

The Hartington City Council met on March 27, 2023 at the city hall for their regular meeting beginning at 5:00 P.M. Notice of time and place of the meeting was given in advance notice by posting. Notice of time and place of the meeting was communicated in the advanced notice to the mayor and council.

Present were Mayor Becker; Councilman Bartling, Christensen and Sudbeck; City Clerk-Treasurer de Waal and Deputy Clerk Hines and Legal Advisor Pier. Councilman Kathol was absent.

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 minutes of the February 27, 2023 meeting and February's Treasurer Report was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – abstain, Sudbeck – yes, Becker – yes. Motion carried.

The Hartington Economic Development Group's LB840 drawdown request was discussed next. The payment is to the Hartington Economic Development Group for the annual Yates industrial park payment totaling \$11,402.47 and real estate taxes on the industrial park totaling \$697.66. A motion to approve the LB840 drawdown request was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

There are two vacant positions on the board of health that need to be filled. Council President Christensen and Dr. Amy Rief-Elks are the newly elected candidates to fill the position on the board. A motion to approve Council President Christensen and Dr. Amy Rief-Elks to the board of health was made by Councilman Sudbeck and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – abstained, Sudbeck – yes, Becker – yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Sudbeck discussed with the council a quote for getting a suspended ceiling install at the auditorium. Councilman Sudbeck asked to exceed the budget by \$25,000 to cover what was quoted for materials and labor as well as light installation. A motion to exceed the budget by \$25,000 was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The February 2023 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Zimmer. There were 258 ½ hours patrolled. School traffic was 4 hours. Calls of service were 1 EPC and 2 assist other agency. Traffic stops were 2 verbal warnings, 1 written warning, and 1 citation. There was zero arrest.

Clerk de Waal shared some information with the council about ordinance recodification through American Legal Publishing. At clerk school there was information provided about American Legal Publishing; an organization that helps town recodify ordinances. They take a look at your current ordinances and see if there is any inconsistency with state and federal law as well as state statutes. They also provide you with a website that has all of our ordinances, creating a more user friendly web base to search for information. The council asked Legal Advisor Piers opinion on the information provided and after some discussion it was decided that this was not needed.

The Fourth Amendment to Water Tower Attachment Communication Site Agreement was the next item on the agenda. Legal Advisor Pier stated the amendment looked good from a legal standpoint, however, he cannot comment on the structure analysis report. Clerk de Waal informed the council that they want to replace the four antennas we currently have and add an additional two antennas. There would be a \$100 increase in rent with the addition of the two new antennas. A motion to approve Fourth Amendment to Water Tower Attachment Communication Site Agreement was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Kathol: absent

Pool – Councilman Bartling: Have most of our pool staff figured out. Some miscellaneous items were purchases for the pool.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: The press box is done and cracks are being filled to prepare for the track meet tomorrow. There was some vandalism at the auditorium; a hole was punched into the bathroom wall. Also spoke with Dave Noecker about a quote for installing a magnet to keep the

second door closed. It was quoted to be about \$800.00. Instead of spending that we should just keep the one door locked so no one can unlock it.

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: none

General – Mayor Becker: Will be meeting with the board of health next week to do a house inspection.

Steve Pier – None

Clerk de Waal – We were contacted by Bob Hanover with Great Park Pursuit to see if Hartington had any interest in participating this year. Each year they reach out to different towns and ask if they want to participate in the event. It's almost like a scavenger hunt to find each post. They provide us with the materials needed. Each town that has a post has a clue to find the next post and citizens have to take a picture of the post to show they have found it. The cost is \$10.

Deputy Clerk Hines – none

Public Comments: None

The following bills were presented for payments:

General: EMC Insurance Companies 8,714.09, Hartington – Newcastle Public School District 3,735.00, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds. LLP 500.00.

Streets: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 773.99, Bank of Hartington 2,353.56, Bomgaars 710.28, EMC Insurance Companies 1,329.01, Nebraska Department of Transportation 1,730.40, USABLE Life 14.50.

Water: Cedar-Knox Public Power District 340.33, Christensen Well & Irrigation Inc. 24,517.84, Feilmeier Electric 2,082.02, J. Heikes 92.94, JEO 1,000.00, Municipal Supply, Inc 159.22, NE Public Health Environment Lab 274.00.

Sewer: Bomgaars 21.68, EMC Insurance Companies 1,434.73, Feilmeier Electric 623.44, Signature Sewer Pumping 1,000.00.

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,217.74, Bomgaars 9.99, EMC Insurance Companies 1,223.30, J. Heikes 70.00, USABLE Life 29.00.

Fire: Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc. 2,282.50, Bomgaars 38.97, Dearborn National Life Insurance Company 6.88, EMC Insurance Companies 528.58, Feilmeier Electric 78.94, Rural Fire Board 10,060.09.

Ambulance: Bomgaars 14.99, EMC Insurance Companies 347.36, H. Thoene 104.00, K. Lammers 104.00, Teleflex, LLC 194.50.

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 53.00.

Parks: Feilmeier Electric 75.00.

Complex: R. Kathol 1,778.60, R. Sudbeck 439.92.

Library: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 5,853.72, Eakes Office Solutions 101.64, Floor Tex Langdon Corporation 475.00, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 411.15, Midwest Tape 160.17, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 175.00, Quill Corporation 475.99, USABLE Life 29.00.

City Hall: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 570.37, D. de Waal 376.77, D. Fischer 100.00, Holiday Inn 574.75, M. Hines 91.53, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 70.00, USABLE Life 13.50.

Economic Development: USABLE Life 14.50.

Transfer Station: Cedar-Knox Public Power District 1,286.59, Deere Credit, Inc. 461.28, EMC Insurance Companies 528.58, Olson's Pest Technicians 75.00.

Payroll for February 2023 was 46,085.24

A motion to pay the bills except for Christensen Well and R. Sudbeck and in addition to pay bills to CRA Community Redevelopment Authority for 827.21 and Peitz GMC for 48,528.47 was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen –yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion to pay the Christensen Well bill was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – abstain, Sudbeck – yes, Becker – yes. Motion carried. A motion to pay bill to R. Sudbeck was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – abstain, Becker – yes. Motion carried. Councilman Christensen and Councilman Sudbeck both signed a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM. The next scheduled meeting is April 10, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniella de Waal
City Clerk-Treasurer