

The Hartington City Council met on March 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 Peitz, Christensen, and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher; and Deputy Clerk Carlson. Legal Advisor Pier and Councilman Sudbeck were 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 February 22, 2021 meeting and February 2021 Treasurer's Report was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The March 2021 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Grener. There were 344 ¾ hours patrolled. School traffic was 5 hours. Calls of service were 2 other agency assists, 2 accidents, 2 disturbances, 2 suspicious vehicles, 1 noise complaint, and 1 alarm. Traffic stops were 8 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 2 citations. There was 1 arrest.

Building permits for Richard Newton – Garage and Deck, Kyle Lammers – Entryway of Kitchen and Main Dining in Restaurant, Steven Rokusek – Prefabricated Swimming Pool, and Bill Grutsch – Home Addition were presented and reviewed. Councilman Christensen made a motion to approve the permits and this was seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20210308 – Establishing Rates for Water, Sewer, and Garbage Services 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, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker discussed the Cash Rent Farm Lease Agreement in which the City has with Darin Pick. There are no changes from last year's lease. Clerk Schaecher stated a city employee mentioned that there was a verbal agreement years ago with previous council members that city employees could hunt on this property, and wanted to make sure that this would still be allowed. Mayor Becker stated he would discuss this with Darin. A motion to approve the Cash Rent Farm Lease was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

#### Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: Ian Lange requested use of the basketball court at Felber Park for a Hartington-Newcastle Booster Club tournament. Council members all agreed that this would be okay. The new pay loader has been purchased for the street department. It was approved in the budget to make payments.

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: Parts have been ordered for the new sand filter to be installed at the pool. No new report for the interim gun range.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: None for the auditorium. Four loads of red rock have been purchased for the complex and the cracks are being repaired on the track. New yellow safety cap for the fences has been ordered. The gazebo at Felber Park is going to get a new floor and benches, as the wood has begun to decay.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: Research is being done regarding changes in additional powers for the Board of Health.

Clerk Schaecher: Miranda Becker, Economic Development Coordinator, was given grant information from AARP for park improvements. She discussed options with the Park Board and a suggestion was made for a Frisbee golf course at the complex. Clerk Schaecher stated Miranda wanted

to know the Council's thoughts before proceeding with the grant application. The Mayor and Council all agreed to apply for the grant.

Deputy Clerk Carlson: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked when the City sales tax increase will take effect and Clerk Schaecher stated it will begin on April 01, 2021. Rob Dump asked who the new pool manager will be this year and Councilman Bartling stated it will be Breanna Miller. Rob Dump asked the cost of the new pay loader and Clerk Schaecher stated the cost was \$131,030.00. Rob Dump asked what type of filter is being installed at the pool. Councilman Bartling stated it is called a sand filter, but that does not mean it removes sand; the water filters through sand. Rob Dump had one last question and it was for the addresses of Bill Grutsch and Steve Rokusek, and they were given to him by Clerk Schaecher.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: EMC insurance 12,975.87, Great America Financial Services 105.00, Hartelco 303.12, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 82.50, and Northeast Nebraska News Company 223.07

Streets: Appera 22.80, Backus Sand & Gravel 344.85, Bomgaars 94.96, Farmers Union Coop 854.83, Fischer Feed & Supply 10,968.00, Grossenburg Implement 702.08, Hartington Shopper 98.00, JEO 4,354.00, Kruse True Value 35.47, Keith's Package Liquor 20.00, Northeast Nebraska News Company 43.47, US Cellular 63.42, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 38.00

Water: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 3083.62, Burnell's Foodtown 40.65, Hartington Shopper 227.24, M. & C. Miller 70.00, Nebraska Public Health 277.00, Northeast Nebraska News Company 43.47, One Call Concepts 3.50, Peitz Service 75.34, Plumbing & Electric 1,325.50, and US Cellular 31.78

Sewer: Bomgaars 21.98, Farmers Union Coop 80.08, Hartington Shopper 227.23, M. & C. Miller 30.03, Northeast Nebraska News Company 43.46, and One Call Concepts 3.50

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,745.40, Bomgaars 41.97, Colonial Life 237.50, Farmers Union Coop 49.36, Hartington Shopper 129.23, L. Kinney 54.15, LP Gill 7,578.48, M. & C. Miller 15.60, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 43.86

Fire: Dearborn National Life 107.68, Farmers Union Coop 69.89, Grossenburg Implement 5.67, Hartelco 46.57, Hartington Shopper 257.25, Peitz Service 275.03, US Cellular 63.56, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 16.98

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,265.91

Ambulance: Emergency Medical Products 214.45, Farmers Union Coop 53.23, Guardian EMS Products 159.99, Hartelco 46.57, Heiman 18,036.00, Kruse True Value 13.98, Stryker Sales Corporation 191.18, and US Cellular 167.04

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 50.00

Pool: Hartington Shopper 154.00 and Northeast Nebraska News Company 110.40

Parks: Hartington Shopper 98.00, Miracle Recreation 143.00, and Northeast Nebraska News Company 41.40

Complex: America's Fence Store 2,483.00 and Hartelco 44.46

Library: T. Anderson 151.65, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 4,720.78, Hartelco 170.23, and Lammers Construction 30.00

City Hall: Colonial Life 72.68 and P. Guy 100.00

Auditorium: Appera 57.70, C. Folkers 36.06, X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 360.00, and Yankton Janitorial Supply 188.50

Economic Development: Hartelco 53.98

Transfer

Station: Bomgaars 143.82, Deere Credit 461.28, Farmers Union Coop 250.28, Grossenburg Implement 1,891.67, Hartelco 47.02, M. & C. Miller 56.73, Steffen Electric 90.00, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 820.98

Total Payroll for the month of February 2021 was \$40,530.76.

A motion to pay the bills except for JEO and Peitz Service was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – 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 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 Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for March 22, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher  
City Clerk - Treasurer