

**CITY OF HASTINGS**  
**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**  
*For informational purposes*

Monday March 21, 2016

7:00 p.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL** Mayor Hicks, Councilmembers Vaughan, Schultz, Balsanek, Nelson

**Absent: Councilmember Alongi and Braucks**

**Staff: City Administrator Melanie Mesko Lee**  
**Acting City Attorney Ben Colburn**  
**Public Works Director Nick Egger**  
**City Engineer Ryan Stempki**

**III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings on March 7, 2016  
**Minutes approved as presented.**

**V. COUNCIL ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED**

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

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**Alongi, Nelson to approve as presented.**

**5-0**

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Approve Renewal Sidewalk Café License with Liquor License Amendments for Bella Vista and The Busted Nut
3. **Resolution 03-14-16**–Approve Master Partnership Contract Agreement with MnDOT
4. LeDuc Trust and Dakota County Historical Society Transfer and Preliminary Year-End Report
5. Approve Declined Payment Policy
6. Approve 2015 Financial Transfers
7. Approve Broadband Joint Powers Agreement
8. Authorize Purchase of Air/Gas Monitors in Fire Department
9. Approve Sand Volleyball Construction Project

**VII. AWARDING OF CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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1. Public Hearing – **Resolution 03-14-16** 2016 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements

**Stempki introduced the item and went through the elements of the proposed improvements. The Council is requested to hold the public**

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hearing, but hold off on taking action ordering of the project until the April 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting due to lack of a supermajority of the Council needed to vote for affirmation.

**7:18 p.m.;** Mayor Hicks opened the public hearing

**Terry Lares, 410 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street**—spoke against paving the alleys, citing better water infiltration with gravel and curb/gutter is not needed for the streets; he also questioned the difference between plowing a gravel v. bituminous alley

**Jeff Cordell, 417 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street**—stated concern with not qualifying for assessment abatement and noted that other streets are in worse shape

**Rick Harrington, 521 Tyler Street**—expressed concern with drainage, cost for continued maintenance, and didn't like bike trail

**Rob Olson, 718 Bailly**—cited previous projects/issues where he wasn't notified or was impacted by road or utility work. He noted that the railroad doesn't mow/maintain their property

**Mark Johnson, 929 Bailly Street**—stated concern with school/Smead traffic and timing. He asked if water service lines would be replaced as part of the project

**Gervase Kieffer, 415 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street**—asked about where the water will drain to (Lake Isabel or Mississippi River) and concern about access when installing curb as it needs to be cut down 6'

**Jean Harrington, 809 Bailly Street**—wanted to be certain that previous issues with sewage wouldn't become a problem again.

**Ross Bremer, 406 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street**—didn't support the alleys being done

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**Staff provided responses:**

- **Difference between gravel and bituminous**—the infiltration of the two surfaces are not vastly different due to compaction; plowing is different based on different surfaces
- **Curb/gutter provides a sealed edge, along with crowned street design to direct water to proper outlets**
- **The City currently maintains alleys, bituminous would prevent gravel run off**
- **Staff will work with residents on drainage concerns**
- **Code enforcement Staff will keep an eye on the railroad property for compliance**

- Contractor will not be permitted to deny access to properties, except for specific times (example: concrete is curing)
- The railroad is not considered a benefitted property for assessment purposes
- Parking will be reviewed; currently parking is allowed on east side from 8-10<sup>th</sup> and there are fewer driveways on that side
- New water/sewer lines within right-of-way to property line will be included as part of the project
- Some water will be rerouted to downtown, but there will still be some routed to Lake Isabel
- The curb will be 4' and surmountable, temporary ramping will be used to maintain access
- The trail is part of the Mississippi River Trail connection and the City's Comprehensive Trail plan

**Public hearing was closed at 7:51**

**Councilmember Alongi noted his current position on the project and encouraged residents to reach out to him. He provided his email and cell phone number.**

**Councilmember Balsanek noted a number of comments regarding pollutant concerns, environmental compliance issues, landscaping, service line life expectancy, bike trail, and project coordination with Riverfront Renaissance Phase 3.**

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing – Parks & Recreation Fee Schedule – Rotary Pavilion

**Mesko Lee introduced the item noting the proposed fees were recommended by the Administration Committee. She also noted that staff will take the Council's previous feedback into consideration for a review of fees as part of the 2017 budget. No comments have been received on the issue.**

**Public Hearing opened at 8:56 pm**

**Hearing no comments.**

**Public Hearing closed at 8:56pm**

## **VIII. REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF**

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### **A. Public Works**

1. **Resolution 03-16-16** – Approve Plans and Authorize Advertisement for Bids – Vermilion River Greenway Trail Extension

**Egger introduced the item and provided background contained in the staff report.**

**Schultz, Nelson, to approve as presented.**

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### **B. Community Development**

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**C. Administration**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adopt **Ordinance No. 2016-03** - Fees for Park & Recreation – Rotary Pavilion

**There was some discussion about working with users to avoid conflicts with the space, the fee structure overall, and support for review of the fee structure as part of the 2017 budget process with the Finance Committee**

**Schultz, Alongi to approve as presented.  
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**IX. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE**

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**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**XII. REPORTS FROM CITY COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, COUNCILMEMBERS**

- **Planning Commission** will meet on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- **Parks and Recreation Commission** will meet on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Parks and Recreation, 920 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting** will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall
- **The Parks & Recreation Committee of the Council** (Nelson, Balsanek, Braucks) will be meeting to discuss joint powers agreement
- There will be a **joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce Business Advocacy Committee** at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 4
- The next **City Council meeting** will be Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m.
- **Annual Spring Clean-Up Day** will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Cal Ruedy Public Works Facility, 1225 Progress Drive
  
- There will be an Information Session about **Artspace Hastings Lofts** on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. at BreakAway Arts Café, 111 East 3rd Street, Hastings, MN 55033 To learn more about the project, please visit [www.artspace.org/hastings](http://www.artspace.org/hastings).

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT 9:11 p.m.**

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