

The Hartington City Council met on October 11, 2022 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; Councilman Bartling, Christensen and Peitz; City Clerk-Treasurer Schaecher; Deputy Clerk de Waal; and Legal Advisor Pier. Councilman Sudbeck 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, 2022 meeting and the September 2022 treasurer's report was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Building permits were presented and reviewed from Christy Orwig and Joel Emanuel – Storage shed; Turner Becker – House; Wayne Nichol森 – Emergency exit; and Glen Thoene – Home addition. A motion was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen to approve the building permits. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

The September 2022 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Zimmer. There were 364 ½ hours patrolled. School Traffic was 6 hours. Calls of service was 4 accident, 4 EMS assists, 3 assist other agency, 1 welfare check, 2 traffic controls, 2 disturbances, and 2 suspicious activity. Traffic stops were 1 verbal warning, 5 written warnings, and zero citations. There were 2 arrests.

Resolution 20221011 – Establishing Transfer Station Hours was introduced by Councilman Peitz. The new hours were read by de Waal. Sunday and Thursday closed; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00am to 1:00pm; Saturday 8:00am to noon. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Bartling and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20221011A – Holiday Light Parade was introduced by Councilman Peitz. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20221011B – Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance of Public Roads was introduced by Councilman Peitz. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk de Waal discussed closing the Hartington Baseball and Softball Association bank account. The bank account is empty and we can move forward with closing the account. Tim Burbach asked why we are closing the account; Mayor Becker informed Burbach that the association wants to go on their own. We are still going to help with field maintenance and umpire fees. A motion to close the account was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Schaecher discussed an estimate obtained by Utility Superintendent Corey Kramer from Leise Concrete for street repairs on Neu Fam Dr and Jerry Arens driveway in the sum of \$5,000 a piece. Kramer recommended to the mayor previously the repairs are needed as the concrete is in bad shape. Councilman Christensen made a motion to accept the estimates and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker discussed using part of the LB840 Funds for Economic Development Coordinator Salary and Expenses. They budget about \$16,000 a year for these expenses and after consulting with Legal adviser Pier this can be done. A motion to approve using LB840 Funds for Economic Development Coordinator Salary and Expenses was made by Councilmen Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – no. Motion carried.

The August and September 2022 Income and Expense Report for the Baseball/Softball Association was present by Deputy Clerk de Waal. There was an income of \$890.48; the expense amount was \$3,514.07, leaving a balance of zero dollars. The account is closed so the funds were

transferred to the new baseball/softball account. A motion to approve the income and expense report was made by Peitz and seconded by Christenson. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

The yield sign at corner of Felber Street and Summit Ave was next on the agenda. Doug Becker has made some complaints previously about the sign being in the current location. Becker mentions that the sign makes it difficult for semis to get through and onto the scale. A motion was made to keep the sign there until the scale opens again by Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling –yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

The appointment of Daniella de Waal as City Clerk-Treasurer was discussed next. A motion to approve the appointment was made by Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Absent

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: An individual from Plainview, Mr. Goetz, wants to purchase an old sign with the name Goetz on it. There is a bin full of signs with names on it that can be put up for sale if anyone else wishes to purchase a sign with their name on it.

Steve Pier: The vacating of Prospect Ave will need to be redone for the next meeting due to the legal description. Also, the December board of committees needs to be in compliance.

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk de Waal: None

Public comments: Joe Folkers approached the council with some concerns about Olive Avenue. Does Olive Avenue run past his property or even exist? Steve Pier stated he talked with Dave Dowling and the plat the courthouse has shows Olive Avenue stops at the intersection on Main Street. Folkers also has a plat from a surveyor that shows his property line and puts the fence on his property in question. Folkers wants to know who owns what. Tim Burbach said the fence was put in the center and asked why the new golf course shed cannot be built further east. Mayor Becker stated the pins that were located were very old and is nowhere near the property lines. Becker also stated that he is not sure if they will be building near the property. At this time there are a lot of questions that need to be answered and we will work towards finding out what those answers. Fred Stines also commented on the situation at hand and mentioned Goetz is vacated. Burbach stated that when snow falls, it piles up on the fence line where the golf shed would be built and to keep that in mind. Mayor Becker ended public comments with stating that he will work with Steve Pier to figure out who owns what and where the property lines are at.

The following bills were presented for payments:

General: Burnell’s Foodtown 35.01, Cedar County Register of Deeds 26.00, EMC Insurance Companies 7,859.04, FP Finance Program 115.98, Hartelco 330.61, Hartington Shopper 79.50, NE Nebraska News Company 325.86.

Streets: Bank of Hartington 2,536.89, Barco Municipal Products Inc. 1,298.18, Carhart Lumber Co. 48.40, Colonia Life 27.22, EMC Insurance Companies 1,198.61, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 604.77, Grossenburg Implement 1,255.80, Kruse True Value 20.99, Leise Concrete 1,722.00, Miller Painting & Decorating 16,575.00, Tramp Heating and Cooling, LLC 72.97, U.S. Cellular 75.49.

Water: Burnell’s Foodtown 77.70, EMC Insurance Companies 898.95, Hartington Shopper 73.93, One Call Concepts, Inc. 23.76, Peitz Service 50.02.

Sewer: EMC Insurance Companies 1,293.95, Hartelco 77.69, Hartington Shopper 73.93, One Call Concepts, Inc. 23.76.

Sanitation: Bank of Hartington 83.33, Colonial Life 129.66, EMC Insurance Companies 1,103.26, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 105.72, Hartington Shopper 73.94, L.P. Gill, Inc. 6,771.80.

Fire: Dearborn National Life Ins. Co 250.80, EMC Insurance Companies 476.72, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 31.18, Feilmeier Electric 741.81, Hartelco 45.73, Hartington Shopper 154.20, Peitz Service 206.37.

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,532.54.

Ambulance: Burnell's Foodtown 37.80, D & J Variety 19.99, EMC Insurance Companies 313.27, Emergency Medical Products 100.07, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 375.35, Hartelco 45.73, Stryker Sales Corporation 176.65, U.S. Cellular 186.93.

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 105.99.

Recreation: K. Backer 126.32.

Pool: Art Kathol Appliance, Inc. 1,517.92.

Parks: Central Valley Ag 672.93, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 105.24, Grossenburg Implement 557.98.

Complex: Art Kathol Appliance, Inc 250.00, Farmers Union Gas & Oil 204.55, Hartelco 44.03, Kruse True Value 14.07, Pinkelman Sales, Inc. 107.61.

Library: T. Anderson 206.25, Bank of Hartington 333.34, D & J Variety 49.99, Hartelco 155.12, Tramp Heating and Cooling, LLC 133.82.

City Hall: Bank of Hartington 83.33, Burnell's Foodtown 10.74, Colonial Life 142.48, D & J Variety 5.97, Eakes Office Solutions 360.79, Dixie Fischer 50.00, Tramp Heating and Cooling, LLC 52.97.

Auditorium: Carhart Lumber Co. 92.14, Hartelco Computers 47.40, Kruse True Value 7.58, Wiechelman's Repair Shop 3,253.76, Yankton Janitorial Supply, Inc. 79.28.

Economic Development: Crowne Plaza Hotel 249.90, Hartelco 52.44, Simmons Olsen Law Firm 1,200.00.

Transfer Station: EMC Insurance Companies 476.72, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 811.80, Gill Hauling, Inc. 1,034.10, Hartelco 46.51, JEO 103.75, Jerry's Service 726.50, Olson's Pest Technicians 75.00.

A motion to pay the bills except for Peitz Service and JEO, and to also include the NE Department of Environment and Energy for waste water certificate renewal, Arrow MFT, Inc., and Sid Dillon Chevrolet for the new ambulance was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling –yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes. Motion carried. A motion was made to pay the Peitz Service and JEO bills by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Becker – yes. Motion carried. 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, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for October 25, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniella de Waal
Deputy Clerk