

The Hartington City Council met on December 13, 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; Councilmen Bartling, Christensen, and Sudbeck; City Clerk – Treasurer de Waal, Deputy Clerk Hines. Councilmen Peitz and Legal Advisor Pier were absent. Colin Kathol, newly elected Councilman was also present.

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 29, 2022 meeting and the November 2022 Treasurer's Report was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The Oath of Offices for Mayor Mark Becker, Councilman Cody Christensen, and Councilman Colin Kathol was the next item on the agenda. Notary Public, Jane Sayler, witnessed the oath. Mayor Becker welcomed Kathol to the board and expressed his gratitude for joining the council.

The November 2022 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Zimmer. There were 387 hours patrolled. School traffic was 5 hours. Calls of service were 1 accident, 1 coroner call, 3 disturbances, 2 identity thefts, and 1 animal complaint. Traffic stops were 2 verbal warning, 4 written warnings, and 1 citation. There were 0 arrests. Mayor Becker asked Deputy Zimmer if traffic at the school has slowed down any since the last council meeting when the issue was discussed. Deputy Zimmer said he believes it has.

A letter of resignation from the Variance Committee was present to the council from Colin Kathol. Kathol is unable to serve on the Variance Committee while also serving as a councilman. A motion to approve the letter of resignation was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – abstain, Sudbeck – yes.

Clerk de Waal presented the Garage Bay Rental Agreement between the City of Hartington and Kruse True Value. Kruse True Value will be renting the three garage bays located at the City Office for \$150.00 a month starting December 1<sup>st</sup>. A thirty day notice will be given from either party if they wish to terminate the agreement. A motion to approve the Garage Bay Rental Agreement was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Hartington Newcastle Public inquired about using the Auditorium for practice. In years past rent has always been \$500.00 after some discussion it was determined that an increase in rent, \$700.00, would take place. A motion to increase Auditorium Rent from \$500.00 to \$700.00 for the Hartington Newcastle Public Basketball Practice was made by Councilman Sudbeck and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Drake Turner is a new fireman who was voted on to the Hartington Volunteer Fire Department on December 5, 2022. Councilman Bartling made a motion to approve the appointment and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation Agreement Renewal was presented by Clerk de Waal. Councilman Christensen made a motion to approve the agreement and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20221213 – Signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent Form was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The Appointment of Council President was next on the agenda. Mayor Becker felt Cody Christensen was the appropriate candidate for Council President since he holds seniority over the other councilman. A motion to appoint Cody Christensen as Council President was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – abstain, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The council received a letter from the Variance Committee recommending the appointment of Pat Feilmeier as chairman for the Variance Committee. Mayor Becker made the comment that we need to reach out to the other boards and discuss having a rotation amongst board members and how long their terms should be. This can give some a chance to step down and for others to become board members. A motion to approve the appointment was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The following annual appointments were made by Mayor Becker:

Ambulance: Eric Becker, Troy Bottolfsen, Dirk Dailey, Donna Davey, Dixie Fischer, Carol Hamilton, Jeff Jones, Clay Kleinschmit, Tim Kuchta, Steve Leise, Tammy Leise, Charles Meirose, Tamara Pedersen, Melissa Lordemann, Steve Rokusek, Patty Schieffer, Marilyn Thoene

Fireman: Ryan Marsh, Chief; Brandon Fischer, Assistant Chief; Chris Bartling, Doug Becker, John Brodersen, Dan Carl, Jimmy Christensen, Dirk Dailey, Dave Feilmeier, Jerrold Schulte, Rod Fischer, Brian Gall, Pat Guy, Jacob Haahr, Robert Hamilton, Mark Heimes, Michael Hoepfner, Mathew Kathol, Randy Kathol, Tyler Kathol, Ron Lammers, Tucker Lammers, Austin Mann, Mike Jueden, Dustin Neuhalfen, Corey Pearson, Brad Peitz, Darin Pick, Thomas Potts, Nathaniel Rutar, Chris Steffen, Dan Steiner, Bill Thoene, Aaron Wiechelman, Jon Wiechelman, Zachary Adcock, Chase Rolfes, Drake Turner

Official Bank: Bank of Hartington

City Attorney: Kennedy, Pier, Knoff & Loftis

City Engineer: JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

Street Superintendent: Terry J Mead, JEO Consulting Group, Inc., License Number S-1138, Class A

Zoning Administrator: LeRoy Hansen

City Clerk-Treasurer: Daniella de Waal

Deputy Clerk: Marlys Hines

Utility Superintendent: Corey Kramer

Official Newspaper: Cedar County News

Tree Board: Dan Kathol-Chairman, Leander Lammers, and Ester Larsen

Health Care Provider: Vacant

Citizens Advisory Committee for the Economic Development Plan: Jason Dendinger, Lee Carl, Donna Fischer, Burnell Herbolsheimer, and John Kramer

A motion was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Bartling to approve the appointments. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Department reports:

Park – Councilman Kathol: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Nothing for the Auditorium. We should be getting our final bill from X-pert lawn within the next week. This is for the last bit of work that was done for the season.

