

The Hartington City Council met for their regular meeting on July 8th, 2024 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, Christensen, and Sudbeck; City Clerk-Treasurer Benscoter, Deputy Clerk Schulte, and Legal Counsel Nikki Brandt. Councilman Kathol was absent.

Mayor Becker opened the public hearing for Wintz Ventures LLC Class L Liquor License application at 5:00 P.M. Jason Wintz was present and stated he was taking over the brewing section of Brewhaus. He stated the bar would remain with the present owner and himself would take over the brewing and sell to Brewhaus. Mayor Becker asked if he would sell to other businesses and he stated at this time he will brew 250 barrels a year and he can sell to other businesses. He stated if he began canning, then he could sell to places such as Keith's Liquor. Mayor Becker closed the public hearing at 5:02 P.M.

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 meetings 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 from the June 24th, 2024 meeting and June, 2024 Treasurer's report was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker presented the Class L Liquor License Application for Wintz Ventures LLC. There were no further questions. A motion to approve the Class L Liquor License Application for Wintz Ventures LLC was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

LeRoy Hansen presented the building permit for Marvin Grindvold. He explained this was a request for a garage/storage shed on his property. There were no further questions. A motion to approve the building permit for Marvin Grindvold to build a garage/storage shed was made by Councilman Sudbeck and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Sudbeck introduced Resolution 20240708 – Sale of 1995 GMC Tractor Truck Conventional WG (Old Transfer Station Semi) by sale of Auction on Big Iron Auctions. A motion to approve Resolution 20240708 – Sale of 1995 GMC Tractor Truck Conventional WG (Old Transfer Station Semi) was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker introduced the Special Designated Liquor (SDL) License request from Wildcat Properties dba Bewhaus for Hartington Dayz. Clerk Benscoter explained this request and the subsequent request are for outside sales of alcohol during Hartington Dayz. She explained the second request for Brewhaus was for outside of The Globe to sell alcohol for them. A motion to approve the SDL License request from Wildcat Properties dba Brewhaus outside 306 N. Broadway was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker introduced the SDL from Wildcat Properties dba Bewhaus for Hartington Dayz outside the property of 301 N. Broadway (The Globe). A motion to approve the SDL for Wildcat Properties dba Brewhuas for Hartington Dayz outside the property of 301 N. Broadway was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker introduced the SDL from Broadway Lanes for Hartington Dayz. A motion to approve the SDL for Broadway Lanes for Hartington Dayz was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker introduced the LB840 loan application request for Cedar County News. The request was for \$32,500 for 10 years at 0% interest. Mayor Becker asked Rob Dump to elaborate on his request. He stated they are wanting to get the building fixed up so they can be able to retire someday. He stated they are wanting to work on the marble floor and carpet among other things. A motion to approve the LB840 loan application to Cedar County New for \$32,500, 10 years at 0% interest 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: There was a swim meet at the pool the other night and a lot of people were in attendance. Rob Dump asked if the City can open up the baseball field parking as parking was an issue. Councilman Bartling stated that would be possible and was an oversight this year, but would do that for next year's swim meet.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Tonight is the last night for boys' little league and girls has ended already. Next will be soccer and youth football at the Complex.

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: nothing.

General – Mayor Becker: He attended the fireworks show put on by Fly By Night Fireworks which was very well attended and put on, but it was worrisome to see the amount of children near and in the Highway. He would like to look into being able to shut down the Highway next year with the State and Clerk Benscoter will look into this option. He would also like to get with the Chamber and see if they would be willing to donate \$1,000 towards fireworks and have an even bigger show for Hartington.

Legal Counsel Nikki Brandt: none

Clerk Benscoter: The Cedar County Clerk, Jessica Schmit, sent an email out to the city clerks in Cedar County explaining that the County will be doing their aerial photos once every three years now and are asking if there is any interest from the cities as it can be beneficial in zoning or disasters, and if so, they are asking the cities to contribute \$5,000-\$10,000 per year. Councilman Christensen and Councilman Bartling stated there are free aerial sites to be used for those purposes currently and do not see a need to spend the money. Legal Counsel Brandt stated the email does state that Kevin Garvin stated aerial shots would be necessary for FEMA money if a disaster strikes. Clerk Benscoter stated we currently have older aerial photos, but if a new development or something significant changes within the City, we probably should look at new aerial shots at that time.

Deputy Clerk Schulte: none

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked if there was any new information on the City Shop and Convention Center. Mayor Becker stated the City is currently working on the replat and rezoning necessary to build the shop and hopefully they should have bid packages ready to go soon. He stated the goal is to have the cement poured before winter. He stated regarding the Skylon, there was still some activity there, but nothing to report at this time and hopefully there will be something to report by next meeting.

The following bills were presented for payments:

General: D & J Variety 9.98, EMC Insurance 9,750.83, FP Finance Program 115.98, Hartelco 303.90, Kruse True Value 269.00, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus & Reynolds, LLP 500.00, Cornhusker Marriott Hotel 238.00, Northeast Nebraska News Company 401.18.

Streets: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska 2,260.90, Colonial Life 27.22, EMC Insurance Companies 1,487.13, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 616.63, Franklin Templeton Investor Services LLC 1,029.74, Grossenburg Implement 600.00, Kruse True Value 24.99, Leise Concrete 8,512.00, Landmark Surveying Associates 866.00, Peitz Service 65.11, U.S. Cellular 218.58, Usable Life 14.50, Wiechelman's Repair Shop 22.50.

Water: EMC Insurance Companies 1,115.37, Hartington Tree 650.00, K. Leader 60.10, Nebraska Rural Water Association 400.00, One Call Concepts, Inc. 17.71, Plumbing and Electric 4,636.87, H. & F. Schneider 31.51.

Sewer: EMC Insurance Companies 1,605.42, Hartelco 66.60, One Call Concepts, Inc. 17.71, Plumbing & Electric 636.18.

Sanitation: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,466.92, Colonial Life 129.66, EMC Insurance Companies 1,368.83, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 466.65, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts, Inc. 19.36, K. Leader 70.00, H. & F. Schneider 70.00, U.S. Cellular 82.84, Usable Life 14.50.

Fire: Dearborn National Life Insurance Co. 123.68, Danko Emergency Equipment Co. 9,460.00, EMC Insurance Companies 591.47, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 98.30, Dixie Fischer 75.00, Hartelco 45.99, Peitz Service 28.56.

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,667.86.

Ambulance: Ambill Associates LLC 2,170.00, Burnell's Foodtown 34.65, EMC Insurance Companies 388.68, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 232.09, Dixie Fischer 75.00, Hartelco 46.00, MacQueen Equipment LLC 52.00, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc. 119.31, U.S. Cellular 139.53.

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 55.65, Maverick Heine 950.00, Toby Heine 950.00.

Pool: Burnell's Foodtown 16.18, Hawkins Inc. 3,079.55, Hartelco 102.94, Kruse True Value 49.32, Yankton Janitorial Supplies 232.95.

Parks: Carhart Lumber Co. 81.05, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 256.95, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts Inc. 15.51, Jerry's Service 198.48, Kruse True Value 93.06, Martin's Flag Co. Inc. 334.19, Pearson Motor Co. 29.99.

Complex: Hartelco 44.57, Plumbing & Electric 279.15, X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 1,700.00, Yankton Janitorial Supply, Inc. 59.20.

Library: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska 6,290.67, Burnell's Foodtown 14.98, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 380.04, Hartelco 161.44, Kruse True Value 33.47, Usable Life 29.00.

City Hall: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska 2,215.51, Burnell's Foodtown 13.99, Colonial Life 140.18, Dixie Fischer 100.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Services LLC 472.96, Hometown Leasing 62.05, Usable Life 14.50.

Auditorium: Appeara 78.06.

Economic Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services LLC 249.12, Hartelco 50.75, Hometown Leasing 31.02, Usable Life 14.50.

Transfer Station: EMC Insurance Companies 591.47, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil 234.53, Gill Hauling, Inc. 2,346.36, Hartelco 47.19, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts, inc. 5.49, Jerry's Service 549.50, Peitz Service 11,436.67.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM. The next scheduled meeting is July 22nd, 2024.

The Sherriff's report was not presented during the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittini Benscoter
City Clerk-Treasurer