

The Hartington City Council met on February 27, 2023 at the city hall for their regular meeting beginning at 5:00 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 Mayor Becker; Councilman Bartling, Kathol and Sudbeck; City Clerk-Treasurer de Waal and Deputy Clerk Hines. Legal Advisor Pier and Councilman Christensen were absent.

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 February 13, 2023 meeting was made by Councilman Kathol and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Rusty Flamig, Hartington Regional Coordinator for Northeast Community College, approached the council about using the City Office building for an upcoming class the college is offering; English Second Language (ESL). There are currently five individuals who have interest in the class and the boardroom would offer plenty of space. The class is to be offered on Tuesday and Thursday nights and would not conflict with other boards meetings. A motion to approve Northeast Community College using the City Office building for their upcoming English Second Language class was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Christopher Sieck is the new corporate manager for Casey's in Hartington and is apply for a liquor license. A motion to approve Casey's Retail Company new manager Christopher Sieck was made by Councilman Sudbeck and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The Cash Rent Farm Lease Agreement the City has with Darin Pick was next on the agenda. The rent amount is two payments of \$6,500.00. A motion to approve to the Cash Rent Farm Lease was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20230227 – Mayor and City Council of Hartington, Nebraska For the Sale of Personal Property/Vehicles was introduces by Councilman Sudbeck. There are three older Fire Trucks that are no longer being used and the fire department would like to sell. The vehicles are as such, 1937 International Fire Truck, 1974 Ford Chassis & Cab and 1993 Ford Chassis & Cab. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman Kathol and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Sudbeck spoke with Don Whitmire from the baseball association about the construction of a new concession stand with a bathroom at the complex. Before the project is started opinions from the baseball and softball association is requested about location. Clerk de Waal wanted to verify with the council that the city is only going to be responsible for field maintenance and umpire fees for the foreseeable future for baseball and softball. Mayor Becker confirmed that this is the agreement made. A motion by Councilman Bartling was made that the city will only take care of field maintenance, umpire fees, but the associations are responsible for any other expenses. This was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Kathol –yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Kathol: None

Pool – Councilman Bartling: Will be ordering a new vacuum for the pool, will be about \$4,000.00.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Will be fixing the track after St. Patty's day to get it ready for the first track meet coming up. The theater group asked about making the bathroom behind the stage more accessible. Sudbeck discussed with the council a quote he got from a company to install and provide materials for the new drop ceiling. It was mentioned that a grant was applied for to help with the project, but would like to move forward with the project with or without the grant.

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: Absent

General – Mayor Becker: There are a couple older trucks that Corey Kramer suggested we could sell on the consignment auction next month. These trucks are not being used and have been sitting for a while now.

Steve Pier: Absent

Clerk de Waal: Asked if the city could paint some numbers on the camper pads to help identify spots better. We ran into a lot of problems last year and this could help eliminate the issues we had last year. Tami at the library asked if Marlys was able to help out at the library when needed if she is not busy at the city office.

Deputy Clerk Hines: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked to list off the fire trucks being sold.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: EMC Insurance Companies 10,713.87, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus & Reynolds, LLP 528.50, NE Nebraska Economic Development District 18.75.

Streets: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 773.99, Bank of Hartington 2,353.56, Black Hills Energy 1,960.74, Bomgaars 313.90, EMC Insurance Companies 1,211.85, Kruse True Value 63.26, Midwest Service & Sales Co. 2,125.88, USABLE LIFE 14.50.

Water: Bomgaars 178.60, EMC Insurance Companies 908.89, Municipal Supply, Inc. 228.12, NE Public Health Environment Lab 33.00.

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 183.29, Bomgaars 28.53, EMC Insurance Companies 1,308.25, JEO 736.25.

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,217.74, Bomgaars 24.74, EMC Insurance Companies 1,115.45, USABLE LIFE 29.00.

Fire: Black Hills Energy 203.89, Dearborn National Life Insurance Co. 6.88, Danko Emergency Equipment Co. 982.30, EMC Insurance Companies 481.98, Feilmeier Electric 632.49, Kruse True Value 26.99, Steffen Electric 149.75, Yankton Janitorial Supply, Inc. 54.40.

Ambulance: Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 259.11, Black Hills Energy 203.89, EMC Insurance Companies 316.73, Emergency Medical Products 302.15, Kruse True Value 35.98, Matheson Tri-Gas 169.39.

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 58.30.

Pool: Black Hills Energy 38.60, NE Department of Environment and Energy 80.00.

Parks: Arbor Day Foundation 20.00.

Library: Access Elevator & Lifts, Inc. 500.00, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 5,853.72, Black Hills Energy 690.19, Collaborative Summer Library Program 178.23, Eakes Office Solutions 184.71, K. Emanuel 85.15, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 902.99, Midwest Tape 23.24, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 385.00, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, LLC 145.00, USABLE LIFE 29.00.

City Hall: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 570.37, Black Hills Energy 184.33, Dixie Fischer 100.00, USABLE LIFE 13.50.

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 1,155.72.

Economic Development: USABLE LIFE 14.50.

Transfer Station: Bomgaars 109.95, Deere Credit, Inc. 461.28, EMC Insurance Companies 481.98, Olson's Pest Technicians 75.00, Siouxland Scale Service, Inc. 1,350.12.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is March 27, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniella de Waal,
City Clerk-Treasurer