

The Hartington City Council met on October 25, 2021 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 Christensen, Sudbeck, and Bartling; and City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher. Deputy Clerk Carlson, Councilman Peitz, and Legal Advisor Pier were absent.

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 11, 2021 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 September 2021 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Greiner. There were 468 ¼ hours patrolled. School traffic was 5 ½ hours. Calls of service were 2 EMS assists, 2 welfare checks, 4 disturbances, 2 assaults, 1 theft, 3 criminal mischiefs, 1 noise complaint, 1 driving complaint, 1 alarm, 3 traffic controls, and 2 animal complaints. Traffic stops were 3 verbal warnings, 7 written warnings, and 2 citations. There were 4 arrests.

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

Building permits were presented and reviewed from Alan DeBlauw – Storage and Garage Lean-To and Connor Wieseler - Garage. A motion was made by Bartling and seconded by Christensen to approve the permits. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: Absent. Councilman Sudbeck stated that Andy Leise will begin paving a southern portion of the road at Felber Park, near the Paul Steffen residence.

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Meetings with different vendors are taking place in regards to a new scoreboard at the complex. Councilman Bartling stated that the complex is in need of new wiring to accommodate grilling at the complex. None for the auditorium.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: Absent

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Carlson: Absent

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked for a status report regarding the paving project for the library. Councilman Sudbeck stated the concrete has been poured and hopefully within a week, the alley can be opened. Rob Dump asked if Hartelco was going to assist with the costs. Councilman Sudbeck stated he was unsure and wanted to wait and see once the project is complete.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: Floral Designs 104.86, Janer's Cakes 72.00, and Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 400.00

Streets: Bank of Hartington 133.33, Black Hills Energy 97.47, Bomgaars 220.98, Echo Electric Supply 1,344.07, and Franklin Templeton Investor Services 1043.06

Water: Cedar-Knox PPD 1,441.73, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 367.06, and Nebraska Public Health 55.00

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 52.01, Bomgaars 57.98, GPM 515.00, C. Kramer 298.24, and Midwest Laboratories 1,282.00

Sanitation: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 183.46

Fire: Black Hills Energy 13.05, Dearborn National Life Insurance 107.68, and Leise Lawn Care 240.00

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 18.50

Ambulance: Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 405.28, Black Hills Energy 13.05, and Matheson Tri-Gas 146.12

Recreation: A. Santiago 160.00, C. Lenzen 70.00, E. Reyes 25.00, G. Haberer 30.00, I. Santiago 15.00, J. Rutar 45.00, N. Haselhorst 15.00, R Meisenheimer 15.00, D. Whitmire 75.00, and W. Feilmeier 25.00

Pool: B. Baller 80.20 and Black Hills Energy 24.76

Parks: Bomgaars 48.97

Complex: Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 70.70 and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 1,700.00

Library: Black Hills Energy 24.76, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 316.74, Ingram 433.29, M. Frederick 24.00, Midwest Tape 101.95, Read Aloud Nebraska 70.00, RaDec Construction 820.00, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 5,508.00

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 32.39, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 311.78, P. Guy 142.00, and Hometown Leasing 124.09

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 8.89

Economic Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 181.44, Hometown Leasing 62.05, and Wiechelman's Repair 10.00

Transfer Station: Cedar-Knox PPD 119.19 and Deere Credit 486.28

Payroll for the month of October was \$34,778.79.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman 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 7:15 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for November 08, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer