

**Hastings, Minnesota  
City Council Minutes  
January 21, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

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

**Members Absent:** Councilmember Leifeld

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Dan Wietecha  
Administrative Services Director Julie Flaten  
City Attorney Dan Fluegel  
Community Development Director John Hinzman  
Economic Development Coordinator Rusty Fifield  
Recreation Program Specialist Paige Marschall Bigler

**Presentations:**

Lindsay Anderson – MN Pollution Control Agency GreenCorps Member

Marschall Bigler introduced Anderson who described her role with the City as a MN Pollution Control Agency GreenCorps Member.

Tennis Sanitation

Stacy from Tennis Sanitation presented a check to Hastings Youth Athletic Association in the amount of \$462.98.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on January 6, 2020.

Councilmember Folch indicated that her intent on pulling the Commissioner appointment from the consent agenda was to encourage staff to do more outreach and work with the Administrative Committee of the Council when soliciting appointments.

Minutes were approved as presented.

**Council Items To Be Considered**

Councilmember Balsanek asked to have Item #7 pulled from the consent agenda. This was placed as Item #4 under Community Development.

Councilmember Folch asked to have Item #8 pulled from the consent agenda. This was placed as #5 under Community Development.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution No. 01-10-20: Approve 2020 Massage Therapist License Renewal – McMahon-Miller
3. 2020 Council Committee Appointments
4. Resolution No. 01-11-20: Approve 2020 Massage Therapist License and 2020-2022 Establishment License Renewals – Fischer
5. Resolution No. 01-12-20: Declare 1986 Sno Go Snowblower Surplus Property & Authorize Trade-In
6. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading\Order Public Hearing: Proposed Ordinance Amendment No. 2020-01 – Chapter 112: Tobacco Regulations

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7. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading\Order Public Hearing: Rezone Property from R-1 to R-3 - Shepherd of the Valley Church (1450 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street)
8. Recommendation for Park Dedication - Bauer Property Annexation - Park and Recreation Commission

Councilmember Balsanek motioned to approve as amended, seconded by Councilmember Braucks. Ayes 6; Nays 0.

### **Resolution No. 01-13-20: Approve 2020 CDBG Budget Submittal**

Hinzman discussed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget and that the \$75,065 estimated funding would be allocated towards assessment abatement for the 2020 street improvement project.

Councilmember Vaughan motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Lund. Ayes 6; Nays 0.

### **Housing and Economic Development Report**

Fifield presented the Housing and Economic Development Report to the Council.

Council discussed that some developers may overlook Hastings due to the lack of available large parcels of land, annexation of land, recognition of current developments, the effect the declining school enrollment has on the community, affordable homes in the City compared to affordable homes in neighboring communities, collection of data on the condition of existing housing and that proceeding forward should include the information from the Dakota County study, possible collaboration with Hastings Chamber of Commerce working groups, defining the Council's role in the economic development of the City, the possibility of using utility data and that Council could use a holistic approach when approving re-zoning and other similar requests.

### **HEDRA Strategic Plan Update**

Fifield updated the Council on the HEDRA Strategic Plan.

Council discussed the possibility of a joint HEDRA/City Council workshop and the price and different types of Confluence apartments.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading/Order Public Hearing: Rezone Property from R – 1 to R – 3 – Shepherd of the Valley Church (14510 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street)**

Councilmember Balsanek requested that staff provide information about this request. Hinzman explained Shepherd of the Valley Church's rezoning request and the need for a comprehensive plan amendment and what may be built on the site.

Council discussed the future steps of the request and zoning of churches.

Councilmember Balsanek motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan. Ayes 5; Nays 0; Councilmember Lund abstained.

### **Recommendation for Park Dedication – Bauer Property Annexation – Park and Recreation Committee**

Councilmember Folch requested Council to be consistent with previous discussions of Glendale Heights not having a park; thus, consider not creating a park in this area. She also asked that the comprehensive plan for all parks be brought forward for Council discussion.

Hinzman clarified the Park and Recreation Commission's recommendation of accepting cash in lieu of park land and discussed the reason the developer was seeking direction.

Councilmember Vaughan motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Balsanek. Ayes 6; Nays 0.

### **Green Acres Interest Rate Reduction Request**

Wietecha summarized the history of the outstanding green acres assessments for the Conzemius property. The Finance Committee of the City Council unanimously recommend accepting the full payoff amount.

Council thanked Finance Manager Lammers for working with the Conzemius family. Council discussed possibly having a Council workshop to determine how to allocate the received funds, possible spending restrictions of the received funds, whether the property stays in the Green Acres after payment and the remaining property in the Green Acres.

Councilmember Folch motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Balsanek. Ayes 6; Nays 0.

### **Goal Setting Retreat**

Wietecha explained the purpose of the Goal Setting Retreat.

Council discussed the lack of master plan or strategic plan for City, Council's involvement in development of a comprehensive plan, organizational structure, need for a clear Council vision, previous strategic planning session outcomes, senior staff involvement in the retreat, using problem identification methods and possible use of a facilitator.

Mayor Fasbender and Councilmembers made the following announcements:

- Councilmember Folch asked for an overview at a future Council meeting regarding whether City Council has authority to waive WAC/SAC fees for an individual business request, referring to Froth and Cork.
- Planning Commission will meet on Monday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning Committee of the Council will meet on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- State of the City will be held on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Hastings Golf Club. Sign up with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Open House for the 2020 Neighborhood Infrastructure project will be held on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at Resurrection Methodist Church.
- HPAAC survey closes January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Chamber of Commerce annual awards dinner is Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Several councilmembers will attend League of Minnesota training this upcoming weekend.

Councilmember Vaughan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Balsanek. Ayes 6; Nays 0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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Mary Fasbender, Mayor

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Julie Flaten, City Clerk