

The Hartington City Council met for a public hearing and their regular meeting on February 24, 2020 at the city hall beginning at 7:00 P.M. Notice of time and place of the hearing and meeting was given in the advance notice by publishing and 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, Christensen, and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher, Deputy Clerk Becker, and Legal Advisor Pier. Councilman Peitz was absent.

Mayor Becker opened the public hearing for the Final Plat of Carol Peterson's Addition at 7:00 P.M. Clerk Schaecher explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission met on January 29, 2020 and approved the plat. There were no public comments and no comments from the Council, so Mayor Becker closed the hearing at 7:02 P.M.

Mayor Becker called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 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 February 10, 2020 meeting was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The January 2020 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Vacha. There were 435 ¼ hours patrolled. School traffic was 6 ¼ hours. Calls of service were 3 EMS assists, 2 welfare checks, 2 accidents, 1 EPC, 1 disturbance, and 1 search warrant. Traffic stops were 3 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 2 citations. There was 1 arrest.

A building permit for Dan Kollars – Garden Shed was presented and reviewed. Councilman Bartling made a motion to approve the permit and this was seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Schaecher reported to the Council that Wendy Wortmann and Nancee Sudbeck are interested in being on the Park Board. Councilman Bartling made a motion to approve the members and this was seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker discussed the Cash Rent Farm Lease Agreement in which the City has with Darin Pick. There are no changes from last year's lease. A motion to approve the Cash Rent Farm Lease was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20200224 – Approving the Final Plat of Carol Peterson's Addition was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Bartling and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The LB840 loan No. 2020211 was introduced by Clerk Schaecher, stating the Revolving Loan Fund Committee recommends a \$50,000 loan be approved for Creamer Auction Company/Ryan Creamer for 15 years at 0% interest for building acquisition and renovations. The loan will be secured by a second lien on the real property. A recommendation is for the first payment to be due by ACH payments each month, starting July 01, 2020. A motion to approve the loan was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling - yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Sudbeck presented bids for the replacement of 2 hanging heaters in the auditorium. Sudbeck recommended the Council accept the bid of Koch-Tramp Plumbing & Heating for the amount of \$7,269.00. The work will take place in June and the ceiling work that was on this year's budget will be pushed into the next budget. A motion to approve the bid for Koch-Tramp plumbing & Heating was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Kerry Dendinger and Jeff Jones approached the Council with an indoor/outdoor shooting range proposal. The plan is to start with an outdoor range and eventually add an indoor range. Jeff Jones stated President Trump had signed a bill in 2019 this has given Game and Parks more ability to give grants. Jeff has received a grant for a \$9,000 trap from the National Rifle Association and has looked into the fairgrounds as a shooting spot, but it needs a 300-yard fall safety zone. Jeff stated the land by the recycling center would be optimal, as the old gravel pit area could be used, and wondered if the City

would be interested in allowing a range to be built on City grounds. Kerry asked if the entrance to the range could be shared with the recycling center and Mayor Becker stated that would not be an option, as that needs to stay secure. Mayor Becker asked for a drawn-out site plan so the Council could get more of a feel as to what their plans are going to be. Mayor Becker also asked if there was a specific time frame for their project. Jones stated with the NRA grant, placement needs to be established by November 01, 2020. Mayor Becker stated Darin Pick will have to be given notice, as he rents the land from the City in that area. Kerry asked if there could be a certain contact person from the council with whom they work with and Councilman Bartling stated he would act as liaison. Kerry voiced hopes to be open by Spring of 2021.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: Absent

Pool – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: None for the complex. Bids were acquisitioned for the heaters in the auditorium.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: None

Clerk Schaecher: The outer parameter of the Sherry Bear property on 401 S. Aberley was abated by the City on February 11, 2020. It went well. The City received a revenue return payment check from the Public Alliance for Community Energy in the amount of \$3,289.00 for being a member of the Nebraska Municipal Public Power Pool and ACE. ACE has returned \$23,617.00 back to Hartington since 1998.

Deputy Clerk Becker: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump had a question on how old the heaters were in the auditorium. Councilman Sudbeck thought they were around 50 years old. Sudbeck stated they are gas powered and the ceiling will be brought down roughly 2 inches.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General:	Floral Designs 28.23, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus & Reynolds 400.00, and NPPD 92.94
Streets:	Blue Cross/Blue Shield 5,687.72, Black Hills Energy 1,463.26, Bomgaars 96.02, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 485.05, and NPPD 3,262.51
Water:	Blue Cross/Blue Shield 5,725.66, Bomgaars 57.96, Cedar-Knox PPD 1,177.94, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 338.26, R. Hamilton 19.06, Nebraska Public Health 244.00, and NPPD 340.11
Sewer:	Black Hills Energy 103.29, Bomgaars 53.64, Cedar County Auto Parts 14.98, HTM Sales 829.36, Midwest Laboratories 384.00, and NPPD 3,021.05
Sanitation:	Blue Cross/Blue Shield 3,189.88, Cedar County Auto Parts 18.54, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 542.87, LP Gill, Inc. 3,301.22, Pomp's Tire Service 715.00, and Stop N Go 366.45
Fire:	Black Hills Energy 319.37 and NPPD 145.37
Ambulance:	Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 253.51, Black Hills Energy 319.36, and NPPD 111.16
Recreation:	NPPD 68.42
Pool:	Black Hills Energy 31.80 and NPPD 51.05
Parks:	Bomgaars 7.49 and NPPD 356.94
Complex:	NPPD 133.43

Library: Access Elevator & Lifts 395.00, Blue Cross/Blue Shield 8,720.22, Black Hills Energy 518.66, Demco 89.33, Eakes Office Solutions 83.07, K. Emanuel 63.25, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 274.66, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 601.75, Midwest Tape 135.65, NPPD 208.93, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 350.00, Penworthy 118.68, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 128.00, and WT.Cox-Information Services 147.67

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 78.39, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 306.24, NPPD 353.60

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 1,215.87, Floor Maintenance 32.84. and NPPD 171.79

Economic

Development: Floral Designs 28.22, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 172.44, and Hartelco Computers 1,484.73

Transfer

Station: Bomgaars 9.66, Cedar-Knox PPD 312.14, and Gill Hauling 1,142.73

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling– yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for March 09, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer