

CITY OF HASTINGS
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA **RECAP**

Monday, April 1, 2024

7:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER 7:10 pm**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

City Administrator Dan Wietecha

Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh

City Attorney Kori Land

Public Works Director Ryan Stempki

Principal Engineer Cody Mathisen

Proclamation: Arbor Day 2024

Pleasant Hill Library Presentation: Jill Bambenek, Manager

- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of the City Council regular meeting on March 18, 2024.

Minutes were approved as presented.

- VI. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- VII. COUNCIL ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED**

- VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

The items on the Consent Agenda are items of routine nature or no perceived controversy to be acted upon by the City Council in a single motion. There will be no discussion on these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which event the items will be removed from the Consent Agenda to the appropriate Department for discussion.

Lawrence, Pemble to approve as corrected.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution No. 04-01-24: Accept Donation from the Hastings Downtown Business Association to the Parks and Recreation Department
3. Resolution No. 04-02-24: Accept Donation from Raider Nation Youth Baseball to the Parks and Recreation Department
4. Resolution No. 04-03-24: Accept Donation from Hastings Youth Athletic Association (HYAA) to the Parks and Recreation Department
5. Approve Special Event Designation: Rivertown Live
6. Approve Parklet Renewal for Quarry Taphouse
7. Resolution No. 04-04-24: Approve Massage Therapist License Renewal for Natalie Briones
8. Resolution No. 04-05-24: Approve In-Store Fireworks Application for Coborn's Marketplace #2037
9. Resolution No. 04-06-24: Approve New Cannabis Product Retail License for H Tobacco
10. Resolution No. 04-07-24: Approve Premises Permit Renewals

11. Authorize Submittal: Letter Requesting Services – SSTS Services – Dakota and Washington County
12. Resolution No. 04-08-24: Approve Pay Estimate No. 7 (Final) for the 2023 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements – BCM Construction, Inc. (\$97,607.47)
13. Declare Excess Property and Authorize for Public Sale – Public Works
14. 2024 – 2025 LELS Local No. 249 (Officers) Lateral Hire MOU
15. Approve Change Order: Arena Roof Access Hatch

IX. AWARDING OF CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC HEARING

These are formal proceedings that give the public the opportunity to express their concern, ask questions, provide additional information, or support on a particular matter. Once the public hearing is closed, no further testimony is typically allowed and the Council will deliberate amongst itself and with staff and/or applicant on potential action by the Council.

1. 2024 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. Conduct Public Hearing
 - b. Resolution No. 04-09-24: Order the Improvements and Adopt Assessments

Mathisen provided an overview of the 2024 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements project. This project contains street and utility improvements to six City streets ranging in scope of work from reclamation of streets to full street and utility reconstruction. The full scope of the project was presented to Council on March 4, 2024. Mathisen reviewed the methodology of the assessment. This methodology recognizes ordinance allowance to assess by lot rather than by length of frontage, especially for irregularly shaped lots. Mathisen outlined the payment options for this project, including abatement or deferral options. Council is asked to approve the resolution to order the project and adopt the proposed assessments for the project.

Mayor Fasbender opened the public hearing at: 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Fasbender closed the public hearing at: 7:31 p.m.

Council expressed appreciation for developing alternative assessment methodologies based on resident feedback. Council also expressed appreciation for the communication efforts of staff in responding to resident questions and concerns and making an extra effort in making sure residents understand the process.

Leifeld, Haus to approve as presented.
7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

2. Agreement for Services: Downtown Planters and Hanging Baskets

Wietecha provided an overview of the request to hire a contractor to perform beautification efforts in the Downtown area. The effort includes planning and maintaining the ground level planters and purchasing, installing, and maintaining hanging flower baskets. Staff were contacted by another local landscape company desiring to submit a quote for the services. Wietecha indicated two companies submitted quotes, Green Companies and Precision Landscaping. While both were very similar, Green Companies' quote was the low, responsible, responsive quoting company for the 2024 services. Staff recommends accepting Green Companies' quote and approving the contract for services totaling \$20,715.00.

Council discussion the expense of taking care of planters on 2nd Street, the beautification effort, and options. Clarification of the bid to include regular watering. Discussion on inclusivity and equity in the bidding process. As a focal point for the City, large pots contribute to the beautification, and corner safety, and greening contributes to placemaking. Discussion on the

balance of the responsibility of the expense or other ways to maintain in a different manner, like partnering with the horticulture program at the High School or the local gardeners.
Councilmembers urge review of the options for future years to reduce direct cost to the City.

Leifeld, Lawrence to approve as presented.
7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

3. Agreement for Services: Hwy 61 Median Maintenance

Wietecha provided an overview of the request to hire a contractor to specific annual maintenance within the TH 61 median. Wietecha shared Precision Landscaping and Construction, Inc. has performed this work for a number of years. Wietecha indicated this contracted work has not been subject to an official agreement in the past, however it is recommended for current and future contracted work to ensure both parties have accurate and legal obligations to one another. Staff recommends accepting the quote from Precision Landscaping and Construction, Inc. and approving the contract for services totaling \$12,909.68.

Council discussion on the value of the seasonal maintenance.

Fox, Haus to approve as presented.
6 Ayes, 1 Nay-Liefeld.

X. REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

These items are intended primarily for Council discussion and action. It is up to the discretion of the Mayor as to what, if any, public comment will be heard on these agenda items.

A. Public Works

1. PFAS Update

Wietecha presented the PFAS Update, planning to have this as a recurring topic on the Council agenda as there will be many changes in the coming months. Wietecha indicated Hastings has PFAS contaminations in all six of our municipal wells. Recent epidemiology and understanding of the health impacts of PFAS and new regulatory standards pending the EPA are expected to require the City to mitigate the PFAS from our drinking water. Wietecha reviewed the various communication efforts to the public and shared City Council will have a PFAS Update at the first City Council meeting each month. Wietecha reviewed key updates, potential funding, and the environmental investigations currently underway. The topic is informational, no City Council action is requested at this time.

Council discussion on appreciation for the work that staff have done to advance the topic and keeping everyone informed. Council reminder of where residents can go to get information on the City website that may lead to other resources who are more versed in PFAS and its health impacts.

B. Parks and Recreation

C. Community Development

D. Public Safety

E. Administration

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. REPORTS FROM CITY COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, COUNCILMEMBERS

Announcements

- Councilmember Fox noted the Dakota 911 2023 report is available. See [Dakota 911](#) for the full report.
- We appreciate Pleasant Hill Library’s presentation earlier this evening and recognize that next week April 7-13 is National Library Week.
- Athletic Gear Swap tomorrow Tuesday, April 2, at Rambling River Center in Farmington. Bring useable and clean athletic gear you no longer want to our swap event and bring home items that are new to you. No item donation is necessary to shop the swap; take or bring as much as you want.
- This year’s Community Survey is open through April 8. Information is on the City website.
- Happy Birthday yesterday to Councilmember Dave Pemble!

Meetings

Mon, Apr 8

- 6:00 pm Planning Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, Apr 10

- 6:00 pm Arts & Culture Commission Meeting

Thurs, Apr 11

- 6:00 pm HEDRA Meeting

Mon, Apr 15

- 7:00 pm City Council – Regular Meeting

XIV. ADJOURNMENT Vihrachoff, Lawrence to adjourn 8:19 p.m.

Next Regular City Council Meeting: Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.