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: None

Clerk de Waal: None

Deputy Clerk Hines: None

Public Comments: None

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: Cedar County Clerk 117.60, Cedar County Register of Deeds 16.00, FP Finance Program 231.96, Hartelco 331.13, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds, LLP 800.00, Ne Nebraska News Company 281.16, One Office Solution 209.95

Streets: BOKF, NA 5,071.25, Bank of Hartington 183.33, Burnell's Foodtown 38.03, Carhart Lumber Co. 75.96, Colonial Life 27.22, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 1,952.18, Fischer Feed & Supply 148.60, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC 784.31, Grossenburg Implement 1,126.06, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts, Inc. 12.99, Kruse True Value 25.00, Leise Concrete 5,497.50, Marc 286.08, Nebraska Public Power District 3,043.44, Peitz Service 263.82, U.S. Cellular 75.37

Water: Cedar-Knox Public Power District 1,298.87, Nebraska Public Power District 461.34, One Call Concepts, Inc. 7.20, Peitz Service 42.14

Sewer: Feilmeier Electric 759.18, Hartelco 66.60, Midwest Laboratories, Inc 389.00, Nebraska Public Power District 2,618.01, One Call Concepts, Inc. 7.21, Plumbing & Electric 106.50, USA Blue Book 137.37, Wied-N-Ridge 2,222.00

Sanitation: Bank of Hartington 83.33, Colonial Life 129.66, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 399.99, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC 488.79, L.P. Gill Inc. 4,295.83, Peitz Service 7,353.94, Stop N Go 816.77

Fire: Bullseye Fire Sprinkler, Inc 300.00, Burnell's Foodtown 109.84, D & J Variety 5.99, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 89.49, Hartelco 45.73, Nebraska Public Power District 121.60, Peitz Service 498.57, Rural Fire Board 600.00, Stop N Go 136.83

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,532.54

Ambulance: Burnell's Foodtown 122.93, D & J Variety 78.28, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 356.17, Hartelco 45.73, Kruse True Value 5.29, Nebraska Public Power District 90.03, Peitz Service 65.90, Marilyn Thoene 115.44, U.S. Cellular 186.67

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 58.30

Recreation: Nebraska Public Power District 63.16

Pool: Nebraska Public Power District 54.96

Parks: Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 44.36, Grossenburg Implement 51.06, Hartelco 44.03, Dan Kathol 53.49, Nebraska Public Power District 601.45

Complex: Hartington Auto & Truck Parts, Inc. 24.48, Kruse True Value 27.58, Nebraska Public Power District 100.71

Library: T. Anderson 105.00, Bank of Hartington 333.34, Burnell's Foodtown 14.99, Carhart Lumber Co. 259.45, D & J Variety 16.98, Folkers Painting, LLC 5,175.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Service, LLC 343.34, Hartelco 155.12, Kruse True Value 37.98, Nebraska Public Power District 242.88

City Hall: Bank of Hartington 83.33, Burnell's Foodtown 23.78, Colonial Life 117.78, D & J Variety 105.80, Eakes Office Solution 155.31, Dixie Fischer 50.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Service, LLC 153.20, Kruse True Value 29.97, Nebraska Public Power District 146.97

Auditorium: Appeara 63.56, Art Kathol Appliance, Inc. 14.26, Kruse True Value 31.64, Nebraska Public Power District 65.89, R & R Services LLC 409.47, X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 230.00

Economic Development: Eakes Office Solution 64.92, Franklin Templeton Investor Service, LLC 200.40, Hartelco 50.71

Transfer

Station: Carhart Lumber Co. 123.98, Cedar-Know Public Power District 156.90, Gill Hauling, Inc 789.03, Hartelco 46.51, Hartington Shopper 308.40, Jerry's Service 426.30, NE Nebraska News Company 84.36

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for January 10, 2023.

Respectfully submitted

Daniella de Waal  
City Clerk-Treasurer