

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

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 20, 2021 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 Braucks, Folch, Fox, Leifeld Lund and Vaughan

Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Wietecha
Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh
City Attorney Korine Land
Community Development Director John Hinzman

Recognition of Milestone Employees

5 Year

Nicole Biegel
Brady Endres
Blake Nosal
Cory Onken
Jeremy Bickner
Timothy Likes
Phil Nelson

15 Year

Connie Lang
Matthew Lindeman
Bryan Schowalter
Mark Knoll
Craig Latch
Derek Latch
Denise DeWall
John Caven

20 Year

Nathan Wood
Michael Schmitz
Samantha Schmidtke

25 Year

Joe Birk
Cory Likes

30 Year

Greg Page

35 Year

Mark Schutt

Recognition of Outgoing Commissioners

Planning Commissioner Emily King
HEDRA Commissioner Dennis Peine

Dakota County Update, Commissioner Mike Slavik

Commissioner Slavik gave an annual update on the county budget and highlights for the upcoming year.

Pleasant Hill Library Update, Julia Carlis

Branch Manager Carlis provided a review of the responsiveness of the Pleasant Hill Library during the pandemic and outlined library activities for the upcoming year.

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 December 6, 2021.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

1. Pay Bills as Audited

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2. Approve Ice Rental Agreement
3. Clarification of 2022 Budget Memo
4. Write-off Uncollectable EMS Bills
5. Reappoint Planning Commissioners Messina, Romens, and Teiken
6. Appoint Planning Commissioner Bryce LeBrun
7. Appoint HEDRA Commissioner Trevor Johnson
8. Reappoint Heritage Preservation Commissioners Simacek and Youngren and Appoint Heritage Preservation Commissioner Krista Peterson
9. Reappoint Parks & Recreation Commissioners Santelman and Karnick
10. Resolution No. 12-08-21 Call for Public Hearing: Tax Increment Finance District No. 9
11. Resolution No. 12-09-21 Approve 2022 Massage Therapist License Renewals
12. Resolution No. 12-10-21 Approve 2022-2023 Commercial Waste Hauler License Renewals
13. Resolution No. 12-11-21 Adopt Election Polling Places
14. Resolution No. 12-12-21 Declaring Insurance Liability Coverage
15. Resolution No. 12-13-21 Designation of Official Newspaper
16. Resolution No. 12-14-21 Approve Final Payment – 2021 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements (\$179,578.79) McNamara Contracting, Inc.
17. Approve Criminal Justice Network (CJN) Joint Powers Agreement

Councilmember Lund motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Braucks. Ayes 7; Nays 0.

Public Hearing, 2nd Reading Amend City Code Chapter 34: Fees

Wietecha reviewed the City fee changes presented at the December 6, 2021 City Council meeting. He noted the fee adjustments were a result of the Utility Rate review done in 2020. The staff recommended increases of 3.5% in water rates, 1% in sewer rates, and 4% in storm water rates. Consistent rates will support funding infrastructure improvements and other large projects. Additionally, there are proposed fee increases in ambulance fees, safety inspection fees, fire extinguisher training, aquatics and arena fees, and water meters.

Mayor Fasbender opened the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. and hearing no comments closed the public hearing.

Council discussion on a communication plan to residents about how they can control their costs, especially with water usage.

Councilmember Vaughan motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Lund. Ayes 7; Nays 0.

Resolution No. 12-15-21 Acceptance and Appreciation of Donation from Tecla Karpen Estate

Wietecha described the generous donation from the Tecla Karpen Estate to the Parks and Recreation Department for conservation and management of natural resources within the Mississippi River Corridor and Vermillion River Watershed. We had considered using the funds to obtain a parcel of land that bordered Lake Rebecca Park. Flint Hills Resources owns the land and is instead in the process to donate the parcel of land to the City. The City has applied for a grant for enhancements to Lake Rebecca Park and these funds could supplement that grant, if awarded.

Councilmember Fox motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Leifeld. Ayes 7; Nays 0.

Mayor and City Council Wages

Wietecha indicated that this is not an action item at this time. A public hearing was ordered at the December 6 meeting, but a publication deadline was missed. He indicated that review of Mayor and City Council wages could be incorporated, at no additional cost, into the upcoming Compensation and Classification Study.

Council discussion in support of incorporating Mayor and City Council wages as part of the Compensation and Classification Study.

Mayor Fasbender and Councilmembers made the following announcements:

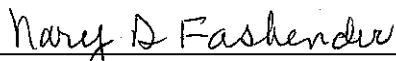
Announcements


- Santa will accompany the Hastings Police Department as they drive through town in the decorated command vehicle, following the addresses in the Show us How You Shine holiday lights display. The parade will leave City Hall at 6 pm on Wednesday, December 22.
- Recycle your old lights with the Hastings Holiday Lights Drop Off Collection. Residents can drop-off their unwanted light strands at the Joint Maintenance Facility, 920 – 10th Street West, during the holiday season from December 1 to February 1
- City Offices will be closed Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31.
- I wish everybody a happy and safe holiday season.

Meetings

- Finance Committee on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021 at 5:00 pm
- Heritage Preservation Commission on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021 cancelled
- Planning Commission on Monday, Dec. 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm
- City Council workshop meeting on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 at 5:30 pm
- City Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Councilmember Folch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Lund. Ayes 7; Nays 0.


Mary Fasbender, Mayor


Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk