

The Hartington City Council met for a public hearing and their regular meeting on June 26, 2023 at city hall 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, and Sudbeck ; City Clerk-Benscoter, Deputy Clerk-Hines; and Legal Advisory-Pier. Councilman Christensen and Kathol were absent.

Mayor Becker called the regular meeting to order at 5:01 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 June 12, 2023 meeting was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, Becker – yes. Motion carried.

LB840 Loan No. 20230626 was introduced by Mayor Becker. Mayor Becker informed the council that this recommendation is for a \$30,000 loan for Nathan Potts/Potts Taxidermy for 15 years at 0% interest. A motion to approve LB840 Loan No. 20230626 was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, Becker – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker provided information on the Skylon Ballroom Project. He informed council there is a person interested in possibly moving the building or the city could take over the project to move the building. The end of June, 2024 is the last event scheduled in the building and at that time there will be two options left for the building: to demolition it or to move it. Mayor Becker stated he wanted to get with the public to see what they would like done. There is an option for the city to move the building and then lease it out to a third party. Councilman Sudbeck stated they have received some inquiries from a couple architectural firms and could begin contacting people to get recommendations and bids. Councilman Bartling agreed that the council should start looking into the matter more. Mayor Becker stated council would need to look into if the move would be cost effective for the city, and to look into planning, grants, and other sources of funding. He stated the bathroom appeared to be the current main issue, but otherwise would keep the original structure as is.

Clerk Benscoter stated Big Hair Brewhaus applied for a Special Designated Liquor License and a request to block Broadway Avenue from Main Street to Anderson Body Shop for Hartington Dayz on August 12, 2023. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Bartling and Seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, Becker – yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Benscoter stated Big Hair Brewhaus applied for a Special Designated Liquor License for the Hotel Hartington Events Center for an event on August 11, 2023. A motion to approve was made by Council Sudbeck and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, Becker – yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Bartling told the council he has been approached by NPPD about putting in a new street light on the north side of the entryway to the new wrestling building on 1<sup>st</sup> street and Summit. He stated the city would need to take ownership and be responsible to pay the electric bill so there would be a small increase in the monthly electric bill. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sudbeck and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, Becker – yes. Motion carried.

#### Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Kathol: Absent

Pool –Council Bartling: There have been no issues with the pool and a new pump that was budgeted for last year along with light bulbs from Cedar Knox were recently delivered.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Another track company has been contacted for estimates as council needs to have a couple bids. The concrete was poured today at the Complex concession/storage building and work will begin on the building within a week or so. Work on the ceiling at the Auditorium will start in about 3 weeks.

Fire/Ambulance– Councilman Christensen: Absent.

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: None

Clerk Bencoter: None.

Deputy Clerk Hines: None.

Public Comments: Ron Dump with Cedar County News asked for clarification on the LB840 loan and Mayor Becker reviewed the amount and interest. Ron Dump asked if 0% interest is common and Mayor Becker explained that it was for an LB840 loan.

The following bills were presented for payments:

General: EMC Insurance Companies 7,867.56.

Streets: BOKF, NA 55,071.25, Black Hills Energy 142.68, Diamond Vogel Paints 2,289.00, EMC Insurance Companies 2,289.60, Grossenburg Implement 600.00, Leise Concrete 1,725.00, Rose Equipment, Inc. 555.42, Usable Life 14.50 .

Water: Cedar-Knox Public Power District 1,552.63, EMC Insurance Companies 899.93, Nebraska Health Laboratory 296.50.

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 67.86, EMC Insurance Companies 1,295.36, Leise Concrete 2,050.00.

Sanitation: EMC Insurance Companies 1,104.45, Global Equipment Company Inc. 7,200.00, Kaiser Heating & Cooling, Inc. 189.00, Pomp's Tire Service Inc. 397.00, Usable Life 29.00.

Fire: Black Hills Energy 19.30, EMC Insurance Companies 477.23, Feilmeier Electric 156.01, Garvin's CB Shop 126.00, Overhead Door Co. of Sioux City 2,004.00.

Ambulance: Black Hills Energy 19.30, EMC Insurance Companies 313.62, Garvin's CB Shop 260.00.

Recreation: Leise Concrete 725.00

Pool: Blair Swim Meet 25.00, Black Hills Energy 835.02, Fremont YMCA 25.00, Hawkins Inc. 1,785.91, Melyna McGregor 19.25, United Industries Incorporated 2,130.08.

Parks: H&N Repair, LLC 666.77, Leise Concrete 450.00, Meyer, Inc. 1,700.00, Sheila's Country Gardens 447.18, Yankton Janitorial Supply, Inc. 357.20.

Complex: Concrete Product Co. 4,618.00, Yankton Janitorial Supply, Inc. 357.20,

Library: Tami Anderson 250.00, Black Hills Energy 7.81, Collaborative Summer Library Program 216.48, DATA443 Risk Mitigation, Inc. 97.52, Eakes Office Solutions 37.02, Glenn Miller 125.00, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 395.31, Midwest Tape 26.24, Omaha World Herald 265.20, Penworthy 14.00, Toby KID Klauenberg 445.00, Usable Life 29.00.

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 48.36, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 285.00, Usable Life 13.50, Brittni Bencoter 53.49.

Auditorium: Appera 65.73, Black Hills Energy 100.53.

Economic Development: Usable Life 14.50

Transfer Station: Cedar-Knox Public Power District 129.78, Deere Credit 922.56, EMC Insurance 477.23, Olson's Pest Technicians, Pomp's Tire Service, Inc. 70.00.

Councilman Sudbeck read off two additional bills added by Clerk Bencoter: Hartelco 960.38 and Tami Anderson 250.00.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Becker and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, Becker – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM. The next scheduled meeting is July 10, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittini Bencoter  
City Clerk-Treasurer