

The Hartington City Council met on January 23, 2023 at the city hall for their regular meeting beginning at 7:00 P.M. Notice of time and place of the meeting was given in advance notice by posting. Notice of time and place of the meeting was communicated in the advanced notice to the mayor and council.

Present were Council President Christensen; Councilman Bartling and Kathol; City Clerk-Treasurer de Waal and Deputy Clerk Hines. Mayor Becker, Councilman Sudbeck and Legal Advisor Pier were absent.

Council President Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., followed by all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that the open meeting law poster was on the back wall of the council room and reminded all present to silence their cell phones.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 09, 2023 meeting was made by Councilman Kathol and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Kathol – yes, Christensen – yes. Motion carried.

The employee Blue Cross-Blue Shield insurance renewal was presented by Clerk de Waal. The insurance plan will remain the same, the only change being an 11.41% increase. This is the best plan for city employees according to Matt Dresden. A motion to accept the insurance renewal was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Kathol – yes, Christensen – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20230123 – Adoption of the Colonial Life Cafeteria Plan was introduced by Council President Christensen. Clerk de Waal stated that nothing in the plan is changing. Colonial Life insurance premiums are paid by the employees and we allow the premiums to be deducted from their payroll. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Kathol – yes, Christensen – yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a letter from the Nebraska Library Commission. The letter recognizes the Hartington Public Library as being one of the seventeen libraries in Nebraska to receive a star. Out of 5,359 libraries nationally only 258 received stars. Clerk de Waal commented that our library staff does a fantastic job with their involvement in the community.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Kathol: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: We bought a used refrigerator for the pool for \$300.00.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Absent

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: Absent

Legal Advisor Pier: Absent

Clerk de Waal: None

Deputy Clerk Hines: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked for a copy of the Nebraska Library Commission letter.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: EMC Insurance Companies 7,955.80, Hartington Community Development Corporation 550.00, NE Nebraska Economic Development District 18.75, Nebraska Public Power District 82.47, One Office Solution 56.76.

Streets: Bank of Hartington 2,368.56, Black Hills Energy 2,143.06, EMC Insurance Companies 1,213.37, Fair Manufacturing Inc. 274.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC 1,096.79, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts, Inc. 980.37, Nebraska Public Power District 3,317.04.

Water: Cedar-Knox Public Power District 1,124.23, Christensen Well & Irrigation Inc. 7,856.48, EMC Insurance Companies 910.02, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts, Inc. 4.26, Municipal Supply, Inc. 3,270.00, Miller Painting & Decorating 4,745.00, Nebraska Public Power District 472.37.

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 189.62, EMC Insurance Companies 1,309.88, Hartington Feed & Chick 95.00, Midwest Laboratories, Inc. 604.00, Nebraska Public Power District 2,866.98.

Sanitation: EMC Insurance Companies 1,116.84, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC 550.62, L.P. Gill, Inc. 4,836.30, Stop N Go 574.80.

Fire: Black Hills Energy 479.00, D & J Variety 6.49, EMC Insurance Companies 482.58, FYR TEK 1,657.23, Nebraska Public Power District 161.48, B. Peitz 293.70, Stop N Go 85.10, Sandry Fire Supply 37,279.00.

Ambulance: Black Hills Energy, 478.99, D & J Variety 15.07, EMC Insurance Companies 317.12, Matheson Tri-Gas 121.32, Nebraska Public Power District 129.89, Steffen Drug Store 33.32.

Recreation: Nebraska Public Power District 63.16.

Pool: Black Hills Energy 35.62, Nebraska Public Power District 60.81.

Park: T. Baller 255.74, Nebraska Public Power District 287.54.

Complex: Nebraska Public Power District 78.58.

Library: T. Anderson 187.50, Black Hills Energy 782.39, D & J Variety 19.99, Franklin Templeton Investor Service 334.52, Hartington Chamber of Commerce 45.00, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 476.82, Midwest Tape 99.69, Nebraska Public Power District 296.44, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 570.00.

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 216.52, Hometown Leasing 62.05, Nebraska Public Power District 291.08, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 55.77.

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 1,330.67, Nebraska Public Power District 100.31, X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping 835.00.

Economic
Development: Crowne Plaza Hotel 249.90, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC 200.40, Hometown Leasing 31.02, Nebraska development Network-NE 50.00.

Transfer
Station: Cedar-Knox Public Power District 297.49, Deere Credit, Inc. 461.28, EMC Insurance Companies 482.59, Wiechelman's Repair Shop 1,516.86.

A motion to pay the bills expect for Christensen Well was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Kathol – yes, Christensen – yes. Motion carried. Councilman Christensen signed a potential conflict of interest.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Kathol and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Kathol – yes, Christensen – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is February 13, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniella de Waal
City Clerk-Treasurer