

Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2024

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 15, 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
Attorney Greta Bjerkness
Community Development Director John Hinzman
Community Development Intern Lindsay Duggan
Public Works Director Ryan Stempski

Moment of Silence: Former Councilmember Richard Bond

Proclamation: Recognizing Public Works Mechanic Mark Schutt's Service to the City of Hastings

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the City Council regular meeting on July 1, 2024.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Pemble motioned to approve the Consent Agenda removing item #12 and placing in Reports from City Staff: Administration, seconded by Councilmember Fox.
7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution No. 07-04-24: Appoint Election Judges for the 2024 Primary Election
3. Resolution No. 07-05-24: Approve One-Day Temporary Liquor License and One-Day Charitable Gambling Request for the Hastings Fire Department Relief Association – 83rd Annual Booya
4. Resolution No. 07-06-24: Approve New Liquor License Application for Cooper's Pub 55, Inc. dba Cooper's Pub 55, 880 Bahls Drive
5. Resolution No. 07-07-24: Decertification of TIF District No. 5 – Napa Auto
6. 1st Reading: Amend City Code Chapter 34.03 – Building Department Electrical Fees
7. Approve Pay Estimate No. 1 for the 2024 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements – A-1 Excavating LLC (\$200,735.00)
8. Approve Pay Estimate No. 2 for the 2024 Mill & Overlay Program – McNamara Contracting (\$592,951.56)
9. Resolution No. 07-08-24: Amendment to Trunk Highway 316 Agreement
10. Strategic Plan Quarterly Report 2Q - 2024
11. Declare Surplus Property & Authorize for Public Sale, Donation or Disposal – Fire Department
12. Resolution No. 07-09-24: Approve New Cannabis Retail Sales License for Coborn's Liquor Store

13. 2024 Budget Amendment (2023 Carry Forwards)

Resolution No. 07-10-24: Site Plan – Trucking Facility – Richard Beskau (601 31st Street E)

Hinzman provided an overview of the request by Richard Beskau with Rio Gran Express LLC for site plan approval at 601 31st Street E. The use of the site is for a second location for their business at 12260 Margo Ave South. This site will feature a building to house their semi-trucks indoors, additional indoor parking spots for rent, a designated area for light maintenance work on their own semi-trucks, outdoor parking for semi-trailers, and an office to manage operational tasks. Hinzman reviewed Planning Commission discussion and shared the Commissioner's support of the proposal.

Council discussion on impact on nearby zoning that is medium density residential. The use of landscaping will shield the view of the outdoor parking. Council expressed appreciation to the applicant for expanding their business to the industrial park.

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

Resolution No. 07-11-24: Special Use Permit – Cannabis Sales – Coborn's (225 33rd Street W)

Duggan provided a summary of the request for a Special Use Permit to allow Cannabis Retail Sales at Coborn's Liquor Store at 225 33rd Street W. The Zoning Code outlines performance standards and prohibited acts pertaining to Cannabis. Duggan provided a summary of the Planning Commission review and shared Special Use Permit approvals require six of seven Councilmembers.

Council reminder that retail operations are not yet allowed unless the business has obtained a Special Use Permit and a license to sell low potency (0.3% or less) THC. Council provided clarification of the anticipated State licensing process that will impact local businesses and municipality regulation.

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

Resolution No. 07-09-24: Approve New Cannabis Retail Sales License for Coborn's Liquor Store

Murtaugh reviewed the application for a new Cannabis Retail Sales License for Coborn's, Inc. The license would allow for the sale of adult-use cannabis products containing 0.3% or less of THC. Coborn's has met all the requirements to be issued the license.

No Council discussion.

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

Announcements

- Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for putting on Rivertown Days this weekend. And thank you to all their sponsors and volunteers. This is such a fun event, and really shows off our community.
- Summer Rec Programs at Levee Park...

- Wednesday, July 17, Storytime in the Park with the theme of “Farm.” In partnership with Pleasant Hill Library.
- Thursday, July 25, Music in the Park with “Rafe Carlson – Country Band.” Supported by the Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund.
- Tuesday, July 30, Party in the Park. Celebrate National Parks & Recreation Month with live music from Ecuador Manta, activity booths, caricature artists, inflatables, a bubbler, face painting, and henna and airbrush tattoos. The event is free, but food trucks do charge.
- Thursday, August 1, Music in the Park with “Divas Gone Country – Tribute to Women of Country.” Supported by the Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund.
- There will be a Good Neighbor Car Seat Check-up at the Fire Department on Tuesday July 23, to ensure car seats are properly installed. Appointments are required.
- Rec + Art + Police is Wednesday, July 24, at Roadside Park with nature wire sculptures and Olympic games. 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.
- Makers Market will be in Levee Park on Thursday, July 25. Support area makers and artisans within our historic downtown and riverfront park by shopping at the markets.
- National Night Out is an annual community-building event. Please join us on Tuesday, August 6, at Lions Park or in local neighborhood gatherings.

Meetings

- Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. – Cancelled
- Arts & Culture Commission Meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Committee & HEDRA – Joint Meeting on Monday, July 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, July 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. – Cancelled
- City Council Regular Meeting on Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Pemble motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM, seconded by Councilmember Leifeld. Ayes 7; Nays 0.

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor