

Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2023

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023 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 Folch, Fox, Haus, Leifeld, and Pemble

Members Absent: Councilmember Lund

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

Proclamation: Black History Month

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular City Council meeting and Council Workshop on January 17, 2023.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Comments from the Audience

County Commissioner Mike Slavik, 1590 Hwy 55, responded to comments in the January 17, 2023 meeting about the dissolution of the Dakota Broadband Board. He expressed concern over comments about the county moving hastily to leave the DBB. He indicated that there had been concerns raised about the operations of the board over a period of 18 months which were not addressed. Dakota County is not intending to impede economic development, but needs agreements with the cities where county fiber will be utilized for economic development. This is similar to agreements that were utilized prior to the board being created.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Fox motioned to approve the Consent Agenda withdrawing Bird Rides, Inc. from #7 and moving items #8 & #9 to section X. Reports from City Staff, C. Community Development, seconded by Councilmember Pemble.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Accept Sponsorship for Movies in the Park from Ardent Mills
3. Resolution No. 02-01-23: Accept Donation for the 2023 Summer Programming at Levee Park from Dakota Electric Association
4. Resolution No. 02-02-23: Accept Donation for Memorial Benches from The Lindberg and Millner Families
5. Resolution No. 02-03-23: Approve Massage Therapist License Renewal for Christine Meshak
6. Declare Abandoned/Surplus Property and Authorize for Public Sale & Recycling
7. Approve Micromobility License Applications from Skinny Labs, Inc. dba Spin and Bird Rides, Inc.

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8. Approve Sidewalk Café License Renewals
9. Approve Parklet License Renewals
10. Authorize Signature: Organizational Services Agreement with Blue Peak Consulting for the Hastings Fire Department
11. Resolution No. 02-04-23: Accept Feasibility & Assessments Report and Order Public Hearings for Project Scope and Assessments – 2023 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements
12. Approve WSB & Associates, Inc. Professional Services Agreement for ArcGIS Online and ArcGIS Pro Migration and Implementation
13. Appoint Parks and Recreation Commissioners: Wendy Loomis, Dwight Smith, and Ceil Strauss
14. Authorize Signature for Engagement of Environmental Attorney Peder Larson of Larkin, Hoffman, Daly, and Lindgren Ltd.
15. 2023 Budget Amendments: Facilities Maintenance

Resolution No. 02-05-23: Award Contract: City Hall HVAC Project

Hinzman provided an overview of the contract asking Council to consider awarding the contract for the City Hall HVAC project to Burnn Boiler and Mechanical LLC. Hinzman indicated the City was appropriated two million dollars as a part of a larger City Hall project from State General Obligation Bonds. Hinzman shared that four bids were received, one of which was disqualified due to the bid being materially different than the project specifications. If approved, the contractor would immediately order the necessary parts and equipment to begin working soon after the heating season.

No Council discussion.

Councilmember Pemble motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Haus.
6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Approve Sidewalk Café License Renewals and Parklet License Renewals

The renewals were pulled from the Consent Agenda for this meeting. Hinzman provided an overview of the two types of license renewals for consideration.

Council discussion on any reports of concerns raised about parklets. Hinzman reported that there have been a few concerns raised about the loss of parking spots. Council discussion on the lack of parking is a good sign as to the level of activity in the City.

Councilmember Leifeld motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Haus.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain – Fox.

Announcements

- Councilmember Pemble shared the upcoming meeting date for the Red Rock Corridor Commission meeting on February 8.
- Councilmember Fox welcomed the new Dakota 911 Executive Director, Heidi Hieserich.
- Councilmember Folch expressed appreciation to Commissioner Slavik for his comments about the Dakota Broadband Board. Folch restated her concerns about the dissolution of the Dakota Broadband Board and the county response to the recommendations of the technical advisory group. The Board will continue to meet for now as technical details are worked out.

- We will highlight many of the exciting and important work being done with the annual State of the City on Wednesday, February 8. This year the event will be a State of the Community with presentations by both the City and the School. Please join us in person or online.
- Hastings Rivertown Lions Club is hosting a “Super Breakfast” on Saturday, February 11 at Resurrection Methodist Church. The breakfast is free will donations with all proceeds to be donated to support the health and wellness programs of our Fire & EMS Department. Thank you to the Lions for their support.
- Happy birthday to Councilmember Leifeld later this month.
- City offices will be closed Monday, February 20 in observation of Presidents Day.
- Experience snowshoeing on Sunday February 26, at Jaycee Park. A park naturalist will lead participants through floodplain forest and prairie. Snowshoes and instruction provided. Pre-registration required on City website. Thank you to partner Dakota County Parks.

Meetings

- HEDRA Meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Administration Committee Meeting on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Workshop on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
- City Council Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Pemble motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM, seconded by Councilmember Leifeld. Ayes 6; Nays 0.

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor