

The Hartington City Council met on October 26, 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 and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher; Deputy Clerk Carlson; and Legal Advisor Pier. Councilmen Christensen and Peitz were absent.

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 October 12, 2020 meeting was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

No one from the Cedar County Sheriff's Office was in attendance to give the September 2020 Sheriff's Report.

Dan Kathol, from the Community Redevelopment Authority, made a recommendation for the reappointment of Chris Miller for a term of 5 years. A motion was made by Bartling to reappoint Chris Miller and this was seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 870 – Safety Barriers for Private Swimming Pools was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to dispense with the readings on three separate days was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker –yes. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 870 was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck– yes, and Becker –yes. Motion carried.

Peg Anderson, from Anderson & Anderson Insurance, discussed the EMC Insurance renewal via phone. She explained that our airport policy carrier has exited the market. There is another option that will allow a locked in price for three years. Peg made a suggestion to possibly look at increasing deductibles in order to save on premium costs. The Mayor and Council agreed to look at higher deductible options. Peg stated she would be back in the office next week and would touch base then. A motion to approve the EMC Insurance renewal was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

#### Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: Absent

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: For the next school contract, snow removal by the schools should be placed in the contract. The storm windows for the auditorium should be installed next week.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: Absent

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: The zoning ordinances mention private swimming pools as a structure in R-1, but an amendment may be needed for the other districts or conditional use could be an option.

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Carlson: None

Public Comments: None

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 400.00 and USABLE Life 101.50

Streets: Bomgaars 310.06, Colonial Research Chemical 317.60, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 470.28, Grossenburg Implement 11,000.00, and JEO 2,949.75

Water: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 2,862.83, Burnell's Foodtown 84.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 324.18, and NE Public Health 777.00

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,594.94, Bomgaars 42.88, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 172.92, M. Noecker Estate 63.25, and Stop N Go 291.93

Fire: Bomgaars 179.99, Stop N Go 58.62, and Sandry Fire Supply 1,281.97

Ambulance: Emergency Medical Products 333.30

Cemetery: T. Albers 1,800.00

Recreation: E. Reyes 30.00, Heimes Lawn Care & Landscaping 1,950.00, J. Bernecker 100.00, J. Bernecker 60.00, J. Freeman 30.00, Kathol Turf 551.25, M. Baller 45.00, and T. Baller 150.00

Parks: Bomgaars 41.14 and Hartington Tree 4,500.00

Complex: Bomgaars 10.47 and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 1,500.00

Library: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 4,360.11, Burnell's Foodtown 11.97, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 292.18, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 653.61, Penworthy 249.41, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 260.00

City Hall: Burnell's Foodtown 25.98, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 322.16, P. Guy 100.00, and Premier Lawn & Landscaping 100.00

Economic Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 172.44

Transfer Station: Sanitation Products 370.00

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for November 09, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher  
City Clerk - Treasurer