

The Hartington City Council met on March 22, 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 Councilmen Peitz, Sudbeck, and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher; and Deputy Clerk Carlson. Legal Advisor Pier was present via Zoom. Mayor Becker and Councilman Christensen were absent.

Council President Peitz 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 March 08, 2021 meeting was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Sudbeck – yes, Bartling – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

A building permit for Troy Bottolfson – Home Addition was presented and reviewed. Councilman Bartling made a motion to approve the permit and this was seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20210322 – The Purchase of Equipment was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. The equipment that will be purchased is a John Deere Wheel Loader for the Streets Department in the amount of \$131,030.00. The Bank of Hartington will be the lender and the signers of the loan will be the Mayor and City Clerk. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Sudbeck – yes, Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Schaecher discussed with the Council the Hartington Economic Development Group's LB840 drawdown request. A motion to approve the LB840 Drawdown for the Annual payment to Bill Yates and the 2020 Real Estate Taxes on the Industrial Park was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Schaecher discussed the Hartington EMS contract that was drawn up by the Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department for the Covid-19 vaccinations clinics. Hartington Ambulance personnel have been assisting at the clinics and the Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department is going to reimburse them for their services. Legal Advisor Pier was not aware that the contract had been emailed to him for review. Councilman Bartling made a motion to approve the contract subject to Legal Advisor Pier's approval and this was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call voice was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Don Whitmire approached the Council to discuss the 2021 baseball season. Whitmire discussed 3 tournaments that will be hosted in Hartington, coaches, and the switching of leagues. Ryan Heimes will continue to maintain the field. Whitmire stated that he is also working with Brice Grutsch regarding softball. Councilman Sudbeck told Whitmire that he will help with the replacement of the yellow fence piping. Whitmire would like the updates to the crow's nest completed and stated he was hoping the Hartington-Newcastle shop students could assist with this task.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: The new sand filter installation is on track and will be ready for the opening of the pool. None for the interim gun range.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: None for the auditorium. Cracks are being filled on the track in preparation of the first track meet next week.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: Absent

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: None

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Carlson: None

Public Comments: Cheryl Holm approached the Council in regards to traffic issues in town. Holm stated that Dooley Drive has no outlet and would like a sign reflecting this. Holm also stated that she would like a stop sign placed at the intersection of Bow Street and Oak Avenue instead of a yield sign, as she has witnessed drivers speed through the yield. Holm reported that she does not see police patrolling this area and it is near the schools. Holm added that she has noticed drivers who do not abide by the speed limit and is concerned about safety. Councilman Peitz stated he would call the Cedar County Sheriff's Office and have them look into these issues. Rob Dump asked for the address of Troy Bottolfsen and this was given to him by Clerk Schaecher.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District 87.58

Streets: Black Hills Energy 1,785.14, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 559.53, Hartington Tree 3,000.00, Marsh Farms 2,921.55, Nebraska Department of Transportation 1,730.40, and NPPD 3,612.75

Water: Cedar-Knox PPD 1,150.59, D&J Variety 25.99, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 343.78, Nebraska Public Health 523.25, and NPPD 415.78

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 129.23, Hartelco Computers 40.00, Midwest Laboratories 430.00, and NPPD 2,577.48

Sanitation: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 546.10 and Stop N Go 381.16

Fire: Black Hills Energy 487.22, NPPD 122.94, Stop N Go 63.09, and Western Iowa Tech 95.00

Ambulance: Black Hills Energy 487.21, Emergency Medical Products 243.00, and NPPD 88.72

Recreation: NPPD 68.42

Pool: Black Hills Energy 31.44 and NPPD 51.05

Parks: NPPD 354.27

Complex: Fisher Tracks 124.00, Marsh Farms 3,895.38, and NPPD 83.55

Library: Black Hills Energy 660.21, D&J Variety 49.97, Eakes Office Solutions 52.70, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 315.50, G. Miller 1,736.00, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 740.89, Midwest Tape 80.69, NPPD 162.45, Nebraskaland 18.00, Penworthy 281.44, and Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 135.00

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 24.76, D&J Variety 88.88, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 330.96, Hartelco Computers 240.00, NPPD 447.65, and Premier Lawn & Landscaping 210.00

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 536.25 and NPPD 108.46

Economic Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 181.44

Transfer Station: Cedar-Knox PPD 215.94

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Sudbeck – yes, Bartling – yes, and Peitz – 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 Peitz – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for April 12, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer