

The Hartington City Council met on May 15, 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, Kathol and Sudbeck; City Clerk-Treasurer de Waal and Deputy Clerk Hines. Legal Advisory Pier was absent.

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 5:02 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 May 01, 2023 meeting and April 2023 treasurer's report was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker presented a check for \$250.00 to the Pleasant Dale 4H Club. This check was rewarded to the Pleasant Dale 4H Club by ACE, the Public Alliance for Community Energy, for their participation in a community clean up initiative program.

The April 2023 Cedar County Sheriff's Report was distributed by Deputy Thoene. There were 384 ³/₄ hours patrolled. School traffic was 6 ³/₄ hours. Calls of service were 2 traffic control, 1 accident, and 2 criminal mischiefs. Traffic stops were 0 verbal warning, 1 written warning, and 2 citations. There was 1 arrest made.

Building permits for Alton Heimes – Machine Shed, Alton Heimes – Utility Shed, Trent and Shelly Becker – Deck, and Cedar-Know Public Power – Addition to building were presented. A motion to approve the building permits was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Louis Bencoter approached the City Council to get approval for a street address, 613 S Madison Ave, for his construction loan as well as discussing installing a septic tank instead of a lift station on his property. A motion to approve street address 612 S Madison Ave was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. Bencoter and the Council discussed the sewer line hook up on his property and the cost involved of running the sewer line/lift station to the location of his house. A more cost effective avenue is installing a septic tank instead. No action was taken on the septic tank; this will be addressed at the next council meeting.

Clerk de Waal shared with the council that we got our annual Cedarvision franchise check this month; the amount is \$7,560.56. Councilman Kathol arrived at 5:13 PM.

The Interlocal Agreement for the Use of School Buses was presented and reviewed. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping Complex Maintenance Agreement was presented and discussed. The cost of the services stayed the same as the previous year, which amounts to \$10,200.00, with monthly payable installments of \$1,700.00 from June to November. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling –yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Another agreement from X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping was presented and discussed. This agreement is for maintenance at Felber Park Baseball field. Mayor Becker informed the council that in previous years Ryan Heimes and Bill McTaggart did the maintenance for the ball field. With a little extra expense towards the ball field we are hoping to have it look similar to the complex. The cost of this service is \$7,800.00, payable in monthly installments of \$1,300.00 from June to November. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was using ARPA funds towards our contracted law enforcement service bills. Clerk de Waal stated that our accountant is okay with using ARPA funds towards these expenses as long as the council approves it. We have currently spent \$108,297.32 towards our contracted law enforcement services from the start of our fiscal year to current day. Mayor Becker said by doing this we can help with our general fund in the green. A motion to approve using ARPA funds towards our contracted law enforcement services was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman

Kathol. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Kathol: Cement at Felber Park was poured.

Pool – Councilman Bartling: Pool is getting cleaned and will be filled within the week.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: For the complex Sam Fischer with Fischer track will be visiting on June 8th to inspect and give us an analysis on our track. The new scoreboard will be installed Thursday. For the auditorium we were denied the grant to help with the expenses for the new extended ceiling, but will be moving forward with the project.

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: I have spoken to our legal council to help with the Sherry Bear issue.

Legal Advisor Pier: Absent

Clerk de Waal: Carson Noecker was awarded \$1,000.00 through the 2022-23 Gatorade Nebraska Boys Cross Country Player of the Year and is donating the money to the Hartington Soccer Youth Program.

Deputy Clerk Hines: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked if the new scoreboard is going to be daktronic like the previous one and how much the new scoreboard costs. Councilman Sudbeck said yes and it is \$30,000.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: CRA Community Redevelopment Authority 827.21, FP Finance Program 115.98, Floral Designs 126.26, Hartelco 330.61, Hartington Shopper 166.00, NE Nebraska News Company 462.06.

Streets: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 773.99, BOKF, NA 3,176.25, Bank of Hartington 166.66, Black Hills Energy 213.48, Carhart Lumber Co. 120.58, Colonial Life 27.22, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 970.88, Fischer Feed & Supply 12.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC 454.76, Grossenburg Implement 76.26, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts, Inc. 106.15, Kruse True Value 31.99, Marsh Farms 2,418.50, Nebraska Public Power District 6,241.97, U.S. Cellular 75.39, Usable Life 14.50.

