

The Hartington City Council met on November 23, 2020 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, Christensen, and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher; Deputy Clerk Carlson; and Legal Advisor Pier.

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 November 09, 2020 meeting was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Tom Noecker from Hartelco presented to the Mayor and Council the new TV rates for the year 2021. Basic will increase by \$8.04 per month, the Basic & Essential package will increase by \$10.53 per month, and the Basic, Essential, & Variety package will increase by \$10.53 per month. HBO, Showtime, Cinemax, and Starz/Encore rates will remain the same. The City of Hartington receives a 4% franchise from the Basic package revenue. Tom stated the local off-air channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, and FOX) are increasing their programming costs to them, so price adjustments had to be made.

Ken Beaudette, Jr. was not present to discuss the new John Deere Payloader for the Streets Department.

Clerk Schaecher discussed the new rental agreement between the City and Cedar County Transit. The Transit has been renting garage stalls connected to City Hall and has requested to temporarily rent office space until their new building is constructed. The new rental agreement increases the rent from \$200.00 per month to \$300.00 per month. Councilman Bartling made a motion to approve the rental agreement and this was seconded by Councilman Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 871 – Adopt a 1½ % Sales and Use Tax was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to dispense with the readings on three separate days was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 871 was made by Bartling and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen –yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck –yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 872 – Vacating Goetz Street East of Broadway Avenue was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to dispense with the readings on three separate days was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 872 was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen –yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck –yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Madison Avenue drainage improvement options that were given to the Council from JEO Consulting Group. Councilman Peitz made a motion to choose Option B with add-ons and this option was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – no, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

#### Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: None for the auditorium. The drag at the complex is in bad shape, so hopefully, this winter it can be redone.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: Thanks needs to be given to the Cedar Security Bank, the food pantry, and City office staff for their involvement in the Thrivent Food Pantry Challenge. The community was able to meet the challenge by donating 500 non-perishable food items for a \$500.00 match from

Thrivent Financial. Congratulations needs to be given to the Chamber for the Candlelight Christmas parade. The Chamber did a great job under the circumstances they were faced with.

Steve Pier: None

Clerk Schaecher: Since there is only one meeting that is held in December, the Council was asked what date they would like to choose. The decision for December 14<sup>th</sup> was made.

Deputy Clerk Carlson: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump requested a copy of the storm sewer plan for Madison Avenue and he asked Councilman Christensen why he voted against the plan. Councilman Christensen stated a financial concern was the reason. Chris Miller stated he met with engineers from JEO last week and they suggested dirt be moved in to the new industrial park area in order to get water to flow in between lots.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: BOK Financial \$79,391.25, Anderson & Anderson 2,312.00, Cedar County Clerk 136.50, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 400.00, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy 26,490.53, and Usable Life 101.50

Streets: Black Hills Energy 440.91, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 540.05, Koch-Tramp Plumbing & Heating 83.00, NPPD 3,258.28, Overhead Door Company 132.00, and R. Sudbeck 1,500.00

Water: Cedar-Knox PPD 1,321.77, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 336.69, Municipal Supply 199.56, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy 13,281.67, and NPPD 472.83

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 82.05, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy 2,748.23, NPPD 3,276.10, and Wied-N-Ridge 2,950.00

Sanitation: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 374.98, L.P. Gill 4,839.24, and Stop N Go 314.29

Fire: Black Hills Energy 94.44 and NPPD 109.76

Ambulance: Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 91.66, Black Hills Energy 94.44, Emergency Medical Products 9.88, NPPD 75.55, Stop N Go 51.04, and Steffen Drug Store 12.69

Recreation: NPPD 68.42 and Stop N Go 26.35

Pool: Black Hills Energy 31.33 and NPPD 51.05

Parks: NPPD 757.78 and Nebraska Statewide Arboretum 100.00

Complex: Christensen Well & Irrigation 126.70 and NPPD 174.79

Library: Access Elevator & Lifts 395.00, Black Hills Energy 196.68, Eakes Office Solutions 34.93, Follett School Solutions 907.05, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 346.56, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 623.17, Midwest Tape 63.71, and NPPD 167.86

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 36.25, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 358.26, P. Guy 100.00, and NPPD 140.20

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 276.97, NPPD 69.59, and Schiebout Window & Door 11,210.00

Economic Development: Cedar County Clerk 136.50 and Franklin Templeton Investor Services 196.44

Transfer Station: Cedar-Knox PPD 140.51 and Gill Hauling 1,036.98

A motion to pay the bills except for Christensen Well and Roman Sudbeck was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion to pay the Christensen Well bill was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling –yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. Christensen abstained and signed a

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for December 14, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher  
City Clerk - Treasurer