

The Hartington City Council met on January 25, 2021 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 Christensen, Peitz, and Bartling; and City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher. Councilman Sudbeck and Legal Advisor Pier were present via Zoom. Deputy Clerk Carlson was absent.

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 11, 2021 meeting 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.

Building permits for the Jim Specht – Home Addition and Mark Becker – Swimming Pool were presented and reviewed. Councilman Christensen made a motion to approve the permits and this was seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20210125 – Bank Authorization for Ambulance Checking Account was introduced by Councilman Peitz. Peitz stated the signers on the account will be Mark Becker, Natalie Schaecher, Dixie Fischer, and Troy Bottolfsen. Troy Bottolfsen will be replacing Jeff Jones as Ambulance President and Shelly Becker will need to be removed as a signer. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Bartling and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

The JEO Approval to Advertise for Bids for the 2020 Street Improvement Project was next on the agenda. Councilman Peitz made a motion to approve the Advertisement for Bids and this was seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Nebraska Department of Transportation Application to Construct Access. Councilman Peitz explained that by signing this application/performance guarantee, it is notifying the NDOT of the construction plans for Broadway Avenue. A motion was made to approve the Application to Construct Access by Councilman Peitz and this was seconded by Councilman 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 Council was questioned as to whether to proceed with the sand filter for the swimming pool or to try to run the pool with the old filter. It was suggested by the Mayor and the rest of the council to get the new filter, as it was included in the budget.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Three sets of new bleachers have been erected and two more are almost completed. Three old sets of bleachers will be sent over to the track. Many thanks go out to the Hartington-Newcastle shop class for putting together the bleachers. There was no new report for the auditorium.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: None

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Carlson: Absent

Public Comments: None

The following bills were presented for payment:

Streets: Black Hills Energy 1,145.08, Bomgaars 121.35, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 540.85, and USAble Life 14.50

Water: Cedar-Knox PPD 1,083.21, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 344.96, Municipal Supply 97.53, Nebraska Public Health 34.00, and USAble Life 14.50

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 99.26 and USA Blue Book 3,019.74

Sanitation: Bomgaars 37.98, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 203.30, and USAble Life 29.00

Fire: Black Hills Energy 286.66, Bomgaars 22.48, and Hartington Volunteer Fire Department 458.00

Ambulance: Black Hills Energy 286.66, Etched Impressions 691.00, and Stryker Sales Corporation 2,692.80

Pool: Black Hills Energy 31.38

Parks: Arbor Day Foundation 20.00

Complex: Lammers Construction 388.24 and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 5,305.00

Library: T. Anderson 160.05, Black Hills Energy 471.96, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 315.88, G. Miller 317.49, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 1,115.88, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 135.00, Penworthy 105.76, and USAble Life 29.00

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 146.04, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 327.76, and USAble Life 29.00

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 754.98

Economic
Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 181.44

Transfer
Station: Cedar-Knox PPD 207.47, Gill Hauling 1,817.73, and Keep Nebraska Beautiful 50.00

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, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn 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. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for February 08, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer