

The Hartington City Council met on December 17, 2019 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 and Christensen; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher, and Deputy Clerk Becker. Councilman Peitz, Councilman Bartling, and Legal Advisor Pier were 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 November 25, 2019 meeting and the November 2019 Treasurer's Report was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

The November 2019 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Vacha. There were 571 ¼ hours patrolled. School traffic was 7 ¼ hours. Calls of service were 1 EMS assist, 1 welfare check, 1 threat, 1 motorist assist, and 1 vandalism. Traffic stops were 23 verbal warnings, 14 written warnings, and 4 citations. There were 0 arrests.

A building permit for James Specht – Storage Shed was presented and reviewed. Councilman Sudbeck made a motion to approve the permit and this was seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

A building permit renewal for Erin and Ben Schroeder – Deck and Stairs was presented and reviewed. Councilman Christensen made a motion to approve the permit and this was seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20191217 – Signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent Form was introduced by Councilman Christensen. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

The following annual appointments were made by Mayor Becker:

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

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

Official Bank: Bank of Hartington

City Attorney: Kennedy, Pier, Loftis, and Reynolds, LLP

City Engineer: JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

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

Zoning Administrator: LeRoy Hansen

City Clerk-Treasurer: Natalie Schaecher

Deputy Clerk: Shelly Becker

Utility Superintendent: Pat Guy

Official Newspaper: Cedar County News

Tree Board: Dan Kathol-Chairman and Leander Lammers

Health Care Provider: Connie Micek, MD

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 Sudbeck to approve the appointments. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: Absent

Pool – Councilman Bartling: Absent

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: None for the complex. Bat control is planning on coming to the auditorium on December 28th to finish up on insulation replacement. A suggestion was made to raise the rent of the auditorium basement to \$125.00, as the rate hasn't been increased in several years.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: Absent

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: Absent

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Becker: A suggestion was made to increase the rent at the Shelter House to \$125.00, as the rate hasn't been increased for several years there, also. Clerk Schaecher also made the suggestion to have the rent be a set rate for both the auditorium and shelter house no matter how many hours it is rented. Clerk Schaecher stated she will put this on the agenda as an action item next month.

Public Comments: Peggy Year asked if alcoholic beverages are allowed to be brought into the Shelter House and auditorium basement when renting. Clerk Schaecher stated that they are allowed, as these are private parties and they are not being sold.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: Burnell's Foodtown 500.00, EMC Insurance 13,605.74, Great America Financial Services 105.00, Hartelco 422.98, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 400.00, Nebraska Municipal Power Pool 5,061.00, Northeast Nebraska News 412.06, and One Office Solution 109.00

Streets: Appera, 22.36, Blue Cross/Blue Shield 2,616.67, Backus Sand & Gravel 629.44, Black Hills Energy 1,002.04, Colonial Life 180.68, Robert Heimes Dirt Man 120.00, Farmers Union Coop 1,401.65, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 445.34, Grossenburg Implement 115.70, JEO 3,000.00, NPPD 3,454.49, Peitz Service 17,775.17, US Cellular 62.36, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 404.25

Water: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 2,571.39, Cedar-Knox PPD 1,371.08, C. Albers 94.37, Farmers Union Coop 32.84, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 316.55, Hartington Shopper 69.87, J. Schenkel 87.41, NPPD 364.34, One Call Concepts 3.82, Peitz Service 34.35, Plumbing & Electric 405.57, and US Cellular 30.72

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 94.35, Hartington Shopper 69.87, Midwest Laboratories 384.00, NPPD 3,128.26, One Call Concepts 3.82, Peitz Service 16.55, Wied-N-Ridge 2,875.00, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 147.93

Sanitation: Auto Hospital 710.03, Blue Cross/Blue Shield 1,420.00, Colonial Life 237.50, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 509.78, Grossenburg Implement 206.28, Hartington Shopper 69.86, J. Schenkel 70.00, LP Gill, Inc. 2,624.44, Peitz Service 5,510.51, and Stop N Go 437.63

Fire: Black Hills Energy 226.16, Danko Emergency Equipment 5,421.00, Farmers Union Coop 76.26, Hartelco 45.57, NPPD 121.37, Peitz Service 341.13, and US Cellular 61.45

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,134.56

Ambulance: Arrow Manufacturing 1,957.00, Black Hills Energy 226.16, Farmers Union Coop 90.76, Hartelco 45.57, L. Konken 139.63, Matheson Tri-Gas 502.11, NPPD 87.16, Positive Promotions 330.64, and US Cellular 139.96

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 53.08 and Plumbing & Electric 400.00

Recreation: NPPD 68.42 and Stop No Go 35.26

Pool: Art Kathol Appliance 297.92, Black Hills Energy 31.91, and NPPD 51.05

Parks: Carhart Lumber 3.30, Robert Heimes Dirt Man 210.00, Farmers Union Coop 27.50, Grossenburg Implement 97.99, Hartington Tree 3,500.00, Kruse True Value 13.93, and NPPD 420.99

Complex: Hartelco 43.82, Kruse True Value 50.00, and NPPD 133.73

Library: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 3,886.77, Black Hills Energy 348.85, Burnell's Foodtown 53.20, Dollar General 42.25, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 292.96, Hartelco 156.10, Kruse True Value 164.17, and NPPD 195.28

City Hall: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 582.51, Black Hills Energy 35.18, Colonial Life 49.40, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 303.48, Kruse True Value 49.75, NPPD 240.91, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 390.00

Auditorium: Appeara 54.48, Art Kathol Appliance 5.23, Black Hills Energy 752.74, Carhart Lumber 37.50, NPPD 128.84, and Randy Kathol Construction 93.80

Economic
Development: Hartelco 53.98

Transfer
Station: Cedar-Knox PPD 256.28, Deere Credit 476.68, Farmers Union Coop 201.32, Grossenburg Implement 600.72, Gill Hauling 908.46, Hartelco 46.19, Jerry's Service 255.50, Kruse True Value 51.96, Pomp's Tire Service 1,045.00, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 365.22

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for January 13, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer