

The Hartington City Council met for a public hearing and their regular meeting on September 27, 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 Christensen, Sudbeck, Peitz, and Bartling; City Clerk-Treasurer Schaecher; and Deputy Clerk de Waal. Legal Advisor Pier was absent.

Mayor Becker opened the public hearing for the fiscal 2022-2023 budget at 7:00 P.M. The 2022-2023 property tax is set at \$694,380.00 with the general being \$444,380.00 and bond \$250,000.00. The levy decreased from 69.1 cents to 61.6 cents from last year. The public hearing was closed at 7:03 P.M.

Mayor Becker called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 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 September 12, 2022 meeting 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.

Resolution 20220927 – Setting the Property Tax Request was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to adopt the resolution 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.

Resolution 20220927A – Adopting the 2022-2023 Budget was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to adopt the resolution 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 approve an additional 1% increase of restricted funds authority was made by Councilman Peitz and was seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Dan Kathol, from the Community Redevelopment Authority, made a recommendation for the reappointment of Pat Guy for a term of 5 years. A motion was made by Peitz to reappoint Pat Guy and this was seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 883 – Repealing Ordinance No. 880-Vacating the 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 Christensen 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. 883 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.

Ordinance No. 884 – Vacating Prospect Drive, Also Known as Prospect Avenue, 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 Peitz 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. 884 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.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: The press box addition is being worked on and a few posts and cable has been removed from the parking area. The new fobs are beginning to be sold for the auditorium.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: Bill Yates brought up an issue at last night’s town hall meeting regarding various sidewalks throughout town that need repaired. Letters may need to be sent out in accordance with the ordinance.

Steve Pier: Absent

Clerk Schaecher: Tree trimming letters are going to be sent out this week to residents.

Deputy Clerk de Waal: None

Public Comments: None

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: BOKF, NA 78,276.25 and Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 490.00

Streets: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 702.21, Black Hills Energy 122.98, Bomgaars 834.69, Colonial Research Chemical 645.48, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 572.22, Grossenburg Implement 600.00, Leise Concrete 2,768.00, Midwest Service & Sales 1,365.64, and US Able Life 14.50

Water: Bomgaars 722.74, Cedar-Knox PPD 1,574.24, Christensen Well & Irrigation 9,402.85, and Nebraska Public Health 216.00

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 50.34 and Bomgaars 255.59

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,081.14, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 422.67, Pomp’s Tire Service 65.00, Stop N Go 374.13, and US Able Life 29.00

Fire: Black Hills Energy 17.51, Rural Fire Board 36,518.75, and Stop N Go 52.95

Ambulance: Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 80.30, Black Hills Energy 17.51, Northeast Community College 360.00, and Stryker Sales Corporation 1,081.20

Recreation: K. Backer 323.24 and School Photos NE 100.00

Pool: Black Hills Energy 37.81 and K. Flamig 50.00

Parks: Bomgaars 40.78, D. Kathol 117.67, Midwest Tree 4,050.00, and Pomp’s Tire Service 21.20

Complex: Bomgaars 159.98, X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 1,700.00, and Yankton Janitorial Supply 158.56

Library: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 5,240.85, Black Hills Energy 35.02, Demco 530.42, Eakes Office Solutions 152.50, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 327.60, Hartelco 79.99, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 835.36, John Sutton 114.00, Michael Frederick 18.00, Nebraska Library Commission 500.00, US Able Life 29.00, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 300.00

City Hall: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 529.97, Black Hills Energy 46.17, D. Fischer 100.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 206.38, Northeast Nebraska News Company 41.50, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 764.23, and US Able Life 28.00

Auditorium: Appeara 63.56, Black Hills Energy 92.81, and Bomgaars 23.68

Economic Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 190.80 and US Able Life 14.50

Transfer Station: Cedar-Knox PPD 102.80 and Deere Credit 947.56

A motion to pay the bills, in addition to a check to Haley McElwain for a credit refund and except Christensen Well & Irrigation, 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 was made to pay the Christensen Well & Irrigation bill by Bartling and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was

taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. Christensen abstained and signed a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement.

A motion to adjourn 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. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for October 11, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer