

**Hastings, Minnesota**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 4, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024 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 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  
Principal Engineer Cody Mathisen

**Dr. Tammy Champa, ISD 200**

**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 February 20, 2024, and special meeting of February 26, 2024.  
Minutes were approved as presented.

**Comments from the Audience**

Mary Nehring, 58 Three Rivers Drive, asked for proclamation in recognition of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week, March 10 – 16.

Councilmember Haus motioned to approve the request, seconded by Councilmember Fox.  
7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Pemble motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Folch.  
7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution No. 03-01-24: Approve Temporary One-Day Gambling Permit for YMCA of the North, Hastings Branch
3. Resolution No. 03-02-24: Approve Temporary One-Day Liquor License for Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
4. Approve Parklet Renewal for El Mexican Restaurant of Hastings
5. Resolution No. 03-03-24: Accept Donation from Minnesota Jaycees Charitable Foundation to the Hastings Fire Department
6. Adopt Sidewalk Inspection and Maintenance Policy

## **2024 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements and Authorize Advertisement for Bids: Conduct Public Hearing and Resolution No. 03-04-24: Consider Approving Plans and Specifications**

Mathisen provided an overview of the project goals related to infrastructure projects, a summary of the proposed improvements, connection to city-approved plans, project cost and timeline. Mathisen indicated that the public hearing regarding assessments will be addressed at the April 1, 2024, Council meeting. Council was requested to conduct a public hearing and consider the resolution approving plans and specifications for the 2024 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements and Authorize Advertisement for Bids.

Council discussion on appreciation for the creativity in the neighborhood improvement projects in listening to residents and responding to their needs. Council posed questions about the impact a modification to the sidewalk recommendation has on the original People Movement Plan (PMP). Mathisen indicated that extensive vetting went into the review and that the PMP may not consider the feasibility of all recommendations and needs of the neighborhood at the time. Mathisen shared each segment of the project is reviewed on a case by case basis. Staff recommends foregoing sidewalks on Brittany and 21<sup>st</sup> Streets and as an alternative invest in the reconstruction of current trails and construction of a new trail in Pleasant Park which would provide the missing link from the park to Pleasant Drive.

Public Hearing opened at: 7:35 PM

Public Hearing closed at: 7:35 PM

Council discussion on appreciation for interdepartmental collaboration (Public Works and Parks) and the thoughtfulness for safety in narrowing the roads and integrating the People Movement Plan.

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

## **Engagement of Larkin Hoffman for Legislative Services**

Wietecha provided an overview of the request to approve the general conditions of engagement with Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren Ltd. for legislative services to pursue funding for PFAS treatment. Wietecha provided additional background information and reviewed the recommendations from the feasibility study.

Council discussion on appreciation for following up on the Council request for an important project and asked what their strategy might be for promotion of the project and monitoring committee activity at the State level. Wietecha indicated that no detailed strategy was offered, but identification of examples of the kind of tasks that they would suggest be undertaken. Recommendation to connect the lobbyist with Senator Seeberger and Representative Hudella. Wietecha indicated the City has strong relationships and support from both Senator Seeberger and Representative Hudella.

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

## **Recognition of Councilmember Tina Folch**

Mayor Fasbender and Councilmembers expressed appreciation to Councilmember Folch for her service to Ward 1 and the residents of the City of Hastings.

### **Announcements**

- Presidential Nomination Primary is tomorrow, Tuesday, March 5.
- The Busted Nut and Hastings Public House are hosting a benefit for the families of the recent Burnsville tragedy on Sunday, March 10, 2-5 pm at Hastings Public House.
- Coffee with a Cop is Tuesday, March 19, from 10 – noon at Froth & Cork. Join the police to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know one another.
- The Friends of Pleasant Hill Library used book sale is March 21 to 24.
- Applications for 2024 Community Investment Fund project proposals are open, with a first review of applications set for March 5. Applications after that date will be considered on a first come, first served basis, to the extent funds are available. The City created the CIF to encourage and support community partnerships and community-driven projects.

### **Meetings**

- Finance Committee Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Arts & Culture Commission Meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- HEDRA Meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- City Council Regular Meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Folch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM, seconded by Councilmember Fox. Ayes 7; Nays 0.

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Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk

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Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor