

**Hastings, Minnesota**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 2, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Dan Wietecha  
Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh  
City Attorney Korine Land  
City Planner Justin Fortney

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on April 18, 2022.

Minutes were approved as presented.

**Comments from the Audience**

Dean Markuson, 436 Tiffany Drive, addressed Council expressing his support of the City providing needed work in the Soldiers and Sailor Cemetery. Mr. Markuson expressed his concern in the continued maintenance needed for the cemetery.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Special Event Designation – Downtown Business Association (DBA) Music Series
3. Resolution: Special Event Designation – IDEA Hastings Pride Parade with Temporary Liquor License
4. Special Event Designation – HHS Reunion
5. Resolution: Special Event Designation – Rivertown Live with Temporary Liquor License
6. Authorize Signature: Dedication of Utility Easement – Public Works Facility (1225 Progress Drive)
7. Authorize Signature: Amendment to Development Agreement – Heritage Ridge 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition
8. Resolution: Approve Off-Sale Liquor License for Hastings Social, LLC dba Alley Cat Liquor
9. Resolution: Approve Tobacco License for Hastings Social, LLC dba Alley Cat Liquor
10. Declare IT Department Equipment as Excess Property and Authorize Sale or Disposal
11. Resolution: Approve Tent Fireworks Sales License for TNT Fireworks at the Walmart Supercenter #1472
12. Resolution: Authorizing Non-Substantive Modification of Resolution No. 01- 13- 22
13. Resolution: Approve Lawful Gambling Premise Permits for Hastings Hockey Boosters at Me & Julio and Hastings Green Mill
14. Approve Budget Adjustment for 2022 Basketball Court Project
15. Authorize Signature: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Grant
16. Proclamation: May is Building Safety Month
17. Approve Personnel Policy / Employee Handbook
18. Approve Social Media Policy
19. Resolution: Budget Authorization for City Hall Dome / HVAC Project

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

### **Public Hearing: Sidewalk Café Applications for Hastings Tavern and the Hastings Dairy Store**

Murtaugh introduced the request to Council to conduct a public hearing for consideration for Hastings Dairy Store Sidewalk Café and Hastings Tavern Sidewalk Café with a liquor license amendment.

Public Hearing opened at: 7:14 pm

Public Hearing closed at: 7:14 pm

Council discussion on the MNDOT right of way conversation with MNDOT to allow a sidewalk café on the west side of Hastings Tavern. Murtaugh reviewed the conversations the applicant had with MNDOT to propose an approved use of the sidewalk. Councilmember Vaughan asked if another public hearing would need to be held at the time of approval from MNDOT to allow the café to continue on the western side. Attorney Land commented that additional information would need to be provided and reviewed before being able to approach this situation properly with MNDOT. Folch shared information on previous applications and asked that this conversation is continued with MNDOT. Murtaugh provided an explanation that the previous MNDOT approval was approved for a certain period of time, but was not a permanent agreement. Braucks asked if it would be possible to provide two separate approvals with the intent to make the approval process easier if MNDOT were to come to an agreement with the applicant at a later date.

Councilmember Braucks motioned to approve the Hastings Dairy Store Sidewalk Café as presented, seconded by Councilmember Fox.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0.

Councilmember Braucks motioned to approve a sidewalk café with liquor license amendment for the Hastings Social, LLC dba Hastings Tavern.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0.

### **Resolution: No. 05-09-22: Issuance and Sale of GO Bonds, Series 2022A**

Jessica Green of Northland Securities provided a summary to adopt the resolution approving the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds to finance the 2022 Neighborhood Project, the Water Tower Reconditioning Project, and the Public Works Storage Building Project. Green provided the final bond amount, \$5,815,000.00 adding that the City has retained Northland Securities to assist in the bond sale. Green shared that seven bids were received, with RW Baird based out of Milwaukee as the low bidder.

Council discussion on bond options if costs exceed the contracted amounts. Green provided an explanation sharing that a separate bond would need to be considered.

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

## **Resolution No. 05-10-22: Comprehensive Plan Amendment - 117 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West – Rosa Castro**

Fortney provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezoning of the property at 117 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West. The request came from the property owner Rosa Castro, with the purpose of constructing a duplex. The owners of Las Margaritas had at one time planned to extend their parking lot to this property, which is no longer needed due to their expansion to the South. The original home on the property has been removed. No public comments were provided at the public hearing held at the Planning Commission Meeting. The Planning Commission recommended the zoning amendment.

No Council discussion.

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

## **Appointment of Police Chief**

Wietecha presented the recommendation to appoint Dave Wilske as Police Chief effective May 30, 2022. Wietecha provided insight into the interview process and presented background information about Wilske's involvement in service and community engagement. Wietecha shared that three panel interviews were conducted, one within Police Department Staff, second within Management Staff, and the third panel was conducted by a number of community partners. Applicants also had a one on one interview with Wietecha, and members of Council and our Public Safety Advisory Committee. Wietecha praised Wilske for his involvement within the City and his achievements.

Council discussion acknowledging both internal candidates for their dedication to the Police Department and our community. Folch commended Chief Schafer for his service to our community. Mayor Fasbender commended Chief Schafer for his service to our community and the impact he's had on our Police Department.

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

## **Community Investment Fund**

Wietecha presented the request to approve the Finance Committee of City Council's recommendations for Community Investment Funding. This recommendation will allocate nearly \$100,000.00 in funding for 2022. An application and review process were developed and implemented, with a public kick off meeting which was hosted earlier this year. A total of ten applications were received and represented across a variety of areas. Council and staff identified alternative funding for two of those applications and unanimously recommend funding for the six of the remaining eight applications. Approximately \$96,977.00 is being recommended for allocation.

Council discussion on the appreciation for the projects and discussion awareness that the proposals sparked. The projects brought matching funds which extended the impact of the funds. Lund expressed his excitement behind the funding for these projects. Folch thanked councilmember Vaughan in proposing the fund. Folch reviewed a few projects that were not going to receive funding, but recognized the Tennis Association for their efforts and collaboration. Greten park neighborhood proposal was another project that was not supported at this time, but will be supported in future projects through Parks and Recreation. Braucks

echoed Councilmember Folch on commending Councilmember Vaughan for his efforts in this fund. Braucks expressed her excitement for these project improvements. Vaughan commented on this being the first year of funding opportunities. Vaughan asked for the community to provide feedback on how this funding could continue to grow. Fox commented on this fund surrounding partnerships and the excitement for future years.

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

Any Bindman, 19650 Owen Avenue, chair of Building Remembrance for Reconciliation (BR4R), address Council thanking them for the funding through this program. Bindman expressed his appreciation to Chris Jenkins, Director of Parks and Recreation for his help with their application.

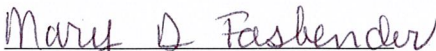
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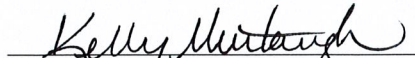
- May is National Building Safety Month and National Historic Preservation Month.
- This is Municipal Clerk Appreciation Week. Please join me in a great and heartfelt thank you to our employees in these departments for their service to our community.
- On Saturday, May 7, the Hastings /Prescott Bike Tour showcases two unique bike trails that offer stunning river views, historic downtowns, bird watching, and more.
- Plan a DIY Parks and Trails Cleanup to keep Hastings clean, safe, and beautiful. Contact Paige at Parks & Rec to volunteer and pickup cleanup supplies
- United Way of Hastings continues hosting a series on Fentanyl Awareness on May 3, and May 10. Info at United Way of Hastings.

### Meetings

- Operations Committee on Tuesday May 3, 2022 at 7:00 AM
- Planning Commission Meeting on Monday May 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM – Cancelled
- Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM
- Arts Task Force on Wednesday May, 11 2022 at 6:00 PM
- HEDRA Meeting on Thursday May 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM
- City Council Workshop on Monday May 16, 2022 at 5:30 PM
- City Council Regular Meeting on Monday May 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Councilmember Folch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM, seconded by Councilmember Leifeld. Ayes 7; Nays 0.

  
Mary Fashbender, Mayor

  
Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk