

The Hartington City Council met on October 11, 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 Sudbeck, Peitz, and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher; Deputy Clerk Carlson; and Legal Advisor Pier. Councilmen Christensen 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 September 27, 2021 meeting and September 2021 Treasurer's Report was made by Bartling and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

No one from the Cedar County Sheriff's Office was present to report for the month of September 2021.

A building permit was presented and reviewed for Grossenburg Implement – Office and Shop Addition. A motion was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck to approve the permit. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20211011 – Establishing Water Rates was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. Clerk Schaecher stated the resolution was needed due to the State Legislature passing a bill that no longer allowed municipalities to charge taxes for residential water usage. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz– yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

An LB 840 drawdown request from Hartington Economic Development in the amount of \$13,237.50 for work done by JEO on grading plan development for the industrial park was presented. A motion to approve the drawdown was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 876 – Restricting Contracts with Public Officials or Public Employees was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to dispense with the readings on three separate days was made by Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck –yes. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 876 was made by Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck –yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20211011A – Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance of Public Roads was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Pinkelman Sales repaired the vinyl fence along Complex Road, Lammers Construction fixed a garage door, and Mike Fischer fixed the popcorn popper. Dectronics is coming next week to look at the scoreboard. Councilman Peitz stated Brice Grutsch requested to use the main field for the little league football championship game this Saturday night. Mayor Becker and all Councilmen agreed that this would be okay. Councilman Peitz also said the soccer season ended yesterday. Councilman Sudbeck had nothing to report for the auditorium.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: Absent

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: None

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Carlson: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked for more clarification regarding the legislative bill exempting taxes for residential water.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: AMGL 7,480.00, BOKF 78,975.00, EMC Insurance 7,495.74, Great America Financial Services 105.00, Hartelco 291.99, and Northeast Nebraska News 374.21

Streets: Appeara 25.00, Bank of Hartington 2,353.56, Carhart Lumber 0.78, EMC Insurance 1,143.20, Farmers Union Coop 648.35, Grossenburg Implement 1,126.25, Kruse True Value 85.13, NPPD 3,171.27, Plumbing & Electric 5,669.40, Rose Equipment 796.00, and US Cellular 57.60

Water: Carhart Lumber 32.99, EMC Insurance 857.40, Kruse True Value 34.45, B. Klus 70.72, NPPD 460.37, One Call Concepts 13.25, Peitz Service 37.71, US Cellular 30.84, and R. Wiebelhaus 86.13

Sewer: EMC Insurance 1,234.13, Grossenburg Implement 4.20, Kruse True Value 5.99, NPPD 3,588.26, One Call Concepts 13.25, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 23.77

Sanitation: Colonial Life 237.50, EMC Insurance Companies 1,052.26, Farmers Union Coop 259.55. Folkers Brothers Garage 2,541.43, B. Klus 70.00, LP Gill 5,822.08, Peitz Service 76.65, Stop N Go 410.33, and R. Wiebelhaus 70.00

Fire: EMC Insurance 454.68, Farmers Union Coop 115.35, Garvin's CB Shop 465.78, Hartelco 46.02, Hartington Shopper 154.00, NPPD 188.54, Overhead Door Company 225.00, Peitz Service 301.09, and US Cellular 61.68

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,398.56

Ambulance: Burnell's Foodtown 44.29, EMC Insurance 298.79, Farmers Union Coop 127.97, Hartelco 46.01, Hartelco Computers 240.00, NPPD 156.95, Stop N Go 78.88, US Cellular 160.75

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 120.40 and T. Albers 1,900.00

Recreation: K. Backer 310.48 and NPPD 63.16

Pool: Art Kathol Appliance 1,060.42 and NPPD 97.58

Parks: Farmers Union Coop 151.64, Hartington Tree 4,600.00, Kruse True Value 197.24, and NPPD 789.45

Complex: B. Baller 3,339.00, Farmers Union Coop 99.52, Hartelco 44.20, Lammers Construction 70.00, NPPD 204.32, and Pinkelman Sales 662.47

Library: Burnell's Foodtown 19.57, D&J Variety 78.64, Hartelco 170.23, and NPPD 551.33

City Hall: Burnell's Foodtown 7.69, Colonial Life 72.68, D&J Variety 12.99, Eakes Office Solutions 254.61, NPPD 294.14, Northeast Nebraska News 41.00, and Premier Lawn & Landscaping 310.00

Auditorium: Appeara 59.00, Kruse True Value 26.94, and NPPD 69.28

Economic Development: Eakes Office Solutions 111.26 and Hartelco 53.98

Transfer Station: EMC Insurance 454.68, Farmers Union Coop 260.08, Gill Hauling 1,190.88, Hartelco 46.69, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 19.99, Kruse True Value 2.99, and Mike's Electric 1,370.00

Total Payroll for the month of September 2021 was \$58,655.20.

A motion to pay the bills to include Bank of Hartington for the Health Savings Plan in the amount of \$666.67 and to exclude the Peitz Service bill was made by Councilman Sudbeck and seconded by

Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz– yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Councilman Sudbeck to pay the Peitz Service bill and this was seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker –yes. Motion carried. Councilman Peitz abstained and signed a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement.

A motion to adjourn was made by Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for October 25, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer