

The Hartington City Council met on January 24, 2022 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 de Waal; 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 January 10, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20220124 – Adoption of the Colonial Life Cafeteria Plan was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. Clerk Schaecher stated the plan premiums are paid for by employees and the City allows the premiums to be deducted from their payroll. A motion to adopt the resolution 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.

LeRoy Hansen approached the Council with a suggested pricing report for sign and building permits. Councilman Christensen made a motion to approve the pricing report and it was seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Andrea Larson, Community Planner from Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, approached the Council with a request to develop a community survey. Larson stated the last community survey was conducted in 2018. Larson told the Council that she will be working closely with the City's Economic Development Coordinator, Miranda Becker, and the survey will be at no cost due to the membership the City has with NENEDD. A motion to approve the request to conduct a community survey was made by Christensen and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Schaecher discussed with the Council the Hartington Economic Development Group's LB840 drawdown request. The payment is to JEO for the industrial park grading plan in the amount of \$2,050.00. A motion to approve the LB840 Drawdown was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling– yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz– yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park: None

Pool – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium: The bleachers at the complex are going to need to be anchored down due to the high winds we have been experiencing. The scoreboard prices are proving to be way too high at this point, so work is going to be done to the current one. There has been some vandalism to the bathroom door at the auditorium. Randy Kathol is going to replace the door and add a simple, easy to use, door knob.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker : Mayor Becker met with JEO and Corey Kramer at the sewer plant to discuss ARPA funds and how these funds can be used to improve the plant.

Legal Advisor Pier: None

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk de Waal: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump requested a copy of the suggested pricing report for sign and building permits.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: Hartington Shopper 231.00, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 400.00, and NPPD 124.49

Streets: Black Hills Energy 1,068.89, Fischer Feed & Supply 1,215.15, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 1,687.24, Leise Concrete 97,400.00, NPPD 2,923.44, and Pomp's Tire Service 285.50

Water: Cedar-Knox PPD 1,039.92, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 1,402.43, Holiday Inn Express & Suites 289.90, Nebraska Public Health 62.00, and NPPD 390.53

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 123.66, Fischer Feed & Supply 6.00, NPPD 2,738.36, and Steffen Electric 90.00

Sanitation: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 1,184.76, LP Gill 4,449.28, and Pomp's Tire Service 1,102.52

Fire: Black Hills Energy 291.10 and NPPD 115.17

Ambulance: Black Hills Energy 291.10 and NPPD 83.60

Recreation: NPPD 63.16

Pool: Black Hills Energy 31.05 and NPPD 47.37

Parks: NPPD 287.54

Complex: NPPD 78.10 and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 6,960.00

Library: Black Hills Energy 457.23, Demco 93.04, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 816.70, Hartington Chamber of Commerce 45.00, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 481.81, Midwest Tape 11.24, NPPD 281.07, X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 605.00, and Yankton Press & Dakotan 139.14

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 119.27, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 792.60, Hometown Leasing 62.05, NPPD 224.92, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 35.00

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 711.78, Fischer Feed & Supply 30.00, and NPPD 77.57

Economic Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 477.00 and Hometown Leasing 31.02

Transfer Station: Cedar-Knox PPD 207.86, Deere Credit 461.28, Fischer Feed & Supply 18.00, and Hartington Shopper 244.80

Total Payroll for the month of December 2021 was \$54,689.00.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Bartling and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

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 7:13 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for February 14, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer