

Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2023

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 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, Lawrence, Leifeld, and Pemble

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Wietecha
City Attorney Kori Land
Parks and Recreation Director Chris Jenkins

Sue Vento, Metropolitan Council – Rescheduled

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the City Council workshop and regular meeting on August 7, 2023.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Fox motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Haus.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Special Event Designation: Historic Hastings Car Show – Date Addition
3. Appoint Public Safety Advisory Commissioner Mary Nehring
4. 2023 2nd Quarter Financial Report
5. Authorize Signature: 1st Amendment to Development Agreement – Heritage Ridge 3rd Addition
6. Resolution No. 08-08-23: Minor Subdivision – City of Hastings – Spiral and Glendale
7. Authorize Signature: Agreement for Professional Services and Business Associate Addendum for Protected Health Information with Emergency Service Perspectives
8. Approve Pay Estimate No. 3 for the 2023 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Project – BCM Construction, Inc. (\$578,940.10)
9. Approve Labor Agreement with Local 49ers (2024 –2026)
10. Authorize Signature: Monsido Agreement (2024-2026)
11. Authorize Signature: Artwork Leasing Agreement with Dale Lewis

Agreement Amendment #1 with Apex Facility Solutions, LLC

Jenkins provided an overview of the request to approve amendment #1 for the Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement with Apex Facility Solutions, LLC for the Refrigeration Plant Replacement, West Rink Roof Replacement, and Solar System Installation projects at the Civic Arena. This amendment modifies the existing agreement to add more detailed scope of work and costs for the roofing and Motor Control Center

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line items. Jenkins indicated each step of the project would be brought before Council via amendments to the master agreement. Jenkins reviewed the bids received for the project, specifying the lowest bids were awarded for each component of the project.

Council expressed appreciation to staff for prioritizing the project.

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

Administration of Absentee Ballots

Wietecha introduced the request to support participating with Dakota County and other municipalities for administration of absentee ballots. Wietecha indicated a workgroup with representatives from our election partners has been working to formulate a Joint Powers Agreement including a cost-share plan, under which Dakota County would administer absentee voting services. Wietecha shared the joint powers agreement draft is pending but Dakota County is seeking each municipalities intent since the agreement is based on the number of municipalities participating.

Council discussion on clarification of next steps in the process and cost savings over the next year. Wietecha indicated City staff would maintain voting opportunities during the absentee voting period, sharing the agreement could provide substantial savings to the City. Council expressed support to streamline the process for election night reporting absentee votes. Council provided insight to recent Finance Committee discussions surrounding election judge pay.

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

Budget Pre-Approval of Pick-Up Trucks

Wietecha introduced the request to authorize the order of six pick-up trucks for lease as part of the 2024 budget. Wietecha indicated there are supply chain delays that will impact the number of the items included in the proposed budget, and vehicle orders with state-bid pricing have early and short windows for ordering. As the City changes the fleet management practices to replacing vehicles on a 5-year basis, the budget recommends purchasing some vehicles outright and leasing several vehicles in order to transition towards the new fleet management practice.

Council discussion on leasing versus purchasing outright pertaining to cost benefits. Wietecha indicated the information provided includes pre-Covid data. Wietecha indicated the goal is to reduce maintenance costs and provide safer vehicles while maintaining a more cost-effective fleet which can be achieved in a five-year rotation. Council discussed the cost at the end of a lease term regarding the five-year rotation. Council discussed tabling the topic to support additional discussion and information. Wietecha indicated the window for ordering may end before the next Council meeting. Council discussion on potential costs for maintenance and repairs within the lease agreements. Council requested additional information for a cost benefit analysis and what additional costs may be incurred by adding maintenance into the lease agreements.

Councilmember Fox motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence.

6 Ayes, 1 Nays (Folch).

Announcements

- Councilmember Folch shared an update from the League of Minnesota Cities, Improving Service Delivery Policy Committee meeting regarding PFAS and Adult-Use Cannabis.

- Summer Rec Programs at Levee Park...
 - Tuesday, August 22, Performance in the Park “Tuey Wilson – Comic Stunt Juggler” Sponsored by SMEAD Manufacturing.
 - Thursday, August 24, Music in the Park with “Jeff Dayton Band - variety.” Supported by the Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund.
 - Thursday, August 31, Music in the Park with “Jonah & the Whales – pop, rock, & country.” Supported by the Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund.

- The Rec + Art + Police will be at Lions Park on Wed, August 23, featuring choice art, DJ, and contests. Recommended for elementary and middle schoolers. Supported by SC Toys, Country Financial, Hastings Lions Club, Hastings Family Service, Community Ed, and Hastings Prescott Arts Council.

- Support area makers and artisans at the Makers Market on Thursday, August 31.

- Thursday, August 31, The Devin J. Noring Foundation will hold International Overdose Awareness Day.

- City Offices will be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

- Happy Birthday to Councilmember Fox at the end of the month.

Meetings

- Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Workshop on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
- City Council Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Pemble motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM, seconded by Councilmember Folch. Ayes 7; Nays 0.

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor