

Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2024

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 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 Fox, Haus, Lawrence, Leifeld, Pemble, and Vihrachoff

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Wietecha
Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh
City Attorney Kori Land
Community Development Director John Hinzman
City Planner Justin Fortney

Presentation: Heritage Preservation Commission Awards

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 May 6, 2024.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Comments from the Audience

Dr. Stephanie Tucker, expressed appreciation for work being done to get clean safe water for community. She is continuing to share concerns about the contaminants in the water. As a pediatrician, it is understood that these contaminants can cause developmental delays and other health issues. She respectfully disagrees that drinking the water is safe and encourages the City to find a way to get clean, safe drinking water to all residents to reduce exposure. The Environmental Workgroup website has information on countertop filters that eliminate 98-100% of the PFAS contaminants in water and she encourages Council to find a way to get countertop units to residents.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Lawrence motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, pulling item #10 to Administration, seconded by Councilmember Fox.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

1. Approve Sidewalk Café Renewal – Geek Haven Coffee
2. Resolution No. 05-14-24: Approve In-Store Fireworks Sales for Walmart #1472
3. Resolution No. 05-15-24: Accept Donation to the Parks and Recreation Department from the Ruth Gale and George W. Doffing Charitable Fund
4. Resolution No. 05-16-24: Accept Donation to the Parks and Recreation Department from the Kranz and Myers Families
5. Resolution No. 05-17-24: Accept Donation to the Hastings Parks and Recreation Department from Hastings Rivertown Lions Club
6. Accept MN Department of Natural Resources NCLI Mini Grant
7. 1st Reading: Amend City Code 155.01 – Rezoning – Mint Development – SW Corner of Pleasant and South Frontage Road

8. 1st Reading: Amend City Code Chapters 91 and 155 Chickens, Ducks and Quails
9. Authorize Signature: Extension of Lease Agreement – Melanie Brewer (213 Ramsey Street)
10. Approve Special Event Designation with Temporary Liquor License – Rivertown Days – Moved to Administration
11. Community Investment Fund: Windscreens with Hastings Tennis Association
12. Arts & Culture Commission: Civic Arena Mural
13. Arts & Culture Commission: Shakespeare in the Park
14. Resolution No. 05-18-24: Accept Donation to Arts & Culture Commission from Shilts-Johnson (The Studio Downtown)
15. Approve Hastings Hawks Agreement for Concessions
16. Approve Dakota County Parks JPA: Vermillion River Greenway Construction Project
17. Approve Met Council Intergovernmental Agreement: Citizen Assisted Lake Monitoring Program
18. Approve Civic Arena Project: Change Order #3

Resolution No. 05-19-24: Special Use Permit – Cannabis Retail – Vipul Patel (1608 Vermillion Street)

Hinzman provided a summary of the request for a Special Use Permit to allow Cannabis Retail Sales at Jake’s Discount Liquor at 1608 Vermillion Street. The Zoning Code outlines performance standards and prohibited acts pertaining to Cannabis. Hinzman provided a summary of the Planning Commission review and shared Special Use Permit approvals require six of seven Councilmembers.

No Council discussion.

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

Resolution No. 05-20-24: Special Use Permit – Cannabis Retail – Judith Kulla (427 Vermillion Street)

Hinzman provided a summary of the request for a Special Use Permit to allow Cannabis Retail Sales at Caring Hands Massage located at 427 Vermillion Street. The Zoning Code outlines performance standards and prohibited acts pertaining to Cannabis. Hinzman provided a summary of the Planning Commission review and shared Special Use Permit approvals require six of seven Councilmembers.

No Council discussion.

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

Resolution No. 05-21-24: Cannabis Product Retail License for Caring Hands Massage

Murtaugh provided an overview of the request to approve the attached resolution approving a new Cannabis Product Retail License for Caring Hands Massage at 427 Vermillion Street. This license allows the sale of adult-use cannabinoid or cannabis products containing 0.3% or less of THC.

No Council discussion.

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

Approve Special Event Designation with Temporary Liquor License – Rivertown Days

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda. Wietecha provided a brief overview of the request and indicated the event is very similar to previous events.

No Council discussion.

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

Announcements

- This week is National EMS Week and National Public Works Week. Please join me in a great and heartfelt thank you to our employees in these departments for their service to our community.
- Filing for municipal office opens Tuesday, May 21, through Tuesday, June 4. The City Clerk will hold an optional candidate information session on Tuesday, May 21.
- City offices will be closed Monday, May 27 in observation of Memorial Day.
- Coffee with a Cop is Tuesday, June 4, from 10 – noon at Coborn’s Caribou Coffee. Join the police to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know one another.
- On Tuesday, June 4, join us for the Summer Kick-Off to our 2024 Levee Park Events – free entertainment, interactive motorized race course, bouncer, climbing wall, caricature artists, balloon artist, and more. All ages are welcome to this free event.
- Memorial Day events at Rotary Pavilion, Levee Park, hosted by the VFW.

Meetings

- Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Administration Committee Meeting on Monday, May 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. – Cancelled
- Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Workshop – Budget on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
- City Council Regular Meeting on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Pemble motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM, seconded by Councilmember Fox. Ayes 7; Nays 0.

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor