

The Hartington City Council met for a public hearing and their regular meeting on August 14th, 2023 at City Hall beginning at 5:30 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, Christensen, Kathol, and Sudbeck; and City Clerk-Treasurer Brittini Bencoter. Legal Counsel-Steve Pier was absent.

Mayor Becker called the regular meeting to order at 5:29 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 from the July 24th, 2023 meeting and July Treasurers Report was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20230814 – Nebraska DOT Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. Motion to approve Resolution 20230814 was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

LB840 loan application #20230814 for Ma Mona Grill LLC was reviewed. The loan would be \$50,000 for 10 years at 0% interest. Motion to approve LB840 loan application #20230814 was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

LB840 Drawdown Request was discussed. Hartington Economic Development requested a drawdown of \$137,148.42 to Detlefsen Construction for New Industrial Park. A motion to approve the LB840 drawdown request was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20230814A – Establishing Rental Rate for City of Hartington Campground. Councilman Sudbeck introduced the resolution. City Clerk Bencoter discussed that the resolution is to establish the \$25/night camper court rate that council approved at previous meeting. The new rate of \$25/night will include all necessary taxes and will begin September 1, 2023. A motion to approve Resolution 20230814A was made by Councilman Sudbeck and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resignations from Deputy Clerk M. Hines, City Maintenance Worker M. Kramer, Fireman J. Brodersen and Fireman R. Lammers were presented. Mayor Becker wanted to thank all four for their service to the City of Hartington. Motion to approve all four resignations was made by Councilman Kathol and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Bencoter reviewed with council the results of the 220 and Becker Addition Garbage Surveys. There were 20 letters issued and there were 7 with no response, 7 with possible interest, and 6 with no interest. City Clerk Bencoter discussed that many of those with possible interest were dependent on the price. Council discussed that there would need to be enough people interested in order to make it financially affective for the City of Hartington. Mayor Becker discussed that council should set a price and send out another survey letter to see if there would be interest with the set price. Council agreed with 220 Addition only having one home built, it would not be cost effective to provide service at this time. Mayor Becker introduced the price of \$45/mth for those in the Becker Addition and council agreed. Council agreed the \$70 deposit per garbage can that is currently in affect for city residents would also apply. Mayor Becker asked Clerk Bencoter to issue new survey letters to the Becker Addition to see if there would be enough interest.

The July 2023 Cedar County Sheriff's Report was distributed by Deputy Thoene. There were 386 ¼ hours patrolled. School traffic was n/a. Calls of service were 3 EMS calls, 4 Disturbances, 2 MIPs, 1 Trespass, 4 Fireworks complaints, and 1 Animal complaint. Traffic stops were 1 verbal warning, 1 written warning, and 2 citations. There were no arrests made.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Kathol: The East Park and Shelter house were painted by R. Sudbeck.

Pool – Councilman Bartling: Pool closed previous week. The roof of the bathhouse needs replaced and Councilman Bartling would like to look into bids and the cost of the repair.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Block work at the complex building will start before Labor Day. The fields are getting ready for football

Fire/Ambulance– Councilman Christensen: none.

General – Mayor Becker: Dan Kathol has sprayed for the leafy splurge at the damn, the State has examined the damn and it looks good.

Steve Pier: absent

Clerk Benscoter: The new payroll system started and is working good with employees.

Deputy Clerk: void

Public Comments: Peggy Year asked for clarification on why council choose the 220 Addition and Becker Addition only to survey for outside city limit garbage service. Mayor Becker explained that they were approached by some residents in those areas so they are surveying to see if there is enough interest.

The following bills were presented for payments:

General: FP Finance Program 141.98, Hartelco 330.61, League of Municipalities 4,701.00, NE Nebraska New Company 180.15.

Streets: Air Pro Heating and Cooling 120.00, Bank of Hartington 266.66, Burnell’s Foodtown 40.07, Carhart Lumber Co. 14.67, Colonial Life 27.22, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 903.22, Franklin Templeton Investor Services LLC 608.64, Grossenburg Implement 1,848.64, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts, Inc. 19.61, Leise Concrete 15,845.30, Nebraska Public Power District 3,053.79, Pearson Motor Co. 29.99, U.S. Cellular 75.40, X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 210.00, Yankton Janitorial Supply, Inc. 268.00.

Water: Cedar-Knox Public Power District 1,581.03, Christensen Well & Irrigation Inc. 322.46, League of Municipalities 351.00, Nebraska Public Power District 714.17, One Call Concepts, Inc. 13.74, Peitz Service 102.09, Plumbing & Electric 230.75.

Sewer: Hartelco 66.60, Legue of Municipalities 351.00, Midwest Laboratories Inc. 774.57, Nebraska Public Power District 3,568.17, One Call Concepts, Inc. 13.74.

Sanitation: Bank of Hartington 83.33, Colonial Life 129.66, Franklin Templeton Investor Services LLC 411.10, Grossenburg Implement 238.94, L.P. Gill, Inc. 7,261.38, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 288.58, Pinkelman Sales, Inc. 601.98, Stop N Go 537.13.

Fire: Burnell’s Foodtown 247.20, D & J Variety 6.99, Danko Emergency Equipment Company 391.55, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 21.08, Hartelco 45.80, Heiman, Inc. 1,181.93, Leise Lawn Care 240.00, Nebraska Public Power District 170.30, Stop N Go 69.41.

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13551.04.

Ambulance: Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 414.69, Burnell’s Foodtown 76.68, D & J Variety 6.99, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 191.42, Hartelco 45.81, Matheson Tri-Gas 286.00, Nebraska Public Power District 138.73, Stop N Go 88.56, Steffen Drug Store 32.40, U.S. Cellular 186.72.

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 53.00, Maverick Heine 95.00, Toby Heine 950.00.

Recreation: Carhart Lumber Company 103.92, Softball Association 670.00, Nebraska Public Power District 63.16, Plumbing & Electric 157.00, Randy Kathol Construction 50.00, Stop N Go 128.69.

Pool: Fischer Feed & Supply 25.95, Hawkins, Inc. 1,158.42, Hartelco 101.62, Kruse True Value 112.67, M. Clarkson 9.63, Nebraska Public Power District 925.87, Stop N Go 154.52.

Parks: Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 292.58, Hartington Tree 294.00, Kruse True Value 26.99, Kathol Turf 75.00, Nebraska Public Power District 653.84, X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 1,300.00.

Complex: Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 307.44, Hartelco 44.06, Kruse True Value 14.49, Nebraska Public Power District 121.33, X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 1,700.00.

Library: Bank of Hartington 333.34, D & J Variety 55.92, Franklin Templeton Investor Services LLC 342.44, Hartelco 155.12, Nebraska Public Power District 381.41, Tramp Heating and Cooling LLC95.50.

City Hall: Bank of Hartington 166.67, Burnell’s Foodtown 8.99, Colonial Life 53.16, D & J Variety 127.73, Dixie Fischer 100.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Services LLC 328.34, Hometown Leasing 62.05, Kruse True Value 18.06, Nebraska Public Power District 299.89, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, LLC 115.00.

Auditorium: Nebraska Public Power District 57.15.

Economic Development: M. Becker 483.04, Franklin Templeton Services LLC 207.08, Hartelco 52.70, Hometown Leasing 3102.

Transfer Station: Cedar-Knox Public Power District 145.73, G. Dickes 20.00, Gill Hauling, Inc. 1,281.42, Hartelco 46.55, Jerry’s Service 612.10, Keep Nebraska Beautiful, Inc. 50.00, Peitz Service 193.91, Wiechelman’s Repair Shop 17.38.

Veterans Memorial: Nebraska Public Power District 55.96.

Payroll for July, 2023 was \$69,242.88.

A motion to pay the bills except for Christensen Well, check # 63500, was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling –yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilman Bartling was made to pay the bill for Christensen Well, check #63500, and was seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling –yes, Christensen – abstained, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Sudbeck and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM. The next scheduled meeting is August 28, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittni Bencoter
City Clerk-Treasurer