

The Hartington City Council met for a public hearing and their regular meeting on August 08, 2022 at the city hall beginning at 5:30 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, Sudbeck, and Christensen; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher; and Deputy Clerk de Waal. Legal Advisor Pier and Councilman Bartling were absent.

Mayor Becker opened the public hearing on the Final Plat of Lot 1, Kuchta Addition at 5:32 P.M. Clerk Schaecher stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved the plat at their meeting on July 13, 2022. There were no further comments or questions, so the public hearing was closed at 5:34 P.M.

Mayor Becker called the regular meeting to order at 5:34 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 July 25, 2022 meeting and the July 2022 Treasurer's Report was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The July 2022 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Greiner. There were 391 ¼ hours patrolled. School traffic was 0 hours. Calls of service were 3 EMS assists, 2 accidents, 1 missing person, 3 disturbances, 1 welfare check, 1 assist other agency, 1 trespassing, and 2 criminal mischief. Traffic stops were 2 verbal warnings, 2 written warnings, and 1 citation. There was 1 arrest.

Building permits were presented and reviewed from John and Sue Kramer – Garage, Front Porch, and Deck Cover; Cedar County – Public Safety Communications Tower with Fence; and Rader Construction – Hartington-Newcastle Public School Addition. A motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Peitz to approve the permits. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20220808 – Approving the Final Plat of Lot 1, Kuchta Addition was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 880 – Vacating Alley Between Circle Drive and 883½ Road, Becker Subdivision was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to dispense with the readings on three separate days was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 880 was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Schaecher discussed the new Volunteer Fire Department Appointment for Chase Rolfes. Clerk Schaecher stated the appointment was voted on during the Department's August 01, 2022 meeting. Councilman Peitz made a motion to accept the appointment and this was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool – Councilman Bartling: Absent

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: None for complex. The scaffolding was dismantled for the north wall project and Wiechelman repair will be putting the fire escape back on. Keith Eickhoff has agreed to pay for a portion of the scaffolding rent. Dave Noecker will be installing the new fob system, but a new consent form will need to be put in place. Clerk Schaecher stated she reached out to an email clerk group on consent suggestions, but had not heard anything. Rob Dump made the suggestion to reach out to the community of Hickman.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: Hartington Dayz is going to be this Saturday. It is going to be a full day and night of activities for all ages.

Steve Pier: Absent

Clerk Schaecher: Please take a final look at the 1 and 6 Year Street Plan and let the office know of any changes. Employees took a survey for the League of Municipalities insurance plan through Blue Cross/Blue Shield in order to get a quote for possible different insurance options.

Deputy Clerk de Waal: None

Public Comments: None

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: EMC Insurance 8,155.64, Great America Financial Services 105.00, Hartelco 340.51, Hartington Shopper 98.80, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 210.00, and Northeast Nebraska News 401.48

Streets: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 702.21, Bank of Hartington 2,353.56, Bomgaars 221.04, Colonial Life 27.22, EMC Insurance 1,243.85, Farmers Union Coop 846.62, Grossenburg Implement 1,225.90, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 228.56, US Cellular 75.48, and US Able Life 14.50

Water: Carhart Lumber 1.69, EMC Insurance 932.89, Hawkins, Inc. 1,303.88, Kruse True Value 6.99, L. Kathol 82.31, Municipal Supply 2,651.69, One Call Concepts 14.12, Peitz Service 101.37, and R. Trenhaile 99.47

Sewer: EMC Insurance 1,342.79, One Call Concepts 14.12, and Plumbing & Electric 147.00

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,081.14, Bomgaars 26.98, Carhart Lumber 33.97, Colonial Life 129.66, EMC Insurance 1,144.89, L. Kathol 70.00, LP Gill 6,018.67, R. Trenhaile 70.00, US Able Life 29.00, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 9,600.00

Fire: A. Wiechelman 210.00, Dearborn National Life 58.40, Danko Emergency Equipment 12,686.12, EMC Insurance 494.70, Farmers Union Coop 128.88, Hartelco 45.98, Kruse True Value 11.06, Keith's Package Liquor 101.12, Sandry Fire Supply 324.45, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 286.90, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 5,424.50

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,398.56

Ambulance: EMC Insurance 325.09, Farmers Union Coop 426.29, Hartelco 45.99, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 12.99, Kruse True Value 23.98, Northeast Hawks Shop 3,240.00, Peitz Service 388.31, Stryker Sales Corporation 176.65, and US Cellular 186.94

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 53.00, M. Heine 950.00, and T. Heine 950.00

Recreation: Kruse True Value 319.84

Pool: Burnell's Foodtown 149.06, Hawkins, Inc. 1,939.95, Hartelco 106.57, and Kruse True Value 13.99

Parks: Bomgaars 361.62, Central Valley Ag 271.03, Farmers Union Coop 268.78, Grossenburg Implement 563.17, Hartington Tree 3,000.00, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 8.49, J. Potts 125.00, and Pearson Motor Company 24.95

Complex: Bomgaars 65.98, Farmers Union Coop 264.63, Hartelco 44.42, and Kruse True Value 29.99

Library: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 5,240.85, Hartelco 170.07, Kruse True Value 188.27, and US Able Life 29.00

City Hall: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 529.97, Colonial Life 142.48, Eakes Office Solutions 7.08, D. Fischer 100.00, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 189.23, and US Able Life 28.00

Auditorium: Carhart Lumber 23.48, Eakes Office Solutions 47.52, Plumbing & Electric 261.08

Economic Development: Hartelco 48.15 and US Able Life 14.50

Transfer

Station: Deere Credit 418.27, EMC Insurance 494.70, Farmers Union Coop 812.58, Gill Hauling 1,222.02, Hartelco 47.01, JEO 472.50, Jerry's Service 469.36, and Peitz Service 115.60

A motion to pay the bills except for Peitz Service and JEO, and to also include the Bank of Hartington HSA payment and the Cedar County Treasurer for a title and license for the new ambulance was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion was made to pay the Peitz Service and JEO bills by Councilman Christensen and was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – 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 Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen– yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for August 22, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer