



# HARTINGTON TOWN HALL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2024





# Tonight's Topics

- City Maintenance Building
- Skylon Ballroom
- Cost to taxpayers
- Petition & Voting Process



# City Maintenance Building

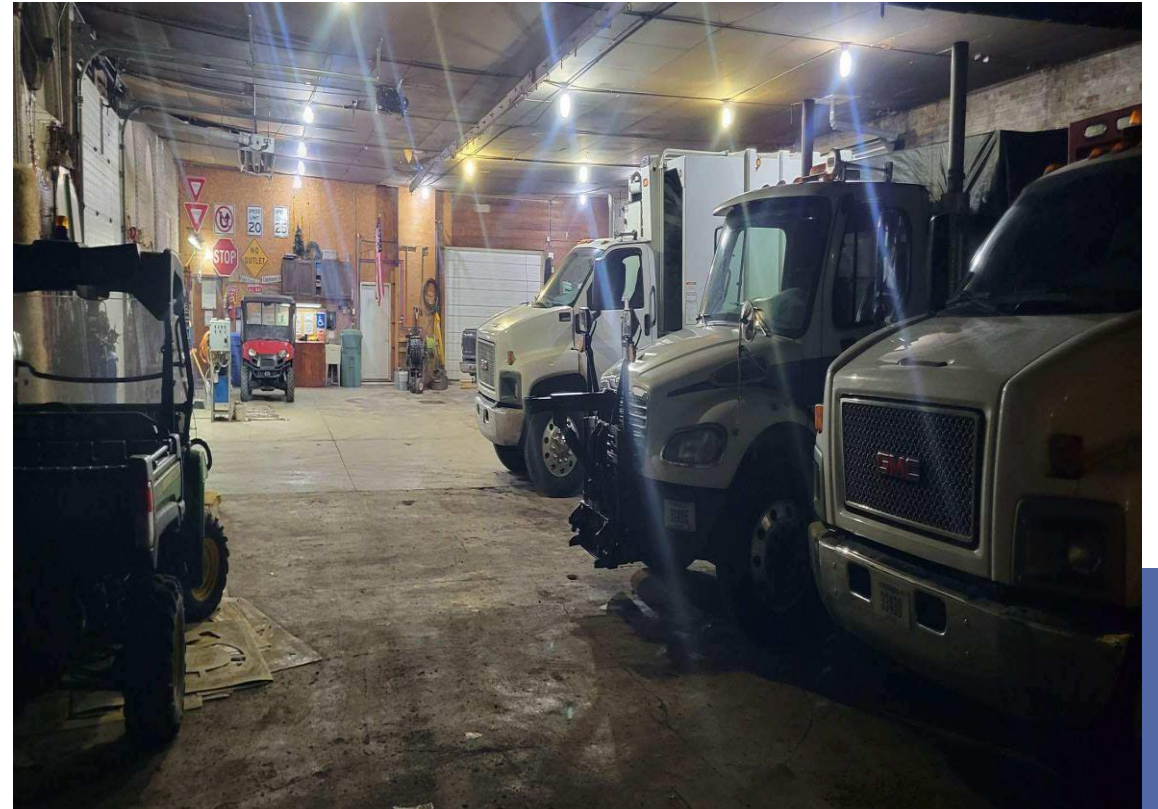






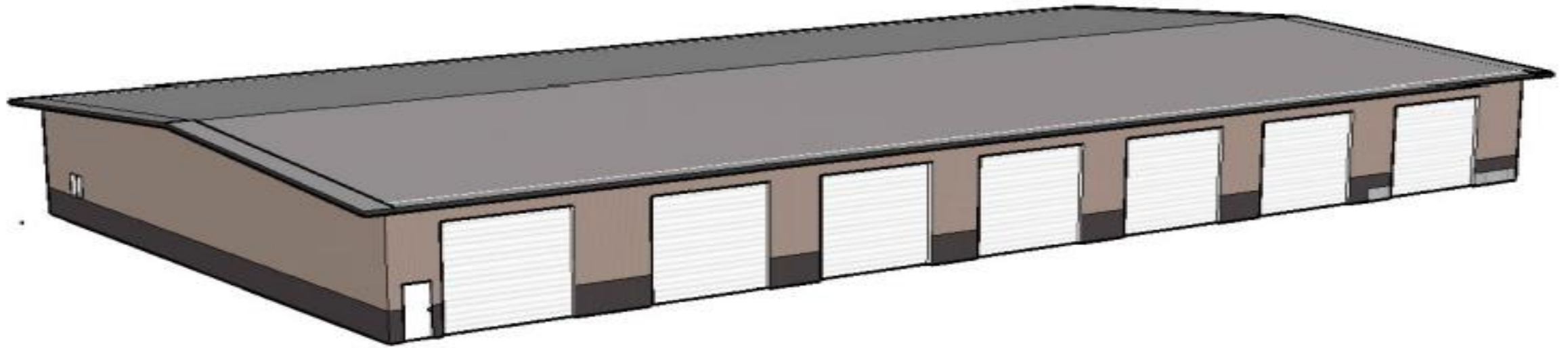






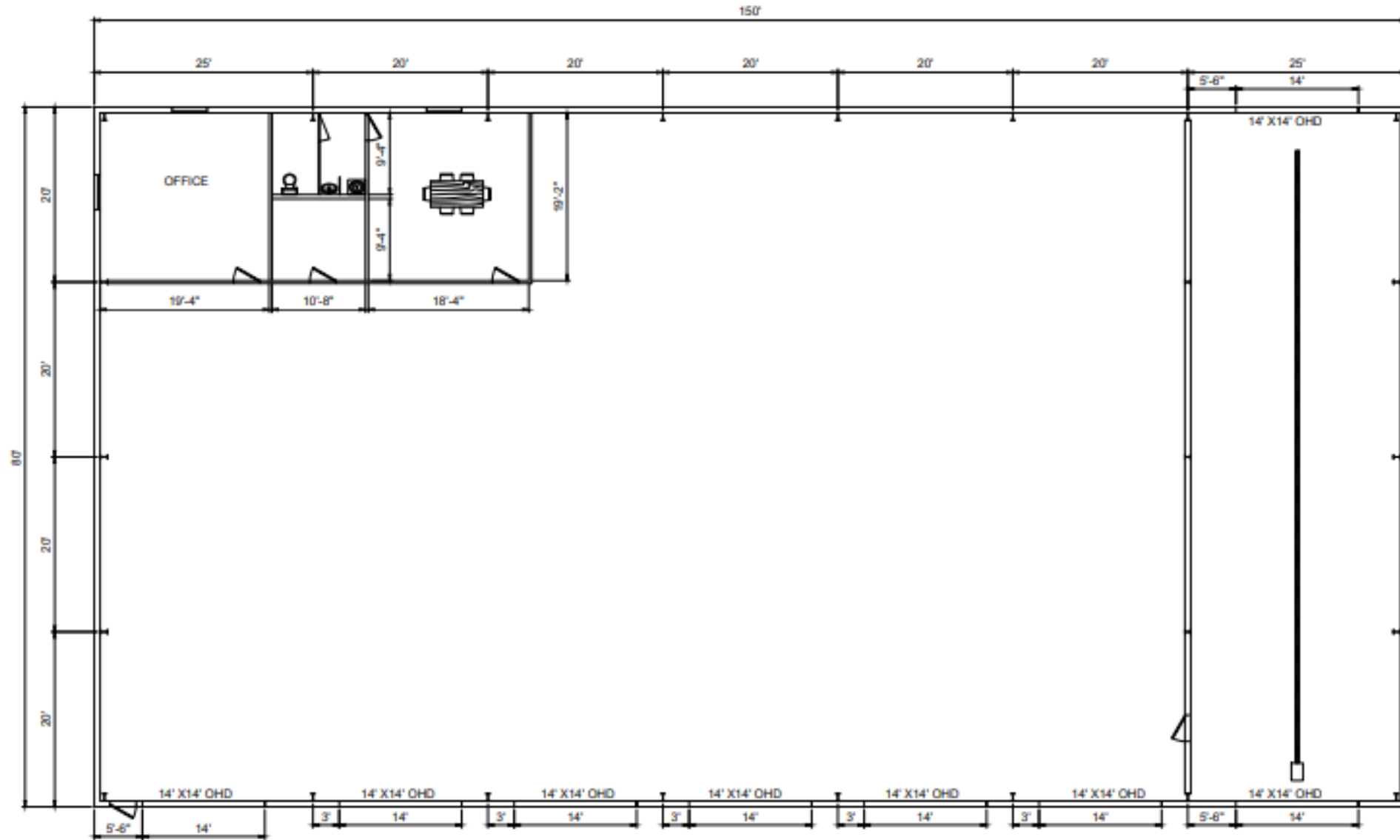






# Proposed City Maintenance Building





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# Similar to current Fire/Ambulance Building





# Skylon Ballroom

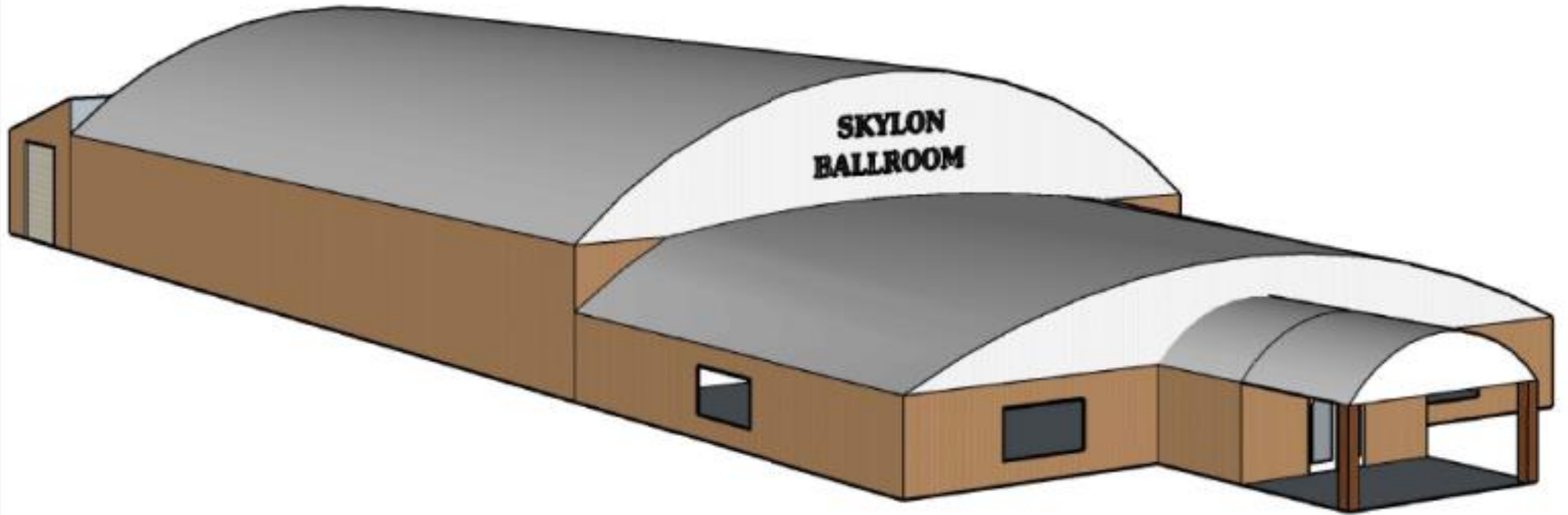


# Skylon Ballroom

The Skylon Ballroom was built by Ferdie Peitz and completed in 1952. Peitz originally owned Homewood Park Dance Hall in Wynot, but had issues with flooding, so decided to change locations. Some of the wood from the floor of Homewood was used for the floor and inside of the new Skylon building. Construction was done by Clarence Hoelsing and his construction crew and was finished in 1952. The Skylon was inducted into the Nebraska Music Association Hall of Fame and the Nebraska Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1996. Many famous musicians have graced the Skylon stage like Louis Armstrong, Glenn Miller, and Guy Lombardo. The Skylon continues to play an important part in the traditions and memories of the Hartington community.



# Skylon Renovation

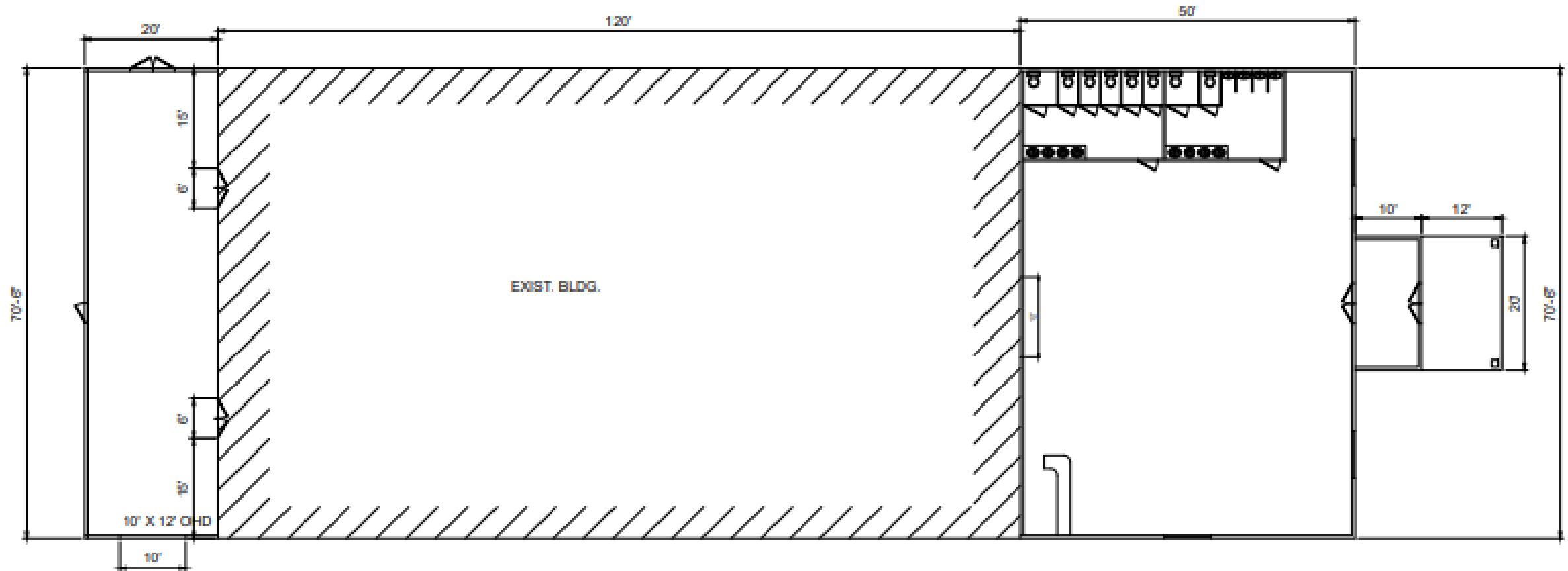


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# Economic Impact

- The average wedding in Nebraska costs \$21,000 (Source:theknot.com)
- Local businesses benefit from weddings being held in Hartington other than the venue itself.
  - Caterers
  - Florists
  - Bars/restaurants
  - Hotels/Lodging
  - Photographers/videographer
  - Seamstress
  - Gas Stations/Convenience Store
  - Other Venues(rehearsals/showers)
  - Gift shops
  - Bakers
  - Hair/nail salons
  - And more



# Economic Impact



- The City of Hartington received \$25,265.23 in Occupation(Hotel)Tax in 2023
- The Skylon could be used for more than just weddings!
  - Family gathering/funerals/reunions, etc.
  - Concerts/Music events
  - Regular roller skating for the kids
  - Craft/Art shows
  - Sales
  - Conventions/Meetings
  - Entertainment
- If we do not have a facility of any kind people will be forced to host all weddings out of town and will most likely take that related business out of town with them as well.



# City of Hartington – 20 Year general obligation skylon

Estimated Valuation: \$106,003,513  
Bond Proceeds: \$1,600,000  
Estimated Annual Level D/S: \$118,381

Valuation	Levy	Annually	Monthly	Daily
75,000	0.1117	83.76	6.98	0.23
100,000	0.1117	111.68	9.31	0.31
150,000	0.1117	167.51	13.96	0.46
250,000	0.1117	279.19	23.27	0.76

# City of Hartington – 20 Year general obligation City shop building

Estimated Valuation: \$106,003,513  
Bond Proceeds: \$1,300,000  
Estimated Annual Level D/S: \$96,185

Valuation	Levy	Annually	Monthly	Daily
75,000	0.0907	68.05	5.67	0.19
100,000	0.0907	90.74	7.56	0.25
150,000	0.0907	136.11	11.34	0.37
250,000	0.0907	226.84	18.90	0.62

# City of Hartington – 20 Year general obligation skylon & City shop building

Estimated Valuation: \$106,003,513  
Bond Proceeds: \$2,900,000  
Estimated Annual Level D/S: \$214,566

Valuation	Levy	Annually	Monthly	Daily
75,000	0.2024	151.81	12.65	0.42
100,000	0.2024	202.41	16.87	0.55
150,000	0.2024	303.62	25.30	0.83
250,000	0.2024	506.04	42.17	1.39



# Petition & Voting Process

- Petition- 10% of registered voters who voted in last election(approximately 94 signatures)
  - -Must be registered voter within Hartington city limits
- Certified by Cedar County election officials
- Ballot issues goes to voters at May election
- Two ballot issues



# Skylon Issue

- *“Shall the City of Hartington, Nebraska, borrow money and pledge the property and credit of the City upon its negotiable bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) for the purpose of purchasing and moving an existing building known as the Skylon Ballroom, paying the costs of related modifications, furnishings, equipment and improvements to or related to such facilities, and purchasing real estate for such building and improvements; with such bonds to be issued in one or more series, at such time or times, to bear interest at such rate or rates, to be sold at such prices and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by, or determined at the direction of the Mayor and Council of the City of Hartington; and*
- *“Shall the City cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes on the taxable value of all the taxable property in the City, in addition to all other taxes, if not paid from other revenue sources, in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as such principal and interest become due?”*

# City Shop Issue

- *“Shall the City of Hartington, Nebraska, borrow money and pledge the property and credit of the City upon its negotiable bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of acquisition and construction of a building for general use of the city including public works and other functions, together with furnishings and equipment; with such bonds to be issued in one or more series, at such time or times, to bear interest at such rate or rates, to be sold at such prices and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by, or determined at the direction of the Mayor and Council of the City of Hartington; and*
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# NEW City of Hartington Text Service

## City of Hartington, NE Text Alerts!

Get city updates sent directly to your phone via text message.

TextMyGov™

The graphic illustrates the sign-up process for City of Hartington text alerts. On the left, a smartphone screen displays a text conversation. At the top, it says 'CITY ALERTS 91896' with a bell icon. A green bubble from 'HARTINGTON' says 'You've requested to join our text notification list. Reply 'YES' to opt-in.' A grey bubble from the user says 'Yes'. Another grey bubble says 'You have successfully opted-in.' At the bottom, a text input field contains 'HARTINGTON' with a green arrow button. Below the input field are icons for 123, globe, voice, space, and return. To the right of the phone, a white box with a green border contains the text 'Sign up to receive city text message notifications!' followed by 'Opt-in today.' and 'Text HARTINGTON to: 91896'. A green 'TextMyGov' logo is in the top right corner of the graphic area.

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