Water: Burnell's Foodtown 109.08, Cedar-Know Public Power District 1,316.66, Hawkins, Inc. 1,599.16, JEO 983.75, Ne Public Health Environment Lab 830.00, Nebraska Public Power District 645.69, One Call Concepts, Inc 23.61, G. Pedersen (13.00), Peitz Service 93.33.

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 89.15, Hartelco 66.60, Kruse True Value 15.16, Midwest Laboratories, Inc. 865.02, Nebraska Public Power District 5,543.33, Northeast Ag Consulting 300.00, One Call Concepts, Inc 23.62, G. Pedersen 39.78, USA Blue Book 944.98.

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,217.74, Bank of Hartington 83.33, Colonial Life 129.66, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 130.12, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC 507.97, L.P. Gill, Inc 6,044.01, Peitz Service 160.71, Stop N Go 499.22, Usable Life 29.00.

Fire: Black Hills Energy 77.68, Dearborn National Life Ins. Co. 127.12, Danko Emergency Eq. Co. 824.62, Eakes Office Solutions 311.73, Hartelco 45.73, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts Inc.26.25, Hartington Shopper 283.50, Jerry's Service 29.00, Leise Lawn Care 200.00, Nebraska Public Power District 295.64, Peitz Service 1,298.47, STOP N GO 135.65, Yankton Janitorial Supply Inc. 158.00.

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,551.04.

Ambulance: Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 391.50, Black Hills Energy 77.38, Burnell's Foodtown 106.89, D & J Variety 13.98, Emergency Medical Products 789.09, Eakes Office

Solutions 311.73, Hartelco 45.74, J. Dailey 104.00, K. Lammers 68.12, Matheson Tri Gas 110.65 , Nebraska Public Power District 232.49, Pomp’s Tire Service Inc. 1,174.44, Peitz Service 367.82, Tri-State Communications, Inc., 382.00, U.S. Cellular 196.41.

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 53.00.

Recreation: Nebraska Public Power District 126.32.

Pool: Black Hills Energy 38.60, Nebraska Public Power District 97.74.

Parks: Central Valley Ag 271.03, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 34.48, Kruse True Value 79.23, Nebraska Public Power District 595.43, NE Nebraska New Company 172.32, Plumbing & Electric 155.59, R. Eickoff 723.15.

Complex: Carhart Lumber Co. 1,297.54, City of Hartington 50.00, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 14.87, Fischer Feed & Supply 65.00, Hartelco 44.04, Marsh Farms 2,418.51, Nebraska Public Power District 154.74, Randy Kathol Construction 1,028.79, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, LLC 2,460.20.

Library: T. Anderson 250.00, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 5,853.72, Bank of Hartington 333.34, D & J Variety 64.90, Fischer Feed & Supply 6.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Services Inc. 341.86, Hartelco 155.12, Kruse True Value 9.28, Nebraska Public Power District 526.16, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, LLC 58.86, USABLE LIFE 29.00.

City Hall: Blue Cross/Blue Shield or Nebraska 570.37, Bank of Hartington 83.33, Black Hills Energy 20.54, Colonial Life 146.24, D & J Variety 99.34, D. Fischer 100.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Services Inc. 312.56, Hometown Leasing 62.05, International Institute M.C. 185.00, Kruse True Hardware 12.99, NE Neb. Clerks Asso. 20.00, Nebraska Public Power District 524.66, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 135.00, USABLE LIFE 13.50.

Auditorium: Appera 63.56, Black Hills Energy 68.46, Kruse True Value 33.48, Nebraska Public Power District 182.86, R & R Services, LLC 105.44, X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 360.00.

Economic Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 200.40, Hartelco 49.10, Hometown Leasing 31.02, USABLE LIFE 14.50.

Transfer Station: Cedar Knox Public Power Dist. 215.37, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 313.84, Fischer Feed & Supply 65.00, Gill Hauling, Inc. 1,066.59, Hartelco 46.52, Jerry’s Service 102.12, Olson’s Pest Technicians 75.00, Sanitation Products, Inc. 847.36.

Total payroll for the month of April 2023 was \$53,693.19.

A motion by Councilman Bartling was made to pay the bills and Councilman Christensen seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling –yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Kathol – yes, Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM. The next scheduled meeting is June 12, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniella de Waal
City Clerk-Treasurer