

Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2024

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 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
Attorney Greta Bjerkness
Finance Manager Chris Eitemiller

Mayor Fasbender asked for a moment of silence for the City of Burnsville, Finseth, Elmstrand, and Ruge families.

Proclamation: Declaring to Drive Out Hunger During MN FoodShare for Hastings Family Service

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the City Council regular meeting on February 5, 2024.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution No. 02-12-24: Accept Donation from Dakota Electric Association to the Parks and Recreation Department
3. Resolution No. 02-13-24: Accept Donation from Tim Kelly to the Police Department
4. Resolution No. 02-14-24: Approve In-Store Fireworks Sales – Phantom Fireworks at Fleet Farm #6500, 875 General Sieben Dr
5. Resolution No. 02-15-24: Approve Temporary One-Day Gambling Permit for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
6. Resolution No. 02-16-24: Appoint Additional Election Judges for the 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary Election
7. 2nd Reading and Approval: Credit Card Fees
8. Approve Doffing Trust Disbursement for Library Video Game Center
9. Approve Sidewalk Café License Renewals
10. Approve Parklet License Renewals
11. Resolution No. 02-17-24: Approve Plans and Authorize Advertisement for Bids – 2024 Mill & Overlay Program
12. Approve 2024 Pavement Management Projects in Accordance with the South Metro Joint Powers

- Agreement – Traffic Markings and Crack Seal
13. Resolution No. 02-18-24: Approve New Massage Therapist License for Alexa Klimek
 14. Resolution No. 02-19-24: Approve New Massage Therapy Establishment License for Avila Therapeutic Massage
 15. Approve Rental Agreement: ABLE Fire Training Facility

2024 Bond Issue

Wietecha provided an overview of the bond request and affiliated projects: 2024 neighborhood infrastructure project, Civic Arena refrigeration and west roof replacement, and the shortfall for the City Hall dome/renovation project. Wietecha shared there are two resolutions: one to set the sale date and the second due to the bond sale planned to be Charter Bonds, rather than General Obligation Bonds. Bonds will be rated the week of February 26th. The sale date is March 18, 2024 for \$10,295,000 General Obligation Charter Bonds as well as corresponding resolutions and a Municipal Service Advisory Agreement with Northland Securities.

Council discussion on support for a 10-year bond due to interest rates and Charter Bond impact on rating. Jessica Green, Northland Securities, shared there are no concerns for impact on the City's current rating. Green indicated the different bonds are equally accepted by the market.

Councilmember Folch motioned to approve resolution providing for competitive negotiated sale of GO Charter Bonds as presented, seconded by Councilmember Fox.
7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Councilmember Haus motioned to approve resolution determining to issue GO Bonds as presented, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence.
7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Approve 2024 Sidewalk Café and Parklet Renewals for Spiral Brewery

Wietecha provided an overview of the request to approve the sidewalk café and parklet renewals for Spiral Brewery.

Council discussion on gratitude to Council for ongoing support of parklets as one good thing that came out of the pandemic challenges.

Councilmember Lawrence motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Pemble.
6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain (Fox).

Announcements

- Councilmember Fox is member of Dakota 911 and indicated that services were down a few weeks ago. It was a failure of a primary 911 circuit due to weather in Wisconsin. They are taking steps to improve contingency plans moving forward.
- Councilmember Haus shared Building Remembrance for Reconciliation is sponsoring a Black History Month event titled "Breaking the Silence: The Movements of Memory" at St. Luke's Episcopal Church from 2 to 4 pm on Sunday, February 25.

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- Deadline for Ward 1 Councilmember applications is 4:30 this Thursday, February 22. Please see the City website.
- Hastings Rivertown Lions Club is hosting a “Super Breakfast” this Saturday, February 24 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.

Meetings

- Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- Advisory Commission Training Session on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- Special City Council Meeting – Ward 1 Interviews on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- Operations Committee Meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. – Cancelled
- Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. - Cancelled
- Special City Council Meeting – Ward 1 Interviews on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
- City Council Workshop on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
- City Council Regular Meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Pemble motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence. Ayes 7; Nays 0.

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor