

The Hartington City Council met for the combined regular meetings of February 14, 2022 and February 28, 2022 at the city hall beginning at 5:00 P.M. The February 14, 2022 meeting had been cancelled due to no quorum. 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 Christensen, Bartling, and Sudbeck; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher; and Deputy Clerk de Waal. Legal Advisor Pier was absent. Councilman Peitz arrived late.

Mayor Becker called the regular meeting to order at 5:01 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 January 24, 2022 meeting and the January 2022 Treasurer's Report was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The January 2022 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Thoene. There were 409 ¾ hours patrolled. School traffic was 4 ¾ hours. Calls of service were 1 assist other agency, 3 disturbances, 1 theft, 1 trespass, and 1 burning complaint. Traffic stops were 4 verbal warnings, 13 written warnings, and 3 citations. There were 0 arrests.

Ordinance No. 877 – Adopting Section 7.05, Sign Permit, of the Zoning Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to dispense with the readings on three separate days 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. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 877 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.

Ordinance No. 878 – Establishing Fees for Sign Permits, Building Permits, and Conditional Use Permits was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to dispense with the readings on three separate days 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. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 878 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.

Clerk Schaecher stated Cedar Catholic High School applied for a Special Designated Liquor License for their Gala, to be held on March 26, 2022. A motion to approve the Special Designated Liquor License application for Cedar Catholic 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.

Resolution 20220214 – Bank Authorization for Deputy Clerk was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. This resolution removes Marti Carlson as Deputy Clerk and adds Daniellah de Waal as Deputy Clerk. A motion to adopt the resolution 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.

A letter of resignation was submitted to the Council from Karen Newton. A motion to approve the EMT resignation 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 Gambling Awareness Month proclamation for March was read and signed by Mayor Becker. A copy of the proclamation will be sent to Choices Treatment Center in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Cash Rent Farm Lease Agreement in which the City has with Darin Pick was the next item on the agenda. The rent amount changed from two payments of \$5,000.00 to two payments of \$6,500.00. A motion to approve the Cash Rent Farm Lease was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Travis Becker and Gary Kuehn approached the Council to discuss the construction of a golf course maintenance building. The intended site would be straight north of the batting cage, which would be the furthest northeast corner, past the baseball field. The building would be mainly for storage, but would also consist of an office and restroom. Mayor Becker stated the Baseball Association may have interest in being part of the project, as they also have a need for more storage. LeRoy Hansen, Zoning Official, stated there should not be a problem with the area in which they are looking to

build. Mayor Becker thanked Travis and Gary for presenting their ideas and stated he looked forward to seeing the building plans.

Clerk Schaecher reported to the Council that there was only one expense for the Baseball/Softball Association for the month of January and there was no income to report for January. The expense was as follows: C. Uldrich \$60.00 for umpire scheduling. A motion was made to approve the expense by Councilman Christensen and was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. 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: Work has begun on crack-filling the track. There has been more vandalism to the bathroom at the auditorium.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: Absent

Clerk Schaecher: The City received \$1,266.00 from the Public Alliance for Community Energy for being a member. Duane Arens has requested a street address for Arens Car Wash, as it has always shared his home address since it was opened and after taking a look at neighboring addresses, 200 S Robinson Avenue is what it should be. Clerk Schaecher stated she wanted to make the Council aware and would check to see if anything further would need to be done with the change.

Deputy Clerk de Waal: None.

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked if Gary Kuehn’s current maintenance shop at the golf course is the old clubhouse. LeRoy Hansen stated it is and that 40 people walked it over with planks to where it stands now.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: EMC Insurance 7,957.25, Great America Financial Services 119.57, Hartelco 340.51, Hartington Community Development Corporation 550.00, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 400.00, NPPD 82.47, Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District 37.50, Northeast Nebraska News Company 298.96, One Office Solution 159.00, and Security Shredding Services 52.50

Streets: Appera 25.00, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,404.42, Bank of Hartington 2,620.22, Black Hills Energy 1,251.56, Bomgaars 282.45, Carhart Lumber 147.26, Cedar County Auto Parts 9.99, Colonial Life 27.22, EMC Insurance 1,213.58, Farmers Union Coop 623.14, Fischer Feed & Supply 17.23, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 497.13, Grossenburg Implement 901.27, Hartington Shopper 154.00, Jerry’s Service 121.43, NPPD 2,930.99, Plumbing & Electric 221.08, R& R Wireless 132.58, Stop N Go 88.71, US Cellular 82.79, US Able Life 29.00, Watkins Concrete Block Company 744.00, and Wiechelman’s Repair Shop 18.95

Water: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska (16.08), Bomgaars 14.99, Cedar-Knox PPD 1,083.06, EMC Insurance 910.19, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 80.64, Hartington Shopper 219.60, Municipal Supply 3,037.66, Nebraska Public Health 196.00, NPPD 416.27, Nebraska Department of Health 260.00, Northeast Nebraska News Company 55.20, One Call Concepts 0.53, Peitz Service 43.42, W. Schumacher 3.00, US Cellular 32.25, and US Able Life (29.00), and USA Blue Book 744.68

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 134.21, Bomgaars 717.95, Burnell’s Foodtown 8.97, EMC Insurance 1,310.12, Farmers Union Coop 65.82, Hartington Shopper 219.60, JEO 352.50, Kruse True Value 8.79, Midwest Laboratories 389.00, NPPD 3,184.30, Northeast Nebraska News 55.20, One Call Concepts 0.52, Plumbing & Electric 112.78, Steffen Drug Store 6.13, and Wiechelman’s Repair Shop 20.72

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 3,895.28, Bank of Hartington 83.33, Bomgaars 19.99, Cedar County Auto Parts 16.49, J. Climer 10.76, Colonial Life 263.02, EMC Insurance 1,117.05, Farmers Union Coop 936.58, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 564.01, Hartington Shopper 65.60, LP Gill 4,184.60, Pomp's Tire Service 368.73, Peitz Service 632.12, Stop N Go 244.87, USABLE Life 58.00, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 9,000.00

Fire: Black Hills Energy 307.03, Bomgaars 33.97, Dearborn National Life 478.88, EMC Insurance 482.67, Goldstar Products 472.69, Hartelco 45.56, Hartington Shopper 169.85, Kruse True Value 3.79, Keith's Package Liquor 63.02, Martin's Flag Company 247.48, NPPD 113.89, Peitz Service 40.11, Tri-State Communications 246.84, Wiechelman's Repair Shop 214.50, and Yankton Janitorial Supply 157.00

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,398.56

Ambulance: Black Hills Energy 307.04, Burnell's Foodtown 284.32, EMC Insurance 317.19, Emergency Medical Products 778.15, Farmers Union Coop 261.47, Fischer Feed & Supply 12.00, Hartelco 45.56, Matheson Tri-Gas 108.83, NPPD 82.31, Stryker Sales Corporation 2,692.80, and US Cellular 164.78

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 53.00

Recreation: NPPD 63.16

Pool: Black Hills Energy 35.02, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy 80.00, and NPPD 47.37

Parks: Bomgaars 29.98, Grossenburg Implement 981.61, and NPPD 288.30

Complex: Hartelco 43.68, NPPD 78.67, and Watkins Concrete Block Company 456.00

Library: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 9,421.76, Bank of Hartington 333.34, Black Hills Energy 496.30, Eakes Office Solutions 102.48, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 327.02, Hartelco 170.07, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 514.47, Living Here 32.00, Midwest Tape 22.49, NPPD 188.03, Quill Corporation 402.97, and USABLE Life 58.00

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 151.77, Burnell's Foodtown 9.69, Colonial Life 49.40, Eakes Office Solutions 108.99, D. Fischer 125.00, Folkers Painting 600.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 201.24, Hartelco Computers 40.00, Hometown Leasing 62.05, Kruse True Value 69.83, NPPD 344.68, and USABLE Life 29.00

Auditorium: Appera 59.00, Black Hills Energy 811.58, Hartelco Computers 234.99, NPPD 110.60, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 275.00

Economic Development: Carhart Lumber 36.99, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 190.80, Hartelco 55.73, Hometown Leasing 31.02, and Nebraska Development Network 50.00

Transfer Station: Bomgaars 75.31, Cedar-Knox PPD 285.94, Deere Credit 461.28, EMC Insurance 482.67, Gill Hauling 768.60, Hartelco 46.06, Hartington Shopper 48.80, Keep Nebraska Beautiful 50.00, Olson's Pest Technicians 225.00, Plumbing & Electric 39.60, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 8.78

A motion to pay the bills except for JEO and Peitz Service 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 was made to pay the JEO and Peitz Service bills by Councilman Bartling and was 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 Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling– yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for March 14, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer