

**Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Minutes
November 7, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday November 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, Nelson, Slavik, and Schultz

Staff Present: City Administrator Dave Osberg
City Attorney Dan Fluegel
Public Works Director Tom Montgomery
Fire & EMS Director Mike Schutt
Community Development Director John Hinzman

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Hicks asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting on October 17, 2011. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.

Presentation DCC Executive Director Diane

An overview of DCC's response time and call processing for 911 calls was given which includes all Police, Fire, and Ambulance Service for Dakota County.

Consent Agenda

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

7 Ayes; Nays, None.

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution— Accepting Donation of \$250.00 from Modern Woodmen of America (Hastings) to the Parks & Recreation Department for Purchase of Trees
3. Resolution— Accepting Donation of \$500.00 from Modern Woodmen of America (Red Wing) to the Parks & Recreation Department for Purchase of Mulch
4. Resolution—Accepting Donations from Various Community Businesses and Individuals for the 2011 Community Halloween Party Held on October 28th
5. Approve 2012 Dakota County Funding Recycling Grant Application
6. First Reading/Order Public Hearing— Amend City Code Chapter 154 – Minor Subdivisions
7. Authorize Advertisement: Planning Commission Vacancy
8. Authorize Advertisement: Heritage Preservation Commissioner
9. Resolution—Approve Governmental Accounting Standards Board and Adoption of Fund Balance Policy
10. Authorize Three Year Contract with LarsonAllen Audit Firm
11. Approve Building and Inspection Department Budget Adjustment for the Purchase of Replacement Software
12. Adopt 2010 & 2011 Improvement Projects Assessment Abatement
13. Approve Agreements for 621 County Road 47 (Anna Kitzmann)
14. Approve Agreements for Riverwood 8th Addition (Gregory and Susan Jablonski)
15. Resolution —Accepting Donation of \$500.00 from Randy and Janet Stein to the Fire Department for the Purchase of Rescue Equipment

Public Hearing – Ordinance Amendment Relating to New Water Meter Charges

Montgomery introduced the item discussing that water meters are purchased at the time of construction and the fee assessed on the water bills is used to maintain and replace future water meters. The new water meters now being purchased are more efficient and will have a longer usage life.

Mayor Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Second Reading/Ordinance Amendment – Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 34.03 – Fee Ordinance Relating to New Water Meters

Moved by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Hollenbeck to approve the ordinance amendment relating to New Water Meter Charges as presented.

7 Ayes; Nays, None.

Public Hearing – Interim Use Permit for Extreme Sandbox

Hinzman introduced the item explaining that Extreme Sandbox will provide an opportunity to learn how to operate heavy equipment in a supervised manner. Extreme Sandbox requested a permit to be on an eighteen month trail basis and has agreed to gate the entrance to the facility. The Interim Use Permit will cover this request as it is located in an Agriculture District.

Mayor Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Second Reading/Interim Use Permit – Extreme Sandbox

Moved by Councilmember Alongi, seconded by Councilmember Slavik to approve the Interim Use Permit for Extreme Sandbox as presented.

7 Ayes; Nays, None.

Home Occupation Permit for Victoria Majeski-Litschke Photography (1614 East 4th Street)

Hinzman introduced the item stating the home occupation permit would be issued on a one year probationary basis. If in compliance with all requirements after 12 months, Victoria Majeski-Litschke Photography would need to apply for a Home Occupation Permit.

Moved by Councilmember Alongi, seconded by Councilmember Slavik to approve the Home Occupation Permit for Victorial Majeski-Litschke Photography as presented.

7 Ayes; Nays, None.

Authorization to Hire Paid On Call Firefighters

Schutt introduced the item stating that the Fire Department usually maintains 45 Paid On Call Firefighters. Since early 2008 the Fire Department has lost 13 of these positions through attrition, retirement and job placements.

Alongi and Slavik had questions if the budget will be affected with the hiring of the Paid On Call Firefighters, and are our training costs covered. Schutt assured Council that all costs have been approved by the Finance Committee with some training being completed in house.

Moved by Councilmember Slavik, seconded by Councilmember Balsanek to approve the authorization to hire paid on call firefighters as presented.

7 Ayes; Nays, None.

Draft Report – H. D. Hudson Building Re-use Study

William Stark, Robert Claybaugh, and Jon Commers gave an overview of the H.D. Hudson Building Re-use Study explaining that this is an ideal site for housing, retail and office space, hotels, or restaurants. Different floor plans to maximize space were shown.

No action was taken

Status Report: H.D. Hudson Property

Hinzman talked about the current issues of maintenance, environmental impact, and the MnDot/Stark & Claybaugh reuse plan for the H. D. Hudson Property. Redevelopment changes covering zoning, shoreland, subdivision, and floodplain ordinances were discussed. The Comprehensive and Heart of Hastings Plan were also mentioned. Hinzman will be giving Council future updates from HEDRA.

No action was taken

Approve Liquor Licensee Stipulations for Alcohol Compliance Check Failures

Fluegel introduced the item requesting approval of stipulations with each of the six establishments that failed recent alcohol compliance checks. All six establishments have returned signed stipulations evidencing their agreement with a civil sanction of \$1,000.00 to be paid by December 15, 2011, that the licensee successfully enroll in Best Practices Program no later than January 31, 2012, and no further liquor license violations, including compliance check failures, on or about March 15, 2012.

Moved by Councilmember Schultz, seconded by Councilmember Nelson to approve the liquor licensee stipulations for alcohol compliance check failures as presented.

7 Ayes; Nays, None.

Reports from City Committees, Officers, Councilmembers:

- The next meeting of the HEDRA will be conducted on Wednesday November 9; 6 PM
- The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be Monday November 14 at 6 PM
- On Tuesday November 22, 2011 at 6:00 PM there will be a public presentation on the HD Hudson reuse study.
- Mayor Hicks acknowledged City Councilmember Barb Hollenbeck's Birthday on November 17 and Community Development Director John Hinzman on November 6
- School Board and School Levy Election Day is November 8
- City offices will be closed on November 11 in honor of Veteran's Day

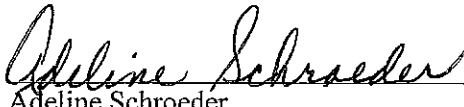
Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Schultz, seconded by Councilmember Balsanek to adjourn meeting at 9:01 p.m.

7 Ayes; Nays, None.



Paul J. Hicks
Mayor



Adeline Schroeder
Deputy City Clerk