



*City Council Memorandum*

**To: Mayor Fasbender & City Councilmembers**  
**From: Julie Flaten, Administrative Services Director**  
**Date: April 20, 2020**  
**Item: Designation of Official Newspaper**

**Council Action Requested:**

Approve the attached Resolution designating the St. Paul Pioneer Press as the official City newspaper for the remainder of 2020.

**Background Information:**

Annually, the City must designate an official newspaper. The Hastings Star Gazette has served in that capacity for many years but will be ceasing publication on May 7, 2020. The Pioneer Press meets the qualifications required in State Statute to serve as Hastings official newspaper.

**Financial Impact:**

Anticipated publication costs are budgeted annually. The Pioneer Press charges \$6.00 per column inch per publication, whereas the Hastings Star Gazette was charging \$13.80.

**Advisory Commission Discussion:**

N/A

**Council Committee Discussion:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

Resolution

**CITY OF HASTINGS  
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION 04-XX-20**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Hastings City Council to annually designate a newspaper of local general circulation as the official legal newspaper for the City; and State Statute 331A.12 permits the use of the City of Hastings' website as an alternate method for disseminating bids and requests for proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hastings Star Gazette has previously been so designated; and the Hastings City Council has previously authorized the use of the City's website as an alternate method for disseminating bids and proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hastings Star Gazette will be ceasing publication on May 7, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Paul Pioneer Press meets all necessary requirements for designation; and State Statute 331A.12 requires an annual designation of the City's website as the publication method for disseminating bids and requests for proposals, then

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that** the Pioneer Press is hereby designated as the official newspaper for the City of Hastings for the year 2020 and the City of Hastings' website is hereby designated as the publication method for disseminating bids and requests for proposals.

Adopted this 20th day of April 2020,

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*Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor*

Attest:

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*Julie Flaten, City Clerk*