

Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Minutes
March 7, 2011

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, Minnesota

Members Present: Mayor Hicks, City Councilmembers Alongi, Balsanek, Hollenbeck, Schultz and Slavik

Members Absent: Councilmember Nelson

Staff Present: City Administrator Dave Osberg
City Attorney Dan Fluegel
Assistant City Administrator Melanie Mesko Lee
Community Development Director John Hinzman
Public Works Director Tom Montgomery

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Hicks asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on February 22, 2011. Councilmember Schultz noted that Alongi's name was listed twice. With those changes, the minutes were approved as amended.

Council Items to be Considered

Mayor Hicks removed the Closed Door Session from the Agenda, noting that an update would be provided at a later date.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Slavik, seconded by Councilmember Balsanek to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

6 Ayes; Nays, None.

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Personnel Policy Amendment—Chapter 9 Relating to Discipline
3. Resolution—Approve Massage License Renewal for Mindy Marie Bekker
4. Resolution—Approve One-Day Liquor License for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on March 17, 2011
5. Authorize Signature: Pictometry Joint Powers\Cost Share Agreement
6. Resolution—Receiving Feasibility & Assessments Report, Declaring the Amount to be Assessed, and Ordering Public Hearings for the 2011 Infrastructure Improvements Program and Related Assessments
7. Resolution—Pertaining to the Retirement and Ownership Status of the Hastings Police Service Dog (K-9)

Preliminary Flood Forecast and Recommended City Response

Montgomery introduced the item and provided an overview of existing flood information. He noted that this information is subject to change. It is recommended that the City provide for sandbags, sand, logistical support, and hauling of filled sandbags to curbside locations. Additionally, after the flood, City forces will haul away all sandbags that are brought out to the curb

Moved by Councilmember Alongi, seconded by Councilmember Hollenbeck to approve the City's response as presented.
6 Ayes; Nays, none.

Annual Community Development Report

Hinzman introduced the item and went over the department activities from 2010. The Council thanked Hinzman for the report.

Comments from the Audience

Pete Likes, 3000 East Fourth Street, shared some concerns about the railroad blocking East 2nd Street access. Mayor Hicks noted that a neighborhood meeting on this topic and spring flooding is scheduled for March 30 at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Reports:

- Alongi requested that information about the bridge project be readily available to the public. Osberg and Montgomery noted that there is a dedicated website, which is linked from the City's website, as well as a hotline for the public to use to get more information about the project.
- Slavik noted that some changes have been made to the City's website for it to be more navigable to the public and he commended staff for their work.
- It was noted that an update on Beyond the Yellow Ribbon activities is included in the Council packet.
- Parks & Recreation Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 at City Hall
- Parks & Recreation Committee of the Council will meet at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9 at City Hall
- HEDRA will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10 at City Hall
- The next City Council meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21 at City Hall


Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Schultz, seconded by Councilmember Hollenbeck to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

6 Ayes; Nays, None.



Paul J. Hicks
Mayor



Melanie Mesko Lee
City Clerk