

The Hartington City Council met on April 13, 2020 virtually for their regular meeting beginning at 7:00 P.M. Notice of time, meeting ID, and Zoom code for the meeting was given in the advance notice by posting. Notice of time, meeting ID, and Zoom code for the meeting was communicated in the advance notice to the mayor and council.

Present were Mayor Becker; Councilmen Christensen, Peitz, and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher, and Deputy Clerk Becker. Councilman Sudbeck and Legal Advisor Pier were absent.

After some technical difficulties, Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2020 meeting and March 2020 Treasurer's Report was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Christensen – yes. Motion carried.

The Cedar County Sheriff's Department emailed their February and March 2020 reports to Clerk Schaecher. Clerk Schaecher had then forwarded these reports to the Mayor and Councilmen by email for their review. For the month of February, there were 437 ¾ hours patrolled. School traffic was 5 ½ hours. Calls of service were 2 EMS assists, 2 welfare checks, 1 assist other agency, 1 suspicious activity, and 1 counterfeit money. Traffic stops were 5 verbal warnings, 9 written warnings, and 2 citations. There was 1 arrest. For the month of March, there were 435 hours patrolled. School traffic was 1 ¾ hours. Calls of service were 2 other agency assists, 1 accident, 1 suspicious activity, 1 assault, 1 open door, and 1 theft. Traffic stops were 2 verbal warnings, 1 written warning, and 2 citations. There were 0 arrests.

The Arbor Day Proclamation was read by Mayor Becker. The City of Hartington has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Building permits for Alton Heimes – Basement and Patio Repairs, Barb and Gary Bowers – Wheelchair Ramp, and Joan Steffen - Garage were presented and reviewed. Councilman Christensen made a motion to approve the permits and this was seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Christensen – yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Schaecher reported to the Council that their packets contained information regarding the LB840 drawdown request. A motion to approve the LB840 Drawdown for the Annual payment to Bill Yates and the 2019 Real Estate Taxes on the Industrial Park was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling– yes, Peitz – yes, and Christensen– yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Schaecher presented a request from the League of Heroes Junior Wrestling program for the rental of the auditorium basement. The program would like to hold practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 P.M. during the months of December through March. The rental fee would be \$50.00 per month, for a total of \$200.00. Mayor Becker felt the subject should be tabled since Roman Sudbeck was not present to discuss. Councilman Peitz made a motion to table the request and this was seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Christensen – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None. Mayor Becker stated the restrooms and playground equipment are closed due to COVID 19 regulations.

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Absent

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: Met with City staff last week regarding social distancing and staff coverage. The Transfer Station staff will only be allowing 1 vehicle at a time in the building for the time being to maintain COVID 19 safety guidelines.

Steve Pier: Absent

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Becker: Michael Foods will be in Hartington on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 to give boxes of food away for families in need. This will take place at the fire station from 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Public Comments: None

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: Bank of Hartington 833.34, EMC Insurance 13,629.34, Great America Financial Services 105.00, Hartelco 280.68, Nebraska Municipal Power Pool 1,076.06, Northeast Nebraska News Company 218.04, One Office Solution 159.00, State Treasurer of Nebraska 17.08, and Usable Life 116.00

Streets: Appera 45.92, Blue Cross/Blue Shield 2,843.86, Burnell's Foodtown 42.90, Carhart Lumber 12.03, Cedar County Auto Parts 61.77, Farmers Union Coop 490.10, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 457.04, Grossenburg Implement 600.00, Nebraska Department of Transportation 1,730.40, NPPD 3,106.58, Randy Kathol Construction 471.34, Rose Equipment 879.45, US Cellular 62.86, Wiechelman's Repair Shop 446.61, and Yankton Janitorial Supply 109.70

Water: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 2,862.83, Cedar-Knox PPD 963.19, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 323.71, Kruse True Value 67.60, Municipal Supply 601.43, Nebraska Public Health 1,425.00, NPPD 345.18, One Call Concepts 9.68, Peitz Service 35.49, and US Cellular 31.23

Sewer: Burnell's Foodtown 9.54, Cedar County Auto Parts 6.69, Fischer Feed & Supply 10.00, Kruse True Value 50.26, Midwest Laboratories 1,357.00, NPPD 2,548.64, One Call Concepts 9.68, Plumbing & Electric 27.83, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 143.96

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 1,594.94, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 512.45, LP Gill, Inc. 2,956.72, and Stop N Go 294.92

Fire: Burnell's Foodtown 0.72, Dearborn National Life Insurance 150.16, Danko Emergency Equipment 1,106.67, Ed. M. Feld Equipment 351.00, Farmers Union Coop 14.71, Grossenburg Implement 4.23, R. Hamilton 75.90, Hartelco 44.71, Hartington Shopper 220.50, Kruse True Value 98.34, NPPD 125.55, Pomp's Tire Service 42.25, Peitz Service 806.38, US Cellular 62.46, Western Iowa Tech 95.00, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 4.95

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,134.56

Ambulance: Burnell's Foodtown 37.28, C. Kleinschmit 101.50, Emergency Medical Products 87.72, Farmers Union Coop 120.00, Hartelco 44.70, NPPD 91.34, Northeast Community College 1,440.00, Peitz Service 37.87, Steffen Drug Store 10.09, and US Cellular 141.49

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 48.25

Recreation: NPPD 68.42

Pool: Fischer Feed & Supply 10.00 and NPPD 51.05

Parks: Bluegrass Playgrounds 2,603.00, Carhart Lumber 4.69, Hartington Tree 3,900.00, NPPD 356.94, Pomp's Tire Service 308.00, Plumbing & Electric 156.00, and Yankton Janitorial Supply 68.00

Complex: Carhart Lumber 14.07, Fischer Feed & Supply 10.00, Hartelco 42.05, Kruse True Value 97.87, and NPPD 123.20

Library: T. Anderson 135.00, Blue Cross/Blue Shield 4,360.11, Burnell's Foodtown 5.67, Dollar General (4.45), Fischer Feed & Supply 12.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 293.30, Hartelco 154.51, and NPPD 162.28

City Hall: Burnell's Foodtown 4.56, Eakes Office Solutions 367.42, Fischer Feed & Supply 20.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 292.56, P. Guy 100.00, Hartelco Computers 40.00, and NPPD 244.15

Auditorium: Appeara 54.48, C. Merkel 100.00, Dollar General 19.90, Fischer Feed & Supply 24.50, Kruse True Value 35.96, NPPD 137.02, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 40.00

Economic

Development: Cedar County Register of Deeds 104.00, Eakes Office Solutions 87.72, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 172.44, and Hartelco 53.98

Transfer

Station: Burnell's Foodtown 9.53, Cedar-Knox PPD 243.74, Deere Credit 476.68, Farmers Union Coop 375.88, Fischer Feed & Supply 10.00, Gill Hauling 1,023.48, Hartelco 44.47, Hartington Shopper 244.80, Kruse True Value 35.97, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality 150.00, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 468.75

A motion to pay the bills except Peitz Service was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried. A motion to pay the Peitz Service bill was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried. Peitz abstained.

A motion to adjourn was made by Christensen and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for April 27, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer