

**Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Minutes
July 18, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 18, 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, Hollenbeck, Nelson, and Slavik

Members Absent: City Councilmembers Balsanek and Schultz

Staff Present: City Administrator Dave Osberg
City Attorney Dan Fluegel
Assistant City Administrator Melanie Mesko Lee
Community Development Director John Hinzman
Associate Planner Justin Fortney
Fire & EMS Director Mike Schutt
Police Chief Paul Schnell
Communications Specialist Shannon Rausch

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Hicks asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on July 5, 2011. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.

Presentation—Black Dirt Community Theater

Members of the Black Dirt Theater discussed previous and upcoming events, including a production of Oklahoma scheduled for August.

Introduction of and Ceremonial Swearing In—New Hastings Police Department Reserve Officers

Chief Schnell introduced four of the six incoming reservists. He welcomed all new reservists and thanked all reservists for the contributions to the community. The six new reservists are Dana Gerlach, Ben Johnson, Katelynn Johnson, Jordan Klug, Josh Norwig, and Bruce Tessness.

Recognition—Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Seleski

Mayor Hicks, City Administrator Osberg, and Fire & EMS Director Schutt all spoke to Seleski's service to the City and wished him the best in his upcoming retirement.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Hollenbeck, seconded by Councilmember Alongi to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

5 Ayes; Nays, None.

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution—Cooperative Purchase of Election Equipment
3. Schedule Special City Council Meeting for August 8, 2011 to Discuss 2012 Budget
4. Accept Retirement of Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Seleski
5. Approve Hiring for Full-Time Firefighter Positions
6. Resolution—Declaring Reimbursement Authority on Projects Funded by Debt
7. Resolution—Set Sale Date for Annual Bond Issue
8. Pay Estimate #2—2011 Infrastructure Improvements: Friedges Contracting (\$218,529.30)
9. Change Order #2—2011 Infrastructure Improvements: Lining 6" Diameter Sewer Services (\$5,500)
10. Accept \$150 Grant from Friends of the Mississippi River

11. Approval of the MN Internet Crime Against Children Task Force Membership JPA
12. Approval of Sale of Top Spoil from Industrial park Stockpile
13. First Reading/Order Public Hearing—Ordinance Amendment Related to Electrical Inspections and Fee Ordinance Amendments

Award Contract—Mixed Use Hard Wire Fire Alarm Installation: Alarm Express

Community Development Director Hinzman introduced the item.

Moved by Councilmember Hollenbeck, seconded by Councilmember Alongi to approve the contract as presented.

5 Ayes; Nays, none.

Approve Highway 291 Turnback Concept

Public Works Director Montgomery introduced the item and noted that the Operations Committee has reviewed the concept and is recommending approval.

Moved by Councilmember Slavik, seconded by Councilmember Nelson to approve the concept as presented.

5 Ayes; Nays, none.

Resolution—Supporting Transportation Service During Bridge Construction

Moved by Alongi, seconded by Hollenbeck to approve the resolution as presented.

5 Ayes; Nays, none.

Approve Agreements with School District

Osberg introduced the item.

Alongi noted that this item has been discussed extensively with the school district in a variety of meetings. There was a question about how funds upon sale of the building would be allocated.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Alongi to approve the cost sharing agreement as presented, with staff to look further into the issue with the sale of the building and report back at the August 1 meeting.

5 Ayes; Nays, none.

Moved by Slavik, seconded by Hollenbeck to approve the lease agreement as presented.

5 Ayes; Nays, none.

Approve Creating a City Twitter Account

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Hollenbeck to approve the account as presented.

5 Ayes; Nays, none.

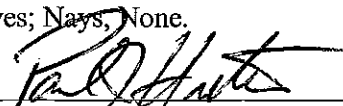
Updates:

- Alongi noted that there are some additional issues with other warning sirens throughout the City and noted that staff is working on a solution. It is suspected that radio interference may be causing the intermittent issues
- The Council thanked everyone who contributed to making Rivertown Days a great success
- Finance Committee will meet on July 26 at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall

Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Slavik, seconded by Councilmember Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

5 Ayes; Nays, None.



Paul J. Hicks
Mayor



Melanie Mesko Lee
City Clerk