

The Hartington City Council met on November 15, 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, Sudbeck and Peitz; City Clerk-Treasurer de Waal; Deputy Clerk Hines; and Legal Advisor Pier. Councilman 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 October 25, 2022 meeting and the October 2022 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The October 2022 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Thoene. There were 384 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours patrolled. School traffic was 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours. Calls of service were 3 accidents, 1 assist other agency, 2 criminal investigations, 1 missing person, 1 alarm, and 1 animal complaint. Traffic stops were zero verbal warnings, 5 written warnings, and 1 citation. There were zero arrests. Mayor Becker informed Deputy Thoene that there has been some concern of speeding in and around the school. Mayor Becker also stated he talked with Larry Koranda about making their presence more known by maybe moving where they sit. Thoene said he will pass the information along and see what can be done.

Steve Pier spoke with Joe Folkers and Fred Stine regarding the information he found about Olive Avenue at the court house. According to the records provided, Olive Avenue was vacated in 1922. Folkers questioned Pier on who owns the property that has been vacated. Pier was unable to answer since there were not any further records providing more information.

Sign permits for Russel Flamig – Down & Dirty Laundry and Meika Kramer – Pawz Salon were presented. A motion to approve the sign permits for Down & Dirty Laundry and Pawz Salon was made by Bartling and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 885 – Repealing Ordinance No. 884 – Vacating Prospect Drive, Also Known As Prospect Avenue, Between Circle Drive and 883 $\frac{1}{2}$ Road, Becker Subdivision was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to dispense with the readings on three separate days was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 885 was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 886 – Vacating Prospect Drive, Also Known as Prospect Avenue Between Circle Drive and 883 $\frac{1}{2}$ Road, Bud Becker Subdivision was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to dispense with the readings on three separate days was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 886 was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The LB840 loan No. 20221103 was introduced by Clerk de Waal, stating the Revolving Loan Fund Committee recommends a \$20,000 loan be approved for Meika Kramer/Pawz Salon for 15 years at 0% interest for building purchase costs. The loan will be secured by a second lien on the real property. Recommendation is for the first payment to be due by ACH payment each month starting March 1, 2023. A motion to approve the loan was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was estimates from Mayer Sign for new signs at the Complex and Transfer Station. The estimate for the signs needed comes to roughly \$1,600. A motion to approve the estimates from Mayer Sign was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Still waiting on materials to finish up press box at complex. Some estimates for a new scoreboard came in as well. A new toilet was put in the basement of the auditorium. Sudbeck was approached by Gary Kruse about possibly renting out the stalls in the garage at City Hall for appliance overflow. They discussed \$150 a month for rent.

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: Absent

General – Mayor Becker: Councilman Sudbeck met with a moving company to see if the Skylon can be moved. It was determined that the building can be moved. We are looking for a new location for the Skylon. The road crew will be coming back next week to finish up road work east of town. Security bank will take care of the cost for the new scoreboard.

Steve Pier: We have our reappointment of board members coming up. The planning and zoning board member position should be a three year term that alternates. The public should be notified of the opening in case there is anyone that is interested in the position. It would be nice to expand our pool of people on the board.

Clerk de Waal: Our Employee Appreciation party is planned for December 16th. Invitations will be sent out this week. We also got a call from a gentleman from Fremont that came Hartington to try out our new disc golf course. He complimented us on our course and the fun he had completing it.

Deputy Clerk Hines: We got a complaint from a resident about trash blowing into their yard from Sherry Bears property. Mayor Becker asked Clerk de Waal to start the abatement process again.

Public Comments: Councilman Peitz asked about the black plastic bags on the fire hydrants. He was informed that Miller Painting sandblasted the hydrant and to keep them from rusting before they are primed they are to be covered.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General:	Anderson & Anderson Insurance 3,058.00, BOKF, NA 149,662.50, Cedar County Clerk 208.92, FP Finance Program 115.98, Floral Designs 51.36, Hartelco 330.61, Hartington Shopper 60.00, Ne Nebraska News Company 369.54.
Streets:	Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 702.21, Bank of Hartington 2,604.59, Black Hills Energy 227.68, Bomgaars 572.91, Carhart Lumber 2.98, Colonial Life 40.83, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 551.11, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC 1,219.12, Grossenburg Implement 600.00, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts, Inc. 348.26, Kruse True Value 26.99, NPPD 3,093.21, Peitz Service 924.62, Plumbing & Electric 13,029.72, Team Lab 4,333.00, U.S.Cellular 75.37, Wiechelman's Repair Shop 664.63.
Water:	Bomgaars 42.27, Cedar Knox Public Power District 115.92, Hartington Shopper 117.60, C. Heckenlaible 87.87, J. Brodersen 46.66, Kruse True Value 29.47, A. Mann 37.96, NE Public Health Environment Lab 30.00, NPPD 773.98, One Call Concepts, Inc. 21.89, Peitz Service 49.14, Keenan Sudbeck 74.65, USA Blue Book 613.63.
Sewer:	Black Hills Energy 34.86, Hartelco 66.60, Hartington Shopper 117.60, Kruse True Value 7.49, Midwest Laboratories, Inc. 389.00, NPPD 3,027.02, One Call Concepts, Inc. 21.90, Signature Sewer Pumping 875.00.
Sanitation:	Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,081.14, Bank of Hartington 83.33, Bomgaars 9.99, Colonial Life 194.49, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC 760.15, Hartington Shopper 117.60, C. Heckenlaible 70.00, L.P. Gill, Inc. 8,569.61, A. Mann 70.00, Pomp's Tire Service, INC. 380.16, Peitz Service 57.75, Stop N Go 788.32, Wiechelman's Repair Shop 60.32.
Fire:	Black Hills Energy 29.10, Bomgaars 187.95, Burnell's Foodtown 555.00, Cedar County Treasurer 16.00, Dearborn National Life Ins. Co 254.24, Danko Emergency Eq. Co. 1,200.00, EMC Insurance Companies 236.50, Hartelco 45.73, Hartington Shopper

154.00, Leise Lawn Care 185.00, NPPD 120.41, Stop N Go 118.70, Sandry Fire Supply 103,832.00.

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,532.54.

Ambulance: Black Hills Energy 29.09, Burnell's Foodtown 67.96, EMC Insurance Companies 236.50, Emergency Medical Products 411.22, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 449.91, Garvin's CB Shop 615.90, Hartelco 45.73, Kruse True Value 20.99, Matheson Tri-Gas 230.57, NPPD 88.83, Peitz Service 267.17, Steffen Drug Store 25.32, Tri-State Communications, Inc. 172.20, U.S. Cellular 186.66.

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 53.00.

Recreation: Feilmeier Electric 898.81, NPPD 63.16.

Pool: NPPD 63.57.

Parks: Bomgaars 60.71, Central Valley Ag 271.03, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 99.89, NPPD 706.51.

Complex: Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 127.66, Hartelco 44.03, NPPD 129.48, X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 1,700.00.

Library: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 5,240.85, Bank of Hartington 333.34, Black Hills Energy 64.03, Burnell's Foodtown 9.09, Franklin Templeton Investor Service 567.18, Hartelco 155.12, NPPD 231.27.

City Hall: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 529.97, Bank of Hartington 83.33, Burnell's Foodtown 2.78, Colonial Life 213.72, Eakes Office Solutions 45.97, D. Fischer 87.50, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC. 343.60, NPPD 143.15.

Auditorium: Appeara 63.56, Black Hills Energy 22.79, Carhart Lumber Co. 54.77, Feilmeier Electric 77.22, NPPD 55.00.

Economic

Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC 315.60, Hartelco 47.71.

Transfer

Station: Cedar Knox Public Power District 1,174.96, Deere Credit, Inc. 43.01, Grossenburg Implement 355.00, Gill Hauling, Inc. 1,783.71, Hartelco 46.51, Jerry's Service 839.55, Kruse True Value 14.56, Olson's Pest Technicians 75.00.

Payroll for the month of September 2022 was 56,942.78 and October 2022 was 66,880.06.

A motion to pay the bills except for Peitz Service was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion was made to pay the Peitz Service bill by Councilman Sudbeck and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Becker – yes, Sudbeck – 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, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for November 29, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniella de Waal
City Clerk-Treasurer