

The Hartington City Council met on January 27, 2020 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 the advance notice by posting. Notice of time and place of the meeting was communicated in the advance notice to the mayor and council.

Present were Mayor Becker; Councilmen Sudbeck, Peitz, Bartling, and Christensen; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher, Deputy Clerk Becker, and Legal Advisor Pier.

Mayor Becker 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 13, 2020 meeting was made by Christensen and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the special designated liquor license for the Cedar Catholic High School Gala to be held on March 28, 2020 was made by Bartling and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Nathan Boone from JEO Consulting Group approached the Council regarding Madison Avenue improvements. Nathan stated that it would be too late to begin the project this year, as there are flood projects that are underway this spring. Construction would begin in the spring of 2021. Councilman Peitz had requested for Nathan to take a look at a block of Broadway Avenue, also. Mr. Boone told the Council that he could provide a contract for the design and bidding and would like to hit the early fall schedule for contract bids. Councilman Peitz stated the Council should talk things over with Pat Guy, the Utility Superintendent and they will then let Nathan know how to proceed.

#### Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: None for the complex. Bat control is planning on coming to the auditorium to finish up on insulation replacement this weekend and will come again in the spring to finish up the process.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: LaVerle Heimes is interested in purchasing a lot that the City owns near one of his properties. Legal Advisor Pier suggested a realtor be contacted to find out a market value opinion before making a decision to sell.

Steve Pier: Clerk Schaecher had inquired about how to go about increasing the rental prices of the auditorium basement and the shelter house. Clerk Schaecher discovered that there were old prices in the ordinance book and wondered how to proceed. Legal Advisor Pier stated the prices could be changed by resolution instead of an ordinance.

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Becker: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump requested a copy of the map that Nathan Boone had presented to the Council.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General:	Hartington Community Development Corporation 550.00, Kennedy Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds, LLP 400.00, and USABLE Life 116.00
Streets:	Black Hills Energy 1,283.35, Bomgaars 139.38, and Franklin Templeton Investor Services 720.46
Water:	Cedar-Knox PPD 1,226.91, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 529.65, and Nebraska Public Health 37.00

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 87.37 and Bomgaars 41.97

Sanitation: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 782.20

Fire: Black Hills Energy 286.11, Bomgaars 170.90, and Dearborn National Life 105.44

Ambulance: Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 37.94, Black Hills Energy 286.10, and Stryker Sales Corporation 2,867.84

Pool: Black Hills Energy 21.91

Parks: D. Kathol 774.31

Complex: Bomgaars 38.45

Library: T. Anderson 28.75, Black Hills Energy 448.35, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 437.56, G. Miller 150.00, Hartington Chamber of Commerce 45.00, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 700.57, Midwest Tape 165.64, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 540.00, Penworthy 123.68, Quill Corporation 198.98, Three Rivers Library System 30.00, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 390.00

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 60.01, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 469.92, and Northeast Nebraska Clerks Association 40.00

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 1,044.96

Economic  
Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 172.44, Nebraska Development Network-NE 50.00, and Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 10.00

Transfer  
Station: Bomgaars 137.86 and Cedar-Knox PPD 294.50

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for February 10, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher  
City Clerk - Treasurer