

**CITY OF HASTINGS
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

Monday, April 7, 2014

7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL Councilmembers Alongi, Balsanek, Nelson, Hollenbeck, Riveness, Schultz, and Mayor Hicks

Staff: City Administrator Melanie Mesko Lee
Assistant City Administrator Julie Flaten
Police Chief Bryan Schafer
Community Development Director John Hinzman
Parks & Recreation Director Chris Jenkins

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 17, 2014
Minutes approved as presented.

Swearing-In of New Police Officers:

Brandon Bragg

Whitney Rinowski

Paul Young

Mesko Lee introduced the new officers, Flaten administered the oath, and Chief Schafer pinned the badges. Council welcomed the new Police Officers.

Proclamation—Declaring April 6-12 National Volunteer Week in the City of Hastings

Council read the Proclamation and Mayor Hicks spoke on the important role of volunteers in our community. The proclamation was accepted by two Hastings Family Service volunteers. Judy Johnson spoke on behalf of Hastings Family Service.

Presentation—Dakota County Historical Society and LeDuc Historic Estate Update (Amy Deaver and Lynn Gruber)

Lynn Gruber gave an overview of the Minnesota Historical Society and Amy Deaver spoke of upcoming events at the LeDuc Historic Estate. Council thanked them for the information.

V. COUNCIL ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

VI. 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 or citizen so requests, in which event the items will be removed from the Consent Agenda to the appropriate Department for discussion.

Schultz, Hollenbeck to approve as presented.

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1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. **Resolution 04-01-14**—Approve Massage License for Gracie McKenzie
3. **Resolution 04-02-14**—Approve Fireworks License for TNT Fireworks for a Tent at Walmart Parking Lot, 1752 Frontage Road
4. First Reading/Order Public Hearing on Ordinance: Massage Therapy
5. **Resolution 04-03-14**—Accept Donation of \$600.00 from Lacey Johnson for a Memorial Bench
6. **Resolution 04-04-14**—Accept Donation of \$333.06 from Michelle Askin through United Way to Youth First
7. Approve Interim Softball League Manager Independent Contractor

8. Approve Purchase and Installation of Pioneer Park Picnic Shelter
9. First Reading/Order Public Hearing on Ordinance: Park Curfew
10. First Reading/Order Public Hearing on Ordinance: Alcohol in City Parks and Veterans Park Athletic Complex
11. Approve Purchase of Rubber Floor Tiles for Civic Arena
12. **Resolution 04-05-14**—Declaring Friday, May 16, 2014 as Arbor Day
13. **Resolution 04-06-14**—Accept Donation of \$50.00 from Hastings Sears Hometown and Outlet Store to the Hastings Fire Department
14. Approve Appointment of HPC Commissioner Ian Martin
15. Authorize Signature: Joint Power Agreement: GIS Cost Sharing Agreement – Dakota County
16. **Resolution 04-07-17**—Approve Plans and Authorize Advertisement of Bids – 2014 Seal Coat Program
17. Authorize Solicitation of Quotes – 2014 Crack Seal Program and 2014 Cul-de-sac Program
18. Approve Budget Adjustment for Building Safety Department for SmartGov
19. Approve Joint Powers Agreement Between Dakota County and the City of Hastings for a Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day Event
20. **Resolution 04-08-14**—Supporting the Findings of the Red Rock Corridor Alternatives Analysis Update (AAU) Study

VII. 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. Public Hearing – Second Reading/Ordinance Amendment Chapter 155 – Signs
Hinzman introduced the item which seeks to provide clarification on allowable signs and definitions. The ordinance revision also creates an on-line temporary sign notification form would remove ambiguity by establishing a beginning and endpoint for the placement of temporary signage. There would be no fee for completion of the notification form. The Planning Commission began talking about this topic in late 2013 and has had several meetings since then, ultimately approving the recommended changes on a split vote. Hastings temporary signage regulations are among the least restrictive of comparable surrounding cities.
Public Hearing was opened at 7:42 p.m.
Richard Jacobson of Jake’s Discount Liquor spoke opposing the ordinance and commented on the time spent on this issue.
Adam Estenson, Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, spoke against the on-line notification form.
Public Hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.
Council had considerable discussion on the issue and received clarification on the staff time that would be involved in administering the form and the purpose of the form. Mayor Hicks explained the history of the current sign ordinance and how it was a collaborative effort between the City and the Chamber of Commerce.
2. Public Hearing – Second Reading/Ordinance Amendment Chapter 34 – Park and Recreation Fees
Jenkins introduced the item stating that the Parks and Recreation Commission approved recommendations to the fee schedule. The revisions attempt to clean up a number of fees to better align them with actual costs.
Public Hearing was opened at 8:05 p.m.

Cindy Lyon, President of Hastings Youth Athletic Association, spoke with concerns about the proposed tournament fee structure. Public Hearing was closed at 8:10 p.m. Council asked for clarification on the tournament fees and how they have been administered in the past. Councilmembers also had concerns with the proposed increase to the memorial bench and tree fess. Councilmember Alongi encouraged staff to consider incentives for volunteer efforts

VIII. 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. Community Development

1. Second Reading/Adopt **Ordinance No. 2014-06** on Signs
Alongi, Schultz to approve as presented.
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B. Administration

1. Second Reading/Adopt **Ordinance No. 2014-07** on Park and Recreation Fees
Councilmember Nelson made a motion to table the action and send it to the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Council for further revisions. It will be brought back to City Council on May 5, 2014. Schultz seconded the motion.

IX. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

During this period of time, citizens may speak informally to the Council on subjects not on the agenda

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. REPORTS FROM CITY COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, COUNCILMEMBERS

- Councilmember Hollenbeck provided an update on the **Red Rock Corridor Commission.**
- Councilmember Alongi asked staff to work with MNDot to have a bridge update provided.
- **Parks and Recreation Commission** will meet on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall
- **HEDRA** will meet on Thursday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
- **Planning Commission** will meet on Monday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- **HPC Commission** will meet on Tuesday, April 15th in the Volunteer Room at City Hall.
- **Downtown Scoping Study Advisory Committee Meeting** will be Wednesday, April 16th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Upcoming Events:

- **Hastings River Place Kickoff Party**, sponsored by the Hastings Rotary, will be held at Schoolhouse Square Event Center from 6:00 – 9: 000 p.m. on Thursday, April 10th.
- **Hastings Area Birding Day** will be Saturday, April 19th at Carpenter Nature Center.

- **Spring Clean-Up** will be held on Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Cal Ruedy Public Works Facility, 1225 Progress Drive.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT 8:38 p.m.

Next Regular City Council Meeting: Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.