

The Hartington City Council met on March 28, 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 March 14, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

A building permit was presented and reviewed from Cedar Catholic – Athletic Practice Annex. A motion was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck to approve the permit. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Schaecher reported that Peg Anderson, from Anderson and Anderson Insurance, requested to reschedule to April 11, 2022 to present the EMC Insurance dividend check.

Clerk Schaecher discussed with the Council the Hartington Economic Development Group's LB840 drawdown request. A motion to approve the LB840 Drawdown for the Annual payment to Bill Yates and the 2021 Real Estate Taxes on the Industrial Park 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.

Zachary Adcock was a new fireman who was voted on to the Hartington Volunteer Fire Department on March 07, 2022. Councilman Bartling made a motion to approve the appointment and this was seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker discussed the Plumbing and Electric proposal to connect City water to the golf course clubhouse. Becker stated their well is not functioning the best and since it is City owned, the City would be responsible for the cost. Becker also stated that it would not be able to be metered to keep track of the water used. Councilman Christensen made a motion to approve the Plumbing and Electric proposal in the amount of \$18,957.10 and this was seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium: Wynot has requested the use the track for practice and after speaking with Lee Heimes, an amount of \$150.00 per practice was agreed upon. Tri-State put in a water pipe to run a wire through a conduit, as we needed new GSY for boxes due to them getting wet. If Crofton also wants to rent the track this year for a track meet, it will be \$500.00. The auditorium still needs a bathroom door replaced.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: None

Legal Advisor Pier: None

Clerk Schaecher: Reported that Miranda Becker suggested a selfie wall be created somewhere near downtown. Clerk Schaecher asked the council if this could be pursued. The Council agreed this idea could be pursued and plans presented to the council for approval. Clerk Schaecher reported a resident purposely dug ruts into an alley in order to elude traffic from a neighbor's in-home daycare. The Utility Superintendent spoke to the resident and leveled off the alley. Clerk Schaecher asked Council if the resident should be billed. Mayor Becker stated the resident should be mailed a warning letter, asking to refrain from doing so again. Clerk Schaecher stated a letter had been mailed to a

resident, requesting the removal of a wrecked car in her backyard to be removed. The car has been in the resident's backyard for over a year and a half, and the resident is asking for more time to dispose. Mayor Becker requested to start the abatement process.

Deputy Clerk de Waal: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked the council why the boring is needed at the golf course and Mayor Becker responded with the well not working the best and the clubhouse can now have city water, and also be metered. Councilman Sudbeck reported he attended a meeting in Norfolk regarding the Hwy 57 project.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 300.00

Streets: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 702.21, Black Hills Energy 1,227.43, Bomgaars 66.97, and Nebraska Department of Transportation 1,730.40

Water: Hawkins, Inc. 1,292.96, J. Hines 91.36, L. Knaak 33.46, CFarm Properties 85.05, Nebraska Public Health 78.75, and USA Blue Book 191.60

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 134.94 and Bomgaars 15.99

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,947.64, I. Jimenez 4.48, L. Knaak 70.00, D. Noecker 52.99, and Stop N Go 421.01

Fire: Black Hills Energy 274.86, Bomgaars 112.93, Rural Fire Board 8,076.25, and Stop N Go 42.45

Ambulance: Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 128.02 and Black Hills Energy 274.85

Pool: Black Hills Energy 35.02

Complex: Fischer Tracks 124.00

Library: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 4,710.88, Barking Dog Interpretive Design 5,228.18, Black Hills Energy 476.56, Coast to Coast Solutions 67.45, Demco 2,012.00, Fay's Furniture & Floor Coverings 5,800.00, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 752.51, Midwest Tape 31.48, Mebulbs 307.16, Oriental Trading 61.46, Penworthy 202.48, and Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 140.00

City Hall: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 529.97, Black Hills Energy 137.14, Hometown Leasing 62.05, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 140.00, and N. Schaecher 238.14

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 738.43

Economic Development: Hometown Leasing 31.02 and UNL 80.00

Transfer Station: Bomgaars 43.96, Deere Credit 461.28, and Olson's Pest Technicians 75.00

Total payroll for the month of January 2022 was \$37,261.44.

Total payroll for the month of February 2022 was \$36,645.06.

A motion to pay the bills, in addition to Ed M. Feld Equipment for \$1,023.12, 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.

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 7:25 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for April 11, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer