

The Hartington City Council met on June 22, 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, Christensen, and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher, and Deputy Clerk Carlson. Legal Advisor Pier was absent.

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 June 08, 2020 meeting was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Building permits were presented and reviewed from Eric Sage – Garden Shed, Alton Heimes – Addition to House, and Preston Leise – Handicap Ramp. A motion was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck to approve the permits. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Dirk Dailey's EMT appointment was next on the agenda. Clerk Schaecher stated Dirk has completed all of the needed certifications, so all that is needed it to be approved for the squad. Councilman Peitz made a motion to approve Dirk Dailey as an EMT for the Hartington Ambulance and this was seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

The LB840 loan No. 2020065 was introduced by Clerk Schaecher, stating the Revolving Loan Fund Committee recommends a \$10,000 loan be approved for Freedom Rentals LLC/John & Audrey Freeman for 10 years at 0% interest for building storage units. The loan will be secured by a personal guarantee from John & Audrey Freeman. Funds are to be delivered upon completion of the project. The recommendation is for the first payment to be due by ACH payment each month, starting on January 01, 2021. A motion to approve the loan was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling - yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz - yes. Motion carried.

#### Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: The pool is having butterfly valve problems, but it should be okay until the end of the season. Art Kathol may need to order parts if it does get worse. There was nothing to report for the gun range.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: None

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: The City Sales Tax is coming up for renewal. Miranda Becker, Economic Development Coordinator, has been researching comparisons of other municipalities. Right now, there is a 1% City Sales Tax, with 65% going to the City and 35% going to Economic Development. Mayor Becker stated he would like to form an advisory committee with at least one councilman to assist Miranda and a member of the Economic Development Board. Councilman Sudbeck volunteered to assist.

Steve Pier: Absent

Clerk Schaecher: Marti Carlson is our new Deputy Clerk, so she was introduced and welcomed.

Deputy Clerk Carlson: Introduced herself and stated she is from the Newcastle area.

Public Comments: None

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: First National Bank of Omaha 500.00, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 400.00, and R. Jueden 445.00

Streets: Barco Municipal Products 215.08, Black Hills Energy 158.18, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 466.97, JEO 12,814.80, NPPD 3,059.32, and O.K. Concrete 57,500.00

Water: Cedar-Knox PPD 979.56, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 328.51, Nebraska Public Health 366.00, and NPPD 449.44

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 46.21 and NPPD 2,755.15

Sanitation: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 514.66 and Stop N Go 322.18

Fire: Black Hills Energy 38.96 and NPPD 105.12

Ambulance: Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 46.06, Black Hills Energy 38.95, Emergency Medical Products 154.60, and NPPD 70.91

Recreation: Diamond Vogel Paints 489.30, NPPD 68.42, and Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 86.75

Pool: Art Kathol Appliance 831.76, Black Hills Energy 30.95, Floor Maintenance 169.95, In The Swim 54.24, NPPD 51.05, and W. Wortmann 114.47

Parks: Meyer, Inc. 2,812.00 and NPPD 499.13

Complex: NPPD 117.76, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 129.00, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 2,235.00

Library: Black Hills Energy 101.78, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 293.04, Hometown Leasing 48.40, and NPPD 125.33

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 30.95, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 299.14, NPPD 157.08, and Premier Lawn & Landscaping 107.50

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 212.46 and NPPD 42.16

Economic Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 172.44

Transfer Station: Cedar-Knox PPD 151.67, Gill Hauling 1,195.83, and Pomp's Tire Service 45.50

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes.. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for July 13, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher  
City Clerk - Treasurer