

The Hartington City Council met on June 28, 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, Christensen, and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher; Deputy Clerk Carlson; and Legal Advisor Pier.

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 June 14, 2021 meeting 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 May 2021 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Zimmer. There were 301 ¼ hours patrolled. School traffic was 2 ½ hours. Calls of service were 1 assist other agency, 1 welfare check, 4 break-ins, 2 criminal mischiefs, 3 disturbances, and 9 open doors. Traffic stops were 2 verbal warnings, 4 written warnings, and 0 citations. There was 1 arrest.

A building permit for Tucker and Katelyn Lammers - Deck was presented and reviewed. Councilman Christensen made a motion to approve the permit and this was seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Ken Halvorsen from the Nebraska Water Association presented the 2021 Water System Assessment. Since the City took out a loan through Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for radio read water meters, follow-up assessments are required. Ken stated the recommendations given were merely suggestions and the Council could make their own decisions on how to handle them.

The LB840 loan No. 20210615 was introduced by Clerk Schaecher, stating the Revolving Loan Fund Committee recommends a \$30,000 loan be approved for Folkers Painting, LLC for 10 years at 0% interest for building purchase and renovation. The loan will be secured by a second lien on the real property. The recommendation is for the first payment to be due by ACH payment each month, starting on October 01, 2021. A motion to approve the loan was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

The LB840 loan No. 20210615A was introduced by Clerk Schaecher, stating the Revolving Loan Fund Committee recommends a \$20,000 loan be approved for Christian Auch DBA The Chief for 5 years at 0% interest for restaurant equipment and supplies. The loan will be secured by a personal guarantee from Christian Auch and a blanket security agreement on all assets of the business. The recommendation is for the first payment to be due by ACH payment each month, starting on October 01, 2021. A motion to approve the loan 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.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Cory from Denison Tennis and Track will be at the complex on June 30th at 11:30 A.M. to assess future costs. There was no report on the auditorium.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None. Councilman Peitz stated the Rural Fire Board met with Fire Chief Jueden regarding possibly getting a new truck. The Rural Board will bond. Their budget will be set up on August 23rd.

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: A letter was mailed to the Mayor and Council regarding the Clifford Filips Estate.

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Carlson: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked about the status of the street project. Mayor Becker stated it is way ahead of schedule and that the final pour is tomorrow with paving around the storm sewer. Rob Dump asked how old the oldest fire truck is and Councilman Peitz stated 1973. Dump also asked for the address of the building permit and the name of the owner of Folkers Painting, LLC.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 400.00 and Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District 37.50

Streets: Black Hills Energy 6.42, Bomgaars 167.51, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 531.45, JEO 19,870.80, and USABLE Life 14.50

Water: BK Tree Removal 23.03, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 2,585.08, Bomgaars 71.59, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 340.04, Nebraska Public Health 505.00, R. Sudbeck 43.81, and USABLE Life 14.50

Sewer: Bomgaars 184.94, Northwest Electric 1,076.00, and Steffen Electric 430.84

Sanitation: BK Tree Removal 70.00, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,745.40, H. Burbach 69.48, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 534.44, K. Hochstein 13.81, R. Sudbeck 70.00, and USABLE Life 29.00

Fire: Dearborn National Life Insurance 107.68

Ambulance: Emergency Medical Products 87.36 and Teleflex 194.50

Recreation: A. Heimes 48.56, Crofton Volunteer Fields 100.00, Osmond Summer Youth 50.00, and Wausa Summer League 25.00

Pool: A. Reifennrath 40.00, Black Hills Energy 593.16, Bomgaars 5.88, Hawkins 1,540.43, and Recreonics 22.30

Parks: Bomgaars 292.52, Diane's Greenhouse 103.99, Sheila's Country Gardens 254.58, and Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 234.00

Complex: Bomgaars 30.65, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 1,698.35, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 1,700.00

Library: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 4,720.78, Collaborative Summer Library Program 30.75, Feilmeier Electric 331.63, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 314.96, G. Miller 225.00, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 709.04, Midwest Tape 137.91, Oriental Trading 139.18, Penworthy 142.39, USABLE Life 29.00, Wildlife Encounters 500.00, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 531.00

City Hall: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 297.38 and USABLE Life 29.00

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 12.61

Economic Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 181.44 and The Globe Chophouse 575.00

Transfer Station: Bomgaars 20.79 and Deere Credit 461.28

A motion to pay the bills except for JEO was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion was made to pay the JEO bill 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 Sudbeck and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for July 12, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer