

The Hartington City Council met for a public hearing and their regular meeting on January 10, 2022 at the city hall 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; Deputy Clerk de Waal, and Legal Advisor Pier. Councilman Sudbeck was absent.

Mayor Becker opened the public hearing on the review for the Final Plat of Lot 1, Amen Acres at 7:00 P.M. Clerk Schaecher explained that it is a subdivision of a tract of land in the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 35, Township 31 North, Range 1 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian, Cedar County. Clerk Schaecher stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had recommended the request during their meeting on December 08, 2021. There were no further comments or questions, so the public hearing was closed at 7:02 P.M.

Mayor Becker called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 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 December 13, 2021 meeting and the December 2021 Treasurer's Report was made by Bartling and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

The December 2021 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Thoene. There were 397 hours patrolled. School traffic was 5 hours. Calls of service were 3 accidents, 1 gas drive off, and 1 animal complaint. Traffic stops were 4 verbal warnings, 8 written warnings, and 2 citations. There were 2 arrests.

The annual flood pool easement payment for 2022 to be issued to Bill Yates was the next item on the agenda. The taxes and assessed value totaled \$798.25. Councilman Christensen made a motion to approve the payment and this was seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20220110 – Approving the Final Plat of Lot 1, Amen Acres 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, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

The employee Blue Cross-Blue Shield insurance renewal was presented by Clerk Schaecher. The insurance plan will remain the same, with the only change being an 10.90% premium increase. Clerk Schaecher stated Matt Dresden had looked into other plans, but our current plan would be the best option for the City employees. A motion was made to accept the insurance renewal by Councilman Peitz and this was seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation Certificate of Compliance was next on the agenda. A motion was made to approve the certificate by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling –yes, Christensen – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Mike Jueden, Fire Chief for the Hartington Volunteer Fire Department, approached the Council with a request to increase the members from 35 to 40. Jueden stated the Rural Fire Board already gave the approval and voiced the importance of not wanting to lose the knowledge of older firemen by abiding to the present member allowance. Councilman Bartling made a motion to grant the request to increase the fire department members to 40 and this was seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

#### Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Absent

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: LeRoy Hansen joined Mayor Becker in a discussion regarding building permit fees. Information had been placed in Council packets from LeRoy’s research comparisons of other similar sized towns. Legal Advisor Pier stated the Council can do an approval on prices during the next meeting and then an ordinance will need to be created.

Steve Pier: None

Clerk Schaecher: The glass map case at the City Cemetery was vandalized. The cost of repairs was less than the insurance deductible, so the repair will just have to be paid without the aid of insurance. Clerk Schaecher informed the Council that there were no violations during the yearly transfer station inspection, which is a very proud accomplishment for our City employees.

Deputy Clerk de Waal: None. Mayor Becker welcomed the new Deputy Clerk, Dani de Waal, to the City’s employee team.

Public Comments: Corey Kramer approached the Council with a request to rent a stall at the old fire hall. Mayor Becker stated Corey would need to type a formal request, to include a monetary rent offer, in order for the Council to discuss.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: Burnell’s Foodtown 525.00, EMC Insurance 7,957.25, Great America Financial Services 105.00, Hartelco 370.59, and Northeast Nebraska News Company 336.20

Streets: Appera 25.00, Bank of Hartington 2,453.56, Carhart Lumber 62.30, D&J Variety 13.99, EMC Insurance 1,213.58, Farmers Union Coop 1,184.25, Grossenburg Implement 1,168.09, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 505.42, Koch-Tramp Plumbing & Heating 155.50, Kruse True Value 86.97, Peitz Service 1,684.95, Plumbing & Electric 322.12, R&R Products 132.58, US Cellular 121.26, Wiechelman’s Repair Shop 4,736.74, and Yankton Janitorial Supply 370.00

Water: Bank of Hartington 166.67, Carhart Lumber 188.90, EMC Insurance 910.19, Farmers Union Coop 80.06, Municipal Supply 20.00, One Call Concepts 1.02, Peitz Service 25.44, and US Cellular 30.48

Sewer: Burnell’s Foodtown 11.35, Carhart Lumber 63.00, EMC Insurance 1,310.12, Farmers Union Coop 8.48, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 143.99, Midwest Laboratories 389.00, Northeast Ag Consulting 150.00, One Call Concepts 1.02, and Wiechelman’s Repair Shop 790.99

Sanitation: Bank of Hartington 249.99, Colonial Life 237.50, EMC Insurance 1,117.05, Farmers Union Coop 339.73, Grossenburg Implement 2.56, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 120.61, Stop N Go 384.09, and Wiechelman’s Repair Shop 3,630.20

Fire: Dearborn National Life 107.68, Danko Emergency Equipment 140.00, EMC Insurance Companies 482.68, Hartelco 45.51, and US Cellular 60.92

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,398.56

Ambulance: Burnell’s Foodtown 15.96, EMC Insurance 317.18, Emergency Medical Products 289.17, Farmers Union Coop 80.63, Hartelco 45.50, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 13.29, Matheson Tri-Gas 159.82, Peitz Service 162.75, and US Cellular 165.32

Parks: Arbor Day Foundation 20.00, Grossenburg Implement 345.79, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 2,040.00

Complex: Hartelco 43.68

Library: Bank of Hartington 333.34, D&J Variety 17.99, and Hartelco 170.07

City Hall: Colonial Life 61.04, D&J Variety 52.96, and Eakes Office Solutions 263.69

Auditorium: Appera 59.00, Dollar General 20.40, and Kruse True Value 2.99

Economic Development: Eakes Office Solutions 35.55 and Hartelco 55.73

Transfer

Station: Carhart Lumber 137.37, EMC Insurance 482.68, Farmers Union Coop 262.97,  
Grossenburg Implement 16.16, Gill Hauling 910.08, Hartelco 46.06, Peitz Service 32.56,  
Plumbing & Electric 326.28, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 1,479.33

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling– yes, Christensen – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for January 24, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher  
City Clerk - Treasurer