

**Hastings, Minnesota  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
December 19, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 19, 2022 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 Braucks, Folch, Fox, Lund, and Vaughan

**Members Absent:** Councilmember Leifeld

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Dan Wietecha  
Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh  
Community Development Director John Hinzman  
Police Chief Dave Wilske  
Parks & Recreation Director Chris Jenkins  
Public Works Director Ryan Stempki

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on December 5, 2022.

Minutes were approved as presented.

**Recognition of Milestone Employees**

<b>5 Years</b>	<b>15 Years</b>
Jonathan Buck	Kathy Belisle
Richard Brown	Justin Fortney
Patrick Diedrich	Adam Schumacher
Adam Harklerode	Al Storlie
Renier Steenkamp	Joey Trautman
Alana Siebenaler	John Townsend
David Wilske	
Scott Wittl	<b>16 Years</b>
	Chris Stone
<b>6 Years</b>	
Michael Beard	<b>20 Years</b>
Brian Jansen	John Hinzman
<b>10 Years</b>	<b>30 Years</b>
Randy Gray	Bill McNamara
Ryan Kline	Gary Ruedy
Patrick Lippert	
Jamie Stevens	<b>35 Years</b>
Robert Wargo	Mark Peine

**Recognition of Outgoing Commissioners:**

Todd Matzke, Planning Commission  
Scott Sinclair, HEDRA Commission  
Kathy Sovik-Siemens, Heritage Preservation Commission

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Bryon Ascheman, Public Safety Advisory Commission  
Jesse Starkson, Public Safety Advisory Commission  
Ben Spader, Parks & Recreation Commission  
Chelsea Piskor, Parks & Recreation Commission  
Dave Pemble, Parks & Recreation Commission

### **Dakota County Update, Commissioner Mike Slavik**

Slavik presented the annual update from Dakota County. He spoke of the property valuation and the changes in the metro, Dakota County, and Hastings. Slavik spoke briefly about the County budget for 2023, maintaining current services with a 1.9% levy increase. He spoke of the bison who were introduced to Spring Lake Park earlier this year and the upcoming public introduction in 2023. Slavik noted the continued work on the County Greenway system, with Vermillion River Greenway improvements coming to the area to benefit local trails and would fall under the responsibility of the County. Slavik thanked Council members for their support of a workforce townhouse development planned with the Dakota County Community Development Agency. He expressed gratitude to Councilmembers Braucks and Vaughan for their service on the Council.

### **Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Braucks motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Appoint Public Safety Advisory Commissioner Andrew Cafilisch and Reappoint Public Safety Advisory Commissioner Melissa Blackstad
3. Appoint HEDRA Commissioner Estrella Carter
4. Reappoint Planning Commissioners Rob Halberg and Melanie Peters
5. Appoint Planning Commissioner Melissa McGrath
6. Appoint Heritage Preservation Commissioners Ashley Alitz Edell, Maggie McCoy, and Patricia Bremer and Reappoint Heritage Preservation Commissioner Richard Smith
7. Reappoint Parks & Recreation Commissioners Scott Zuzek and Carl Bower
8. Resolution No. 12-08-22: Approve Massage Therapy Establishment Renewals
9. Resolution No. 12-09-22: Approve Massage Therapist Renewals
10. Resolution No. 12-10-22: Accept Donation from James and Janice Weber to the Hastings Fire Department
11. Resolution No. 12-11-22: Accept Donation from Pat Moen Lawn Care, Inc. to the Hastings Fire Department
12. Resolution No. 12-12-22: Accept Donation from Craig and Dianna Chapman to the Hastings Fire Department
13. Declare Surplus Property and Authorize Public Sale – Fire Department
14. Approve Contract for Finance System Project
15. Resolution No. 12-14-22: Approve Final Payment – Hastings Public Works Storage Building
16. Resolution No. 12-13-22: Approve Edit to the 2023 City Final Budget and Levy
17. Approve Revised Hastings Access Corporation Operating Agreement
18. Approve Collection Rate Increase for Tennis Sanitation
19. Authorize Signature: Boat Harbor Lease Agreement with Hastings Marina, Inc.
20. Approve Budget Amendment: Parks and Recreation and Public Works Pickup Trucks.
21. Approve Budget Amendment: Backup Hot Water Feed Pump
22. Memorandum of Understanding - Rural Fire Association

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## **City Code Chapter 34: Fee Schedule**

Wietecha provided an overview of the request. Wietecha shared staff recommendation for several rates which is included in the 2023 budget. Wietecha shared in 2020, the City worked with Ehlers on a Utility Rate review which looked at the sustainability of our utility funds to cover projected capital needs over the next several years. The recommended increases are: 3.5% for water rates, 2% for sanitary sewer rates, and 4% for the Storm Water Fund.

Public Hearing opened at: 7:50 p.m.

Public Hearing closed at: 7:50 p.m.

Council discussion on the status of where the City is at in continuing the implementation of the original study plan for modest ongoing increases. Wietecha indicated these will be annual increases to avoid large changes. Wietecha shared there is a larger increase in sanitary sewer due to infrastructure improvement costs and upgrades. Councilmember Folch asked if future studies will include PFAS mitigation measures. Wietecha indicated that PFAS mitigation would be beyond the rate study.

Councilmember Fox motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Lund.  
6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

## **City Code Chapters 152 and 158: Storm Water Management and Property Maintenance**

Stempski provided an overview of the request. Council is asked to review the Ordinance amendment to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act which requires small cities (called Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems or MS4) to submit a permit to discharge storm water into receiving water bodies. Several changes were required and are being implemented. The final change relates to property maintenance and design standards for construction projects. The ordinance changes clarify standards for managing storm water and define requirements for salt management requirements.

Public Hearing opened at: 7:58 p.m.

Public Hearing closed at: 7:59 p.m.

Council discussion on discussion with current developers in the City and in the impact of these changes. Stempski indicated that no discussion has been had with developers, but the changes reflect state-level requirements so there should be minimal impact.

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

## **Recognition of Representative Jurgens and Senator Bigham**

Mayor Fasbender recognized Representative Jurgens and Senator Bigham for their years of service to the citizens of Hastings.

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## **Recognition of Councilmembers Lori Braucks and Mark Vaughan**

Mayor Fasbender recognized and expressed appreciation to Councilmember Braucks and Councilmember Vaughan's service on the City Council.

- a. Joint Legislative House Resolution by Representative Jurgens and Senator Bigham  
Representative Jurgens and Senator Bigham shared a Joint Legislative Resolution for Councilmember Braucks and Councilmember Vaughan.
- b. Former Mayor Hicks recognized the efforts of Councilmembers Braucks and Vaughan.  
Former Mayor Paul Hicks recognized Councilmembers Braucks and Vaughan for their years of service to the citizens of Hastings.
- c. Mayor Fasbender and Councilmembers recognized outgoing Councilmembers Braucks and Vaughan.  
Mayor Fasbender expressed appreciation to Councilmembers Braucks and Vaughan. Mayor Fasbender presented a City Hall Photo by Hastings City Council.

Councilmember Folch, Fox, and Lund acknowledged Councilmember Braucks and Vaughan for their diligent service and collaboration.

Councilmembers Braucks and Vaughan thanked everyone for their words, staff for their assistance and knowledge, and their families for their support.

### **Announcements**

- Santa will accompany the Hastings Police Department as they drive through town in the decorated command vehicle, following the addresses in the Show us How You Shine holiday lights display on December 22, with several stops for Santa to visit with children and families.
- 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 – 10<sup>th</sup> Street West, during the holiday season through January 31.
- City Offices will be closed Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2.
- I wish everybody a happy and safe holiday season.

### **Meetings**

- Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- Arts Task Force on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. - Cancelled
- Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, December 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. - Cancelled
- City Council Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Vaughan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM, seconded by Councilmember Braucks. Ayes 6; Nays 0.

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Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk

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Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor