

Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Minutes
March 18, 2019

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Fasbender, Councilmembers Balsanek, Braucks, Folch, Leifeld, Lund and Vaughan.

Staff Present: Interim City Administrator Julie Flaten
City Attorney Dan Fluegel
Police Chief Bryan Schafer
Fire & EMS Director Mike Schutt
Public Works Director Nick Egger
City Engineer Ryan Stempksi

Presentation: New Employee Introductions

Flaten introduced the new Deputy City Clerk Erica Henderson and Chief Schutt introduced the new Fire and EMS responder Joe Cysiewski.

Swearing-in of New Officers

New officers, David Bauer, Jacob Willers, Nicholas Cross, Daniel Vomastek and Michelle Caballero were introduced by Chief Schafer; Flaten administered the Oath; and badges were pinned by family member.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the City Council Workshop or to the Regular City Council Meeting on March 4, 2019.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Accept Resignation: Planning Commissioner Jeff Deaver
3. Memo: Declare Surplus Property and Authorize Public Sale or Disposal – I.T. Department
4. Memo: Declare Surplus Property and Authorize Public Sale – Fire & EMS Department
5. Resolution: Approve Fireworks License for TNT tent at Wal-Mart parking lot
6. Resolution: Approve Lawful Gambling Premise Permit for Irish Football Boosters
7. Resolution: Support of Comprehensive Transportation Funding

Per Councilmember Balsanek's request, Item 7 was removed and placed under the Administrative Report.

Councilmember Folch motioned to approve as amended, seconded by Councilmember Braucks. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0.

Chief Schafer discussed the special event application and conditions for 2019 Historic Hastings Downtown Cruise-In. The event would start Saturday, June 15, 2019 and continue every other Saturday through September 7, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Council discussed public parking areas and appreciation towards Kevin Hoeschen for coordinating the event.

Councilmember Vaughan motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Leifeld. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0.

Resolution No. 03-06-19: Support of Comprehensive Transportation Funding

Councilmember Balsanek stated that the League of Minnesota Cities requested cities to pass this resolution and to forward it to the State Legislature. He stressed that this resolution was not related to a gas tax or any tax increase.

Council discussed Local Road Improvement Grants, City Councils' ability to tax for road improvements at local level and that support of this resolution does not provide support for tax increase.

Councilmember Balsanek motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Braucks. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0.


Mayor Fasbender and Councilmembers made the following announcements:

- Parks & Recreation Commission Workshop on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Joint Maintenance Facility.
- Heritage Preservation Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Public Safety Advisory Commission meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- Planning Committee of the Council will meet on Monday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the keeping of chickens.
- Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Councilmember Vaughan will attend the Red Rock Corridor meeting on Thursday, March 28th at Newport City Hall.
- Councilmember Folch expressed gratitude for Congresswoman Craig's meeting with local leaders on Friday, March 15th to discuss local issues.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Lund, seconded by Councilmember Leifeld. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.



Mary Fasbender, Mayor



Julie Flaten, City Clerk