

**Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Minutes
March 2, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020 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, Lund and Vaughan

Members Absent: Councilmember Leifeld

Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Wietecha
Administrative Services Director Julie Flaten
City Attorney Dan Fluegel
City Engineer Ryan Stempski
Community Development Director John Hinzman
Public Works Director Nick Egger

Proclamation: MS Awareness Week

City Councilmembers read the proclamation and presented it to Mary Nehring.

Proclamation Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

City Councilmembers read the proclamation and Dean Markuson presented information about women who serve.

Presentation - Dakota County Historical Society

Mariah Ring and Matt Carter, Dakota County Historical Society, discussed the quarterly LeDuc Historic Estate report, budget and upcoming events.

Presentation - League of Minnesota Cities – Dave Unmacht

Dave Unmacht, Executive Director, presented information on the mission of the League and the relationship between the League and Minnesota cities.

Presentation - Ethical Leaders in Action – Chad Weinstein

Chad Weinstein, Ethical Leaders in Action, discussed the upcoming City Council/senior staff retreat.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on February 18, 2020.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Council Items to Be Considered

Mayor Fasbender requested a proclamation for Hastings Family Service be added to the agenda. Hearing no objection, the item was added as #3 under Administration.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Lund asked to have #4 pulled from consent for discussion. It was moved to #4 under Administration.

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution No. 03-01-20: Acceptance and Appreciation of a Donation to the Parks & Recreation Department for a Memorial Bench from the Nesbitt Family

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3. 1st Reading\Order Public Hearing: City Ordinance Change: State Building Code Adopted
4. Approve Agreement with Ehlers Inc. for Utility Rate Study Review
5. Approve 2020 Traffic Marking Program and Authorize South Metro Joint Powers Agreement
6. Resolution No. 03-02-20: Approve Plans and Authorize Advertisement for Bids – 2020 Mill & Overlay Program
7. Resolution No. 03-03-20: Acceptance and Appreciation of a Donation to the Police Department from the Rivertown Lions Club

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

Public Hearing Resolution No. 03-04-20: 2020 Order Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements and Authorize Advertisement for Bids

Stempski discussed the proposed scope and features of the 2020 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvement Project and the timeline. He also detailed how information about the project, assessments and construction updates were communicated to the residents living in the project area.

Mayor Fasbender opened the public hearing at 8:07 p.m.

Paul Peters, 295 15th Street West, indicated that he was in favor for the project but expressed concerns about sidewalk changes and access to his property during construction.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Fasbender closed the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

Council discussed the rationale for the street narrowing, speed on 15th Street, a possible bike lane and current bike traffic on 15th Street, types of parking at Pioneer park, pedestrian safety concerns near Pioneer Park, potential cross-walk changes and markings and potential removal of Ash trees.

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

Public Hearing: 2nd Reading/Adopt Ordinance No. 2020-01 Amendment– Chapter 112: Tobacco Regulations and Summary Resolution No. 03-06-20

Fluegel detailed the history of the proposed amendment to Chapter 112: Tobacco and discussed the proposed ordinance changes.

Mayor Fasbender opened the public hearing opened at 8:28 p.m.

Alexis Bylander, Clearway MN, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Gail Conzemius, Nininger Township resident, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Mary Nehring, Hastings resident, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Anna Grace Hottinger spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Fasbender closed the public hearing at 8:37 p.m.

Council discussed the history of the T21 ordinance development, legislative actions, recognition of all involved in process of ordinance creation.

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

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

Resolution No. 03-05-20: Request to Change Non-Conforming Use - Haven Chemical Health (321 East 6th Street)

Mayor Fasbender explained that Haven Chemical Health has withdrawn their current application.

Presentation of 2019 Community Development Annual Report

Hinzman presented the 2019 Community Development Annual Report.

Council discussed the definition of manufactured home.

COPS Grant

Wietecha discussed the application for the COPS Grant Hiring Program, timelines and potential funding source for an additional Police Officer.

Council discussed taking a cautious approach when using grant funds for long-term staffing, evaluation towards the end of the grant to determine if position remains funded, using data to measure the success of program and future needs as the community grows.

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

Chamber of Commerce Annual Update

Kristy Barse, Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce President, discussed the Tourism Bureau Agreement and provided an update on the 2020 marketing plan and budget.

Council discussed City exposure at travel shows, ability to accept donations, ways to raise revenue, progress of tourism in the last few years, presence at Mall of America, fully capturing lodging tax revenue and thanked the Chamber for their dedication and hard work to promote Hastings.

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

Legislative Priorities

Wietecha discussed the City's legislative priorities and upcoming League of MN Cities (LMC) Legislative Conference.

Council discussed LMC's model of setting priorities, that Council should be more pro-active and that the City should continue utilizing the LMC and Metro Cities to lobby on the City's behalf.

Proclamation for Hastings Family Service

Council read the proclamation and Chris Koop talked about March events.

Approve Agreement with Ehlers Inc. for Utility Rate Study Review

Councilmember Lund discussed the history of the utility rate study, reasons for review and highlighted the water availability charge (WAC) and the sewer availability charge (SAC) component.

Council discussed the proposal focus, how WAC/SAC fits into the utility rate model, how WAC/SAC funds are used, process for determining WAC/SAC fees, percentage of SAC/WAC fees assumed by residents, advocating to Metropolitan Council for disparity in Hastings, business owner concerns and Metro Cities Committee.

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

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. NEW BUSINESS

III. REPORTS FROM CITY COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, COUNCILMEMBERS

- Planning Commission will meet on Monday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m.
- HEDRA will meet on Thursday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m.
- HEDRA/City Council joint workshop on Monday, March 16th at 5:30 p.m.
- Election Day is tomorrow, Tuesday, March 3rd. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Alternative Spring Break for 5th – 8th grade students will be held Tuesday, March 17 – Thursday, March 19th.
- Councilmember Folch requested when staff receives an invitation to advocate for issues from State/Federal representatives this be passed onto Councilmembers.
- Councilmember Folch discussed the 2020 Census and that an invitation to respond will be sent to residents shortly and the importance of being counted.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Folch motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Braucks. Ayes 6; Nays 0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Mary Fasbender, Mayor

Julie Flaten, City Clerk