

**Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Minutes
March 19, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, Minnesota

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

Staff Present: City Administrator Dave Osberg
City Attorney Dan Fluegel
Assistant City Administrator Melanie Mesko Lee
City Engineer Nick Egger
Parks & Recreation Director Barry Bernstein
Police Chief Paul Schnell
Building Official Tom Bakken
Fire Inspector Al Storlie
Code Enforcement Inspector Dawn West

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Hicks asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting on March 5, 2012. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.

Mayor Hicks noted that Chief Schnell was recently recognized for his work on behalf of addressing domestic violence and will be presented with the 2012 Aware Award next month.

Consent Agenda

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

7 Ayes; Nays, None.

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution 03-07-12—Approve Renewal of Consumption and Display Permit for the Knights of Columbus Hall
3. Certificate of Satisfaction—Land Credit Subsidy for Jakata Properties (Eischen Cabinets at 625 Commerce Drive)
4. Certificate of Satisfaction—Land Credit Subsidy for Arthur G. Miller (Miller Electric at 2911 Enterprise Drive)
5. Resolution 03-08-12—Supporting the Submittal of a Local Trail Connections Grant Request for County Road 10 (Ravenna Trail) Trail Connection
6. Resolution 03-09-12—Request for MNDOT Design Standard Variance for Road Width: Highway 291 Turnback Project
7. Declare Four DWI and/or Criminal Seizure Forfeiture Vehicles Surplus Property and Authorize for Public Sale

8. Approve Regina Parking Variance Request for March 28th and 29th

Public Hearing—Amending City Charter Ordinance Section 1.03: Ward Boundaries

Mesko Lee introduced the item.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:04 p.m.; hearing no further comments, Public Hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

Assessment Hearing—2012 Infrastructure Improvement Program

Egger introduced explaining the assessment abatement process is essentially the same as previous years. If the property owner's assessment cost is not paid; it will be certified to the property tax with a low interest rate of 3.6%; which historically average 5-6%.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:12 p.m.; hearing no further comments, Public Hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

Resolution 3-10-12—Adopt Assessments: 2012 Infrastructure Improvement

Moved by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Balsanek to approve as presented.

7 Ayes, Nay, None.

Second Reading/City Charter Ordinance 2012-03— Section 1.03: Ward Boundaries

Moved by Councilmember Slavik, seconded by Councilmember Alongi to approve as presented

7 ayes, Nay, None

Code Enforcement Report

Osberg introduced the item and summarized the recommendations being presented.

There was discussion on some of the items presented, timeline for upcoming ordinance amendments, and future follow up on any proposed initiatives

Pam Pontzer, 613 West 6th Street, thanked the Council and staff for the attention to the issue.

Mayor Hicks noted that items regarding vacant housing registration and parking on improved surfaces ought to be discussed with the Public Safety Committee of the Council

It was noted that the City responds on a complaint basis; residents with property maintenance concerns should contact City Hall.

Councilmember Schultz moved to approve the recommendations as presented, seconded by Councilmember Balsanek

7 ayes, Nay, None

Resolution 3-11-12—County Road 46/47 Trail Project Approving Plans and Authorizing Advertisement for bids

Bernstein, Osberg and Egger spoke to the details of the item

Moved by Councilmember Schultz, seconded by Councilmember Hollenbeck to approve as presented

7 ayes, Nay, None

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

Larry Fox, no address given, provided some comments

Reports from City Committees, Officers, Councilmembers:

- HPC will meet on Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. at City Hall
- Training for Communities Against the Exploitation of Senior Citizens will be on March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall
- Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at City Hall
- The next City Council meeting will be Monday, April 2 at 7 p.m. at City Hall

Adjournment:

Moved by Councilmember Alongi, seconded by Councilmember Slavik to adjourn meeting at 8:29 p.m.



Paul J. Hicks, Mayor



Melanie Mesko Lee, City Clerk