

**Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

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

Member Absent: Councilmember Leifeld

Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Wietecha
Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh
City Attorney Korine Land
City Planner Justin Fortney
Economic Development Coordinator Eric Maass

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the City Council regular and workshop meetings on September 7, 2021.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Comments from the Audience

Mayor Fasbender stated comments received via email have been distributed to all councilmembers and are acknowledged.

Consent Agenda

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Approve Pay Estimate No. 4 for 2021 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements – McNamara Contracting, Inc. (\$395,027.57)
3. Declare Surplus Property and Authorize Sale: Public Works Department
4. 1st Reading\Order Public Hearing - Ordinance Amendment - Rezone Property from C-3 to DC - River City Investment, LLC (Luke Siewert) - 32 Unit Apartment
5. Public Safety Advisory Commissioner Appointment: Theresa Auge
6. Biennial Portable Recording System (Body-Worn Camera) Audit
7. Approve Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes for Postage Meter
8. Approve Agreement with Bergan KDV for 2021-23 Audit Services
9. Resolution No. 09-10-21: Transfer Pub 55's Liquor License to New Owner

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

Agreement - Sale of Property -NJS Development (Former UBC Site)

Maass detailed the purchase and development agreement for the sale of several lots to NJS Development LLC for multifamily housing. HEDRA unanimously voted to recommend approval. He noted that #1 of the authorizing actions in the Resolution was removed because it relates to HEDRA and not the City Council.

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

KO Storage - 2699 Commerce Drive

a. Resolution No. 09-11-21: Special Use Permit - Mini Storage

b. Resolution No. 09-12-21: Site Plan - Construction of Mini Storage Buildings

Fortney explained the SUP and site plan for a mini-storage facility at 2699 Commerce Drive. The Planning Commission all voted to recommend approval. He explained the applicant's recent request to modify the site plan, that Council was forwarded an updated memo and why this request was not reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Council discussed why a special use permit was needed.

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

COVID-19 and Delta Variant

Wietecha spoke about the infection rate of COVID-19 in Dakota County, the CDC's recommendation and why he was not recommending any changes to the City's current mask policy. He also reviewed previous discussion around the mask requirement.

Council discussed mask guidance from various sources for various audiences, encouragement of visible signage at entrances of all City buildings and follow-up of mask usage at the arena.

Mayor Fasbender and Councilmembers made the following announcements:

Announcements

- Happy Birthday last week to Councilmember Lori Braucks.
- Summer Programs at Levee Park...
 - Friday – Monday, September 24-27, Storywalk along the trail from Levee Park to Jaycee Park.
 - Tuesday, September 28, Performance in the Park with Benjamin Domask-Ruth. Sponsored by Smead Manufacturing Company and the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council.
- The City is partnering with Tennis Sanitation and Certified Recycling for a fall clean-up event September 20 through October 1. There will be a free paper shredding event on Saturday, October 2, from 9 to noon.
- On Thursday, September 23, Councilmember Fox and I are representing the City at the Leaders in Local Government Awards hosted by the St. Paul Area Chamber. Our People Movement Plan is 1 of 3 nominees in the "Planning, Land Use, and Public Works" category.

Meetings

- Heritage Preservation Commission on Tuesday, Sept 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm
- Operations Committee on Thursday, Sept 23, 2021 at 5:00 pm
- Planning Commission on Monday, Sept 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm
- City Council Workshop: Emergency Operations Plan on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:30 pm
- City Council Meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Councilmember Braucks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Folch. Ayes 6; Nays 0.

Mary Fasbender, Mayor

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk