

The Hartington City Council met on November 08, 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 Sudbeck, Peitz, and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher; and Deputy Clerk Carlson. Councilman Christensen and Legal Advisor Pier 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 25, 2021 meeting, the November 01, 2021 Special Meeting, and October 2021 Treasurer's Report was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The October 2021 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Greiner. There were 421 ½ hours patrolled. School traffic was 3 ¾ hours. Calls of service were 1 EMS assist, 1 welfare check, 3 parking violations, 1 alarm, and 3 animal complaints. Traffic stops were 15 verbal warnings, 1 written warning, and 3 citations. There were 0 arrests.

Peg Anderson, from Anderson & Anderson Insurance, discussed the EMC Insurance renewal. She explained that the property coverage has an increased premium from last year, as there was an increase in property valuations. Peg stated she hopes to deliver a dividend check again this year, based on a combined three years of experience. A motion to approve the EMC Insurance renewal was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20211108 – Authorizing Abatement of a Public Nuisance, Namely, the Property Located at 401 S Aberley, was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz –yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None. Councilman Sudbeck stated the paving on the south side of Felber Park is complete and the crow's nest and backstop is being worked on at the baseball field.

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: None for the complex. The bat guy was here last Thursday and put up some boxes. He will come back in the spring, as it is hibernating season.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: Absent

General – Mayor Becker: There have been some complaints regarding drivers speeding through the complex and this was discussed with Sheriff Koranda. There have also been complaints of people walking their dogs at the complex and not picking up the waste. Mayor Becker stated there needs to be a dog waste dispenser placed at the complex and Clerk Schaecher stated she would discuss this need with the Park Board.

Steve Pier: Absent

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Carlson: None

Public Comments: None

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: Great America Financial Services 105.00, Hartelco 291.99, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 220.00, Martin's Flag Company 375.10, Merkel Catering 597.50, Northeast Nebraska News 332.27, and S. Malcom 14.50

Streets: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 657.94, Bank of Hartington 2,353.56, Carhart Lumber 2.98, Farmers Union Coop 830.32, Grossenburg Implement 839.57, Hartelco Computers 389.99, JEO 19,434.40, Peitz Service 658.21, US Cellular 57.53, US Able Life 14.50, Wiechelman's Repair Shop 343.83

Water: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 2,585.08, Carhart Lumber 119.94, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 2.02, Hartington Shopper 69.86, V. Konken 33.13, One Call Concepts 10.38, Peitz Service 75.58, S. Siel 67.54, J. Slagle (23.56), SCC Business Office 144.93, US Cellular 30.77, and US Able Life 14.50

Sewer: Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 39.10, Hartington Shopper 69.87, Koch-Tramp Plumbing & Heating 58.50, Kruse True Value 38.76, One Call Concepts 10.38, J Slagle 65.82, SCC Business Office 96.27, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 29.95

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,745.40, Colonial Life 237.50, Farmers Union Coop 337.19, Hartington Shopper 69.87, S. Siel 70.00, J. Slagle 55.84, and US Able Life 29.00

Fire: Burnell's Foodtown 436.52, Farmers Union Coop 44.41, Hartelco 45.90, Hartington Shopper 154.00, and US Cellular 61.54

Ambulance: Emergency Medical Products 377.99, Farmers Union Coop 20.00, Hartelco 45.90, Kruse True Value 35.97, Peitz Service 243.12, and US Cellular 160.57

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 53.00 and Miller Painting & Decorating 8,500.00

Recreation: Burnell's Foodtown 327.19 and Carhart Lumber 1,647.41

Pool: Recreonics Corporation 542.97

Parks: Carhart Lumber 44.82, Central Valley Ag 813.08, Farmers Union Coop 56.65, Grossenburg Implement 43.42, Hartington Tree 6,212.50, Wiechelman's Repair Shop 122.99, and Yankton Janitorial Supply 21.00

Complex: Carhart Lumber 18.95, Farmers Union Coop 123.24, Hartelco 44.20, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 155.19, Kruse True Value 120.00, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 70.70, and Yankton Janitorial Supply 21.00

Library: T. Anderson 182.40, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 4,720.78, Burnell's Foodtown 52.43, Hartelco 170.23, Kruse True Value 19.75, and US Able Life 29.00

City Hall: Burnell's Foodtown 35.77, Colonial Life 72.68, Dollar General 20.20, Eakes Office Solutions 307.18, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 170.00, and US Able Life 29.00

Auditorium: Dollar General 9.95 and Kruse True Value 20.98

Economic Development: Hartelco 53.98 and Hartelco Computers 200.00

Transfer Station: Carhart Lumber 6.71, Farmers Union Coop 230.00, Grossenburg Implement 751.00, Gill Hauling 1,132.74, Hartelco 46.69, Hartington Shopper 244.80, Kruse True Value 9.49, Peitz Service 18.08, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 14.16

Total Payroll for the month of October 2021 was \$51,035.88.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for November 22, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer