



City Council Memorandum

To: Mayor Fasbender & City Councilmembers
From: City Administrator Dan Wietecha
Date: June 7, 2021
Item: Designation of Official Newspaper

Council Action Requested:

Approve the attached resolution designating the Hastings Journal as the official City newspaper for the remainder of 2021, effective July 1.

Background Information:

The City Charter (section 7.03) holds that the “City Council may annually designate...its official newspaper.” The term “may” is permissive, implying the City could designate a paper either more or less frequently than annual, including the authority to switch newspapers mid-year.

In January 2021, the City Council designated continuing to use the St. Paul Pioneer Press. At the time, the Hastings Journal was not eligible because it had not been in publication for 12 months. The Hastings Journal now has 12 months publication and meets eligibility requirements under MS 331A.04.

We have discussed the importance of meeting short publication deadlines to ensure timely notices with the Hastings Journal.

Financial Impact:

Anticipated publication costs are budgeted.

Committee Discussion:

Not applicable

Attachment:

- Resolution Designating Official Newspaper

**CITY OF HASTINGS
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION _____

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Hastings City Council to designate a newspaper of local general circulation as the official legal newspaper for the City;

WHEREAS, under Resolution 01-10-21, the City Council designated the St. Paul Pioneer Press as the City's official newspaper;

WHEREAS, the Hastings Journal now meets all necessary requirements for designation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Resolution 10-10-21 is repealed and the Hastings Journal is designated as the official newspaper for the City of Hastings for the remainder of the year 2021, effective July 1, 2021.

Adopted this 7th day of June, 2021.

Mary Fasbender, Mayor

Attest:

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk