

The Hartington City Council met on February 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, Christensen, and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher; and Deputy Clerk Carlson. Legal Advisor Pier was present via Zoom.

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 January 25, 2021 meeting and January 2021 Treasurer's Report was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The January 2021 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Grener. There were 374 ¼ hours patrolled. School traffic was 4 ¾ hours. Calls of service were 1 EMS assist, 1 welfare check, 2 disturbances, and 1 noise complaint. Traffic stops were 2 verbal warnings, 2 written warnings, and 1 citation. There were 0 arrests.

Clerk Schaecher discussed the Municipality Agreement with the Department of Transportation regarding a temporary road closure and detour. The work is to take place in 2022 on Highway 57 near the intersection of Darlene Street. Darlene Street will need to be temporarily closed and traffic will need to be detoured. The work will take approximately 3-4 months, or 50 working days. A motion was made by Councilman Bartling to approve the agreement and this was seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20210208 – Adopting and Approving the Temporary Road Closure and Detour in Hartington with the Department of Transportation 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, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: Absent. Councilman Sudbeck stated 2 trees were removed south of the shelter house.

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: An estimate for the sand filter and circular pump replacement was presented from Art Kathol Appliance in the amount of \$55,800.00. This estimate was an increase from the previous estimate, but since it was an approved budget item, Mayor Becker stated the plan needed to proceed.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: None for the complex. Another security camera was installed by the upstairs restroom in the auditorium, as there have been some incidents of vandalism.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: There have been complaints regarding people continuing to park on Broadway Avenue during snow removal. Clerk Schaecher stated they are supposed to park on State Street, south of First Chiropractic until the snow removal has been completed. Legal Advisor Pier stated he would look up how the ordinance reads regarding snow emergencies and discuss further with Clerk Schaecher.

Steve Pier: None

Clerk Schaecher: The City received \$3,197.00 from the ACE membership distribution. The Mayor and Councilmen were asked to please look over the draft job opening advertisement for the Utility Superintendent position.

Deputy Clerk Carlson: None

Public Comments: None

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: EMC insurance 13,077.85, Great America Financial Services 105.00, Hartelco 288.61, Hartington-Newcastle Public School District 3,035.83, and Northeast Nebraska News Company 318.27

Streets: Appeara 22.80, Burnell's Foodtown 32.54, Colonial Life 90.34, Farmers Union Coop 577.21, Grossenburg Implement 664.40, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 5.98, JEO 13,397.65, Kruse True Value 18.75, NE Nebraska News Company 89.74, Peitz Service 1,422.43, and US Cellular 63.42

Water: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 3,083.62, Municipal Supply 3,516.35, One Call Concepts 1.40, Peitz Service 24.83, US Cellular 31.78

Sewer: One Call Concepts 1.40

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,745.40 and Colonial Life 237.50

Fire: Dearborn National Life 107.68, Danko Emergency Equipment 1,089.29, Farmers Union Coop 20.40, Hartelco 45.91, Hartington Shopper 257.25, Jerry's Service 83.70, Peitz Service 1,783.82, US Cellular 63.56, and Western Iowa Tech 95.00

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,265.91

Ambulance: Burnell's Foodtown 91.21, Farmers Union Coop 124.36, Hartelco 45.91, Matheson Tri-Gas 48.71, and US Cellular 143.14

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 50.00

Parks: Crouch Recreational 143.00

Complex: Hartelco 44.46

Library: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 4,720.78, Hartelco 170.23, and Kruse True Value 10.47

City Hall: Colonial Life 72.68, Eakes Office Solutions 356.70, P. Guy 100.00, and Northeast Nebraska Clerk's Association 40.00

Auditorium: Appeara 57.70 and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 620.00

Economic Development: Hartelco 53.98, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 10.00, and Wiechelma's Repair Shop 10.00

Transfer Station: Farmers Union Coop 426.48 and Hartelco 47.02

Total Payroll for the month of January 2021 was \$36,543.68.

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 Bartling and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for February 22, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer