed the public hearing at: 7:07 p.m.

No Council discussion.

Councilmember Fox motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Haus.
7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Levee Park Recap

Marschall-Bigler provided a recap of the 2023 summer events at Levee Park. Marschall-Bigler indicated the Hastings Parks and Recreation Department coordinated 31 programs for the facility sharing over 9,700+ people attended the events. These events were sponsored by the Ruth & George Doffing Charitable Fund, Ardent Mills, Dakota Electric, and Smead. She indicated the top communication outreach platforms include social media, Rivertown News, local outlets, and word of mouth.

Council discussion on appreciation of Marschall-Bigler's coordination and broad range of events that attract a wide audience. Council encouragement to connect with the Arts and Culture Commission. Council question about the types of rentals. Marschall-Bigler indicated that the types of rental events include celebration of life, class reunions, family reunions, baby, or bridal showers. Marschall-Bigler shared a number of Special Events take place in our Park Facilities as well. Council expressed appreciation for collaboration with other departments (music events and Makers Market) and local vendors. Council recalled the impressive turnout for the Music in the Park events.

Budget Pre-Authorization

Wietecha provided an overview to pre-approve the ordering of several 2024 budget items for various departments. The requested items are on the capital equipment list and would provide replacement of equipment and vehicles that have short ordering windows and extended lead times, as has been the case in recent years.

Council discussion on the building department vehicle as a possible electric vehicle purchase. Wietecha indicated this vehicle is not specifically identified what the replacement would be. He shared the request is based on need and an electric vehicle may not fit this budget request. Council expressed appreciation for the proactive approach to replacing vehicles and equipment.

Councilmember Folch motioned to remove the building department vehicle from the pre-authorization list, seconded by Councilmember Fox.
7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Councilmember Pemble motioned to approve as amended, seconded by Councilmember Leifeld.
7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Resolution No. 10-03-23: Support of State Bonding for City Projects

Wietecha provided an overview of the state bonding resolution. The resolution adds a project to the City's state bonding request. The earlier project list included the Arena Refrigeration & West Rink Roof, PFAS Treatment & Raw Water Lines, and Highway 61. The added project is to seek additional funding for the Dome project, funded in an earlier bonding project. The funding needed far exceeds the original amount awarded for the project, primarily due to difficulty in securing a qualified, available contractor. The resolution also needs to rank the four projects. The recommended priority placement for the dome project is just after the Arena project as second.

Council acknowledged discussion regarding this topic in the Legislative Workshop prior to the Council meeting. Council expressed support for the various projects to be included in bonding.

Councilmember Fox motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Folch.
7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Announcements

- The Hastings Arts & Culture Commission is hosting a Creative Convergence on Thursday, October 5, for artists to network, learn, share, and collaborate. The event is provided in partnership with Artspace and HPAC.
- Paws in the Park is Thursday, October 5, at Rivertown Dog Park.
- October is National Community Planning Month. Extra appreciation to Community Development Director John Hinzman and his team.
- In recognition of National Fire Prevention Week, the Fire & EMS Department Open House is Tuesday, October 10. Meet the department, learn about fire safety, and see the trucks & equipment. All ages are welcome!
- Recycling can be confusing, even for the most environmentally conscious. This crash course provides the low down on where our recycling goes, why it seems like there's so many rules, and why it's worth the work. Learn tips and tricks to recycle right and have your questions answered by an industry professional on Tuesday, October 10.

Meetings

- Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Utilities Committee Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Arts & Culture Commission Meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- HEDRA Meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- City Council Regular Meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Pemble motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM, seconded by Councilmember Haus. Ayes 7; Nays 0.

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor