

The Hartington City Council met on July 13, 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, Peitz, Christensen, and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher, and Deputy Clerk Carlson. Legal Advisor Pier was 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 June 22, 2020 meeting and the June 2020 Treasurer's Report was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

The June 2020 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Vacha. There were 367 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours patrolled. School traffic was 0 hours. Calls of service were 1 accident, 1 disturbance, 1 suspicious activity, 1 noise complaint, and 2 animal complaints. Traffic stops were 3 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 0 citations. There was 1 arrest.

Building permits were presented and reviewed from Jon Arens – Roof Over Deck, Neil Kramer – Storage Shed, and Heath Walter – Garage. A motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling to approve the permits. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Dan Kathol and LaVerle Heimes approached the Council to discuss a City lot lease agreement for the property at the northwest corner of Felber Street and Lemon Avenue. LaVerle stated he would like to move dirt onto the property to build up the lot and level off the land, and then plant grass. The property would be used to store the Trolley Time trailer and occasional farm equipment. Councilman Christensen stated he would like the lease to state that the City has the right to terminate the lease at any time. Councilman Bartling made a motion to approve the lease request, pending legal documentation and this was seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Dan Kathol approached the Council to discuss sidewalk removal surrounding the veterans memorial site. Dan stated the plan was to remove existing sidewalk on the west and north sides of the memorial site, which will eventually be replaced. Drawings were presented and explained by Dan to the Council.

Councilman Sudbeck discussed an estimate from Wiechelmann Repair for the auditorium fire escape improvements. The City has been working with US Cellular to come up with a lease plan to place a small antenna on the roof. Concerns about the safety of the fire escape were expressed from US Cellular. Sudbeck acquired the estimate in order to give US Cellular an idea of the anticipated cost.

The Council was able to discuss the US Cellular antenna rooftop proposal with Kevin Mattson via phone. Kevin was told the Wiechelmann Repair estimate amount for the fire escape improvements. Kevin then discussed the plan that US Cellular is proposing regarding the antenna and where it would be mounted. Kevin also stated that since the auditorium is registered as historic, the appropriate historical organizations would have to review the plan to ensure it would be allowed. Kevin stated he will present the estimate to his consultants. Kevin also requested to the Council to have the City attorney look over the proposal and lease, and to get back to him with any questions or concerns.

Councilman Christensen discussed the studies from the monitoring wells that are taking place in hopes to rehabilitate one of the City wells. In order to proceed, there needs to be a permit from the Department of Health. An engineer is needed to assist in the process, so the City has reached out to JEO Consulting Group, Inc. Roger Protzman, Senior Project Engineer, submitted a proposal for the amount of \$5,370.00. Councilman Bartling made a motion to approve the proposal and this was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. Councilman Peitz abstained.

Clerk Schaecher told the Council that the next item was not to be an action item, as this was a typographical error. Clerk Schaecher stated there will be an initial inspection of the transfer station on July 30, 2020. On this date, 2 members from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, along with Roger Protzman from JEO will meet with City employees to ensure the renewal process is going in the right direction.

Resolution 20200713 – Cedar Catholic High School Homecoming Parade was introduced by Councilman Peitz. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz –yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20200713A – Hartington-Newcastle School Homecoming Parade was introduced by Councilman Peitz. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz –yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None for parks. Spoke to Top Coat regarding the chip seal that was done last fall. They will redo some the streets if the City would pay \$5,000.00 for the rock. They plan to come next week.

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: The butterfly valves were fixed at the pool. No new reports for the gun range.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: None for complex. The auditorium fire escape may be getting repaired in the future for US Cellular lease.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: Absent

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Carlson: None

Public Comments: Councilman Sudbeck stated the painters who worked on the inside of the water tower will be leaving tomorrow. If everything passes, the tower can be refilled in one week.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: Cedar County Register of Deeds 16.00, EMC Insurance 13,637.70, Great America Financial Services 105.00, Hartelco 302.99, and NE Nebraska News 244.46

Streets: Appera 22.36, Blue Cross/Blue Shield 2,843.86, Bomgaars 143.52, Carhart Lumber 2.86, Colonial Life 271.02, Farmers Union Coop 338.65, Fischer Feed & Supply 276.00, Grossenburg Implement 808.24, Hartelco Computers 63.33, Koch-Tramp Plumbing & Heating 599.00, Marsh Farms 3,239.76, NPPD 3,059.62, R. Sudbeck 2,004.00, US Cellular 62.83, and Wiechelman’s Repair 566.16

Water: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 2,862.83, Cedar-Knox PPD 1,684.66, C. Lammers 5.29, Farmers Union Coop 32.50, Groundwater Solutions Group 3,200.00, Hawkins 1,159.72, J. Kleinschmit 71.59, J. Dickes 60.33, Municipal Supply 317.19, M. Benson 42.20, NPPD 543.94, NE Nebraska News 512.25, One Call Concepts 19.36, Peitz Service 54.80, and US Cellular 31.19

Sewer: Midwest Laboratories 409.00, NPPD 2,868.66, and One Call Concepts 19.36

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 1,594.94, C. Lammers 70.00, Colonial Life 356.25, S. Feilmeier 41.47, J. Kleinschmit 70.00, L.P. Gill 6,049.26, M. Benson 83.60, and Stop N Go 316.45

Fire: Dearborn National Life 105.44, Danko Emergency Equipment 415.53, Farmers Union Coop 75.43, Hartington Volunteer Fire Department 323.00, Hartelco 45.59, Hartington Shopper 220.50, Keith’s Package Liquor 200.03, NPPD 109.94, Stop N Go 27.15, and US Cellular 62.38

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,134.56

Ambulance: Avera Medical Group 102.00, Burnell’s Foodtown 51.34, D&J Variety 4.99, D. Dailey 832.75, Emergency Medical Products 78.21, Farmers Union Coop 48.25, Grainger 123.71, Hartelco 45.59, Kruse True Value 21.98, Matheson Tri-Gas 64.55, NPPD 75.73, and US Cellular 141.40

Cemetery: Bomgaars 179.98, Cedar Knox Rural Water 207.90, and T. Albers 1,800.00

Recreation: Bomgaars 8.32, Carhart Lumber 58.75, Heimes Lawn Care & Landscaping 1,950.00, NPPD 68.42, R. Sudbeck 3,000.00, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 143.00, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 620.00

Pool: Art Kathol Appliance 1,044.74, Bomgaars 618.31, Floor Maintenance 37.15, Hawkins 3,813.88, Hartelco 116.75, Kruse True Value 39.99, NPPD 83.93, Recreation Supply Company 261.00

Parks: B. Arens 1,500.00, Bluegrass Playgrounds 376.00, Bomgaars 557.32, Carhart Lumber 88.08, Farmers Union Coop 224.97, Grossenburg Implement 163.66, Hartington Tree 240.00, Kruse True Value 93.76, Lammers Construction 155.00, Midwest Tree 3,150.00, NPPD 568.77, Pearson Motor Company 35.79, Plumbing & Electric 207.90, Wiechelmann's Repair Shop 243.40, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 642.00

Complex: Bomgaars 29.90, Carhart Lumber 262.64, Farmers Union Coop 46.05, Hartelco 43.96, Kruse True Value 5.49, NPPD 148.92, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 1,791.95, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 4,365.00

Library: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 4,360.11, Burnell's Foodtown 7.98, D&J Variety 123.65, D. Wiese 250.00, Demco 275.98, Dollar General 16.20, Eakes Office Solutions 129.62, Hartelco 153.78, Ingram 1,013.54, Kruse True Value 11.27, Midwest Tape 210.65, NPPD 192.17, Quill Corporation 177.97, Stu Campbell 15.16, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 180.00

City Hall: Bomgaars 39.98, Burnell's Foodtown 18.78, Colonial Life 74.10, D&J Variety 129.30, Eakes Office Solutions 382.25, Floral Designs 50.59, P. Guy 150.00, Hartelco Computers 126.66, Kruse True Value 269.00, NPPD 165.92, and Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 119.00

Auditorium: Kruse True Value 11.99, NPPD 38.38, and Overhead Door Company 91.60

Economic Development: Eakes Office Solutions 84.59, Floral Designs 50.59, and Hartelco 54.75

Transfer Station: Bomgaars 31.94, Cedar County Auto Parts 25.98, Cedar-Knox PPD 118.22, Deere Credit 476.68, Farmers Union Coop 146.66, Gill Hauling 1,296.27, Hartelco 46.38, JEO 1,202.50, Kruse True Value 23.98, and Pomp's Tire Service 438.50

Payroll for the month of June was \$91,251.70.

A motion to pay the bills except for JEO, Peitz Service, and Roman Sudbeck was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz - yes. Motion carried. A motion to pay the Roman Sudbeck bill was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling –yes, Christensen – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried. Sudbeck abstained and signed a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement. A motion to pay the JEO and Peitz Service bills was made by Councilman Bartling and this was seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. Peitz abstained and signed a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement.

A motion to adjourn was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for July 27, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer