

**Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 18, 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
Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh
City Attorney Kori Land
Community Development Director John Hinzman
Police Chief Dave Wilske
Parks & Recreation Director Chris Jenkins

Recognition of Milestone Employees

5 Years

Sam Beuch
Ashley DeBernardi
Joe Cysiewski
Jason Krummel
Megan Schlei
Jacob Willers
Nicholas Cross
Daniel Vomastek
Ryan Ernst

10 Years

Chris Jenkins
Chris Nelson
Matt Hedrick
Lauren Foss
Ryan McGraw
Dean Suchy
Joe Spagnoletti

15 Years

Matthew Schlafer
David Bauer
Kyle Linscheid

20 Years

Chris Paulson

25 Years

Jeff Elliot
Penne Schuldt
Mary Cofer
Tim Tessier

30 Years

Sandra Boesl

Recognition of Outgoing Commissioners

Dolores Pemble, Public Safety Advisory Commission
Joe Becker, Arts & Culture Commission
Kirk Skeba, Arts & Culture Commission
Deirdre McGinn, Arts & Culture Commission

Dakota County Update, Commissioner Mike Slavik

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the City Council regular meeting on December 4, 2023.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Leifeld motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution No. 12-08-23: Accept Donation to the Hastings Fire Department from Glen and Linda McNamara
3. Resolution No. 12-09-23: Accept Donation to the Parks and Recreation Department from the Mishkee and Sigfridson Families
4. Approve ATV Permit Application for Chase Brown
5. Resolution No. 12-10-23: Approve Massage Therapist Renewals
6. Resolution No. 12-11-23: Approve Commercial Waste Hauler Renewals
7. Reappoint Public Safety Advisory Commissioners Gary Stevens, Theresa Auge`, Mary Nehring, and E. John Gunter
8. Reappoint Parks and Recreation Commissioner Craig Santelman
9. Reappoint HEDRA Commissioner Ben Anderson
10. Reappoint Planning Commissioners Gino Messina, Chris Teiken, Bryce LeBrun, and Melissa McGrath
11. Appoint Planning Commissioner Rachel Swedin
12. Reappoint Heritage Preservation Commissioners Cindy Toppin, Maggie McCoy, and Mark Borchardt
13. Reappoint Arts & Culture Commissioners Barb Hollenbeck and Steven Read
14. Reappoint Charter Commissioners Connie Blasing, Dolores Pemble, Josh Salzman, and Marty Weber
15. Authorize Signature: 1st Amendment – Agreement for Professional Services – Dunn Solutions
16. Resolution No. 12-12-23: 1st Amendment to Purchase Agreement - Northern State Services LLC – (Spiral and Glendale)
17. 1st Reading: Ordinance Amendment: City Code Chapters 110.20 and 115 – Mobile Food Units
18. 2nd Reading\Adopt Ordinance: Cannabis and Hemp
 - a. Chapter 117.09 – Cannabis Businesses – Prohibited Acts
 - b. Chapter 155.07 – Zoning Ordinance – Special Provisions
19. Approve 2024-2025 Labor Agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. (LELS) Local No. 249 (Police Officers)
20. 2024 Committee Meeting Schedule
21. 2024 Commission Meeting Schedule
22. Approve Pay Estimate No. 1 for the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Lining Program – Musson Bros. Inc. (\$351,058.49)

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Authorize Signature: Professional Services Agreement with WSB LLC for the PFAS WTPs & Interconnect Project

Wietecha presented the request to authorize signature of the WSB LLC Professional Services Agreement for the PFAS Water Treatment Plans (WTPs) & Interconnect Project. WSB was asked to provide recommendations for addressing the water treatment needs to address PFAS as well as plan for bringing the Veterans Home onto the City water system. Wietecha shared Council approved the MPCA Grant Agreement for Drinking Water Planning and Design Funds for PFAS Treatment was approved in the amount of \$3,179,366 to cover the cost to design and bid the PFAS WTPs & Interconnect at the December 4, 2023 meeting. The agreement includes WSB design and bidding services and additional estimated funds for coordination and management of the project for the City.

Council discussion on the strategic plan related to addressing funding for treatment for PFAS.

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

2nd Reading\Adopt Ordinance: Amend City Code – Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA)

- a. Chapter 152A – MRCCA Ordinance
- b. Chapter 155.01 – Zoning Districts
- c. Chapter 155.08 – Weeds and Grasses
- d. Chapter 158.04 – Property Maintenance
- e. Chapter 90.05 – Grass, Weeds, and Trees
- f. Chapter 95.21 – Public Nuisances Affecting Health

Hinzman provided an overview of the request to review the proposed ordinance amendments related to the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA). Hinzman review the proposed ordinance amendments and provided background information of the corridor sharing the purpose is to maintain the natural and scenic character and minimize negative impacts. These amendments will work together with Zoning, Floodplain, and Shoreland Management ordinances.

Council discussion on expressing gratitude for fielding questions from the community. Council discussion on the impact of this ordinance on the East 4th Street area that occasionally floods and potential solutions during flood events. Hinzman indicated there are performance standards that regulate the construction of public facilities and noted Council concerns.

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

2nd Reading\Adopt Ordinance: City Code Chapter 34.03 – Fee Schedule

Wietecha provided an overview of the request to approve the ordinance amendment adjusting various City fees. Finance fees to cover credit card fees, ambulance billing increases, Cannabis licensing fee reduction consistent with state statute, and other fees to cover costs incurred by the City. Recommended increases to utilities: 3.5% for water rates, 4.5% for sanitary sewer rates, and 4% for the Storm Water Fund. Increases were also recommended for Sewer Access Charge (SAC) and Water Access Charge (WAC) fees. Wietecha

indicated the City worked with Northland Securities on a Utility Rate review which looked at the sustainability of our utility funds to cover projected capital needs over the next several years.

Council discussion on review of fees to align with the service that is provided and affordability. Council recommendation to be consistent with percentage increases for public skate fees. Council discussion on the Finance Committee review of the increase of fees, supporting fees as proposed.

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

Announcements

- Visit this year's Hastings Holiday Lights Map on the City website to take a tour of homes and businesses with outdoor lights and decorations.
- City Offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, in recognition of Christmas and on Monday, January 1, in recognition of New Years Day.
- 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 November 13 to January 31.

Meetings

- Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting on Monday, December 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. – Cancelled
- Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. – Cancelled
- City Council Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Lawrence motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM, seconded by Councilmember Leifeld. Ayes 7; Nays 0.

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor