

The Hartington City Council met in regular session on February 23, 2026, at City Hall beginning at 5:00 p.m. Notice of the time and place of the meeting was given in advance by posting.

Present were Mayor Becker; Councilmembers Bartling, Christensen, Kathol, and Sudbeck; City Clerk-Treasurer Schulte; and Legal Counsel Nikki Brandt.

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Council then considered approval of the minutes of the February 9, 2026 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 9 meeting was made by Councilman Kathol and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken: Bartling – yes; Christensen – yes; Kathol – yes; Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed building permit applications submitted for Jerry Service fuel pump installations. Jerry Dendinger explained that the project includes the installation of a self-service diesel system consisting of buried storage tanks and pump systems. The proposed location is along Highway 57, where existing storage tanks currently span two adjacent properties. Because the tanks are located on separate parcels, two separate building permit applications were required. A motion to approve both building permits was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken: Bartling – yes; Christensen – yes; Kathol – yes; Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker presented a Special Designated Liquor License application for Cedar Catholic High School for a fundraising event to be held at the Cedar Catholic–Msgr. Cyril J. Werner Activity Center on March 21, 2026. A motion to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Cedar Catholic High School 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.

Mayor Becker introduced a request to close E. Main Street from the intersection of N. Madison Street to N. Capitol Street for an auction to be held in front of R & B Land Tiling on March 6, 2026, from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A motion to approve the street closure as requested was made by Councilman Sudbeck and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken: Bartling – yes; Christensen – yes; Kathol – yes; Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker introduced the LB840 loan application submitted by Keith's Package Liquor. He explained that the loan request is for the replacement of gas pumps. A motion to approve an LB840 loan in the amount of \$24,200 to Keith's Package Liquor 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.

The January, 2026 Cedar County Sheriff's Report was reviewed. There were 399 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours patrolled. School traffic was 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours. Calls of service were: 1 Accident, 2 Welfare Checks, 2 EMS Assists, 1 Shoplifting, 2 Suspicious Activity, and 1 Death Investigation. Traffic stops were 4 Verbal Warnings, 0 Written Warnings, and 0 Citations. 1 Arrest was made.

Department reports were as follows:

Park–Councilman Kathol: Reported that he spoke with Randy Kathol, who plans to install the siding on the shelter house this spring.

Pool–Councilman Bartling: Reported that painting of the pool is expected to begin in April or May, depending on weather conditions.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Reported that he has been working on patching the complex track, which is approximately halfway completed. He also stated that the street crew installed a new sink and faucet in the men's restroom at the auditorium.

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: No report.

General – Mayor Becker: No report.

Legal Counsel – Nikki Brandt: No report.

Clerk – Schulte: Reported that a property in Hartington with a city lien has been sold, and the outstanding lien was paid in full to the City.

No public comments were received.

The following bills were presented for payments:

General:

Hartington Golf Club, Inc., 1,809.40, Nebraska Public Power District, 69.51, SpecSoft, 15.30

Streets:

Black Hills Energy, 575.28, Bomgaars, 265.38, Guardian, 13.60, Midwest Service & Sales Company, 403.15, Nebraska Public Power District, 3,690.83, Plumbing & Electric, 156.06

Water:

Cedar-Knox Public Power Dist., 1,396.39, Hawkins, Inc., 2,730.59, Nebraska Public Power District, 420.43

Sewer:

Black Hills Energy, 172.78, Leise Concrete, 2,750.00, Midwest Laboratories, Inc., 689.07, Nebraska Public Power District, 3,889.78

Sanitation:

Bomgaars, 14.24, Guardian, 6.80, L.P. Gill, Inc., 5,815.14

Fire:

Black Hills Energy, 363.96, Dearborn Life Insurance Company, 114.56, Nebraska Public Power District, 170.84

Ambulance:

A. Wiechelman, 709.74, Black Hills Energy, 363.97, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, 103.67, Nebraska Public Power District, 138.21, Steffen Drug Store, 33.13

Recreation:

Nebraska Public Power District, 65.26

Pool:

Black Hills Energy, 48.87, NE Dept of Water, Energy, and Environment, 80.00, Nebraska Public Power District, 48.42

Parks:

Nebraska Public Power District, 296.11

Complex:

Concrete Product Co., 513.00, Nebraska Public Power District, 81.05

Library:

Black Hills Energy, 726.94, Demco, 485.12, Eakes Office Solutions, 91.37, Guardian, 13.60, Ingram Library Services, 622.21, Interlibrary Loan, 16.99, Nebraska Public Power District, 259.66, Premier Lawn & Landscaping, 480.00, Plumbing & Electric, 948.60, Quill Corporation, 132.78

City Hall:

Black Hills Energy, 63.12, D. Fischer, 100.00, Guardian, 6.80, Nebraska Public Power District, 323.53

Auditorium:

Black Hills Energy, 1,391.74, Bomgaars, 29.97, Nebraska Public Power District, 134.11, X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping, 80.00, Yankton Janitorial Supply, Inc, 79.00

Economic Development:

Guardian, 6.80

Transfer Station:

Cedar-Knox Public Power District, 396.43, Deere Credit, Inc., 730.02

Veterans Memorial:

Nebraska Public Power District, 63.95, X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping, 80.00

Skylon Event Center:

Black Hills Energy, 952.33, Doyle Stevens Construction, Inc., 50,000.00, Nebraska Public Power District, 385.72, Plumbing & Electric, 909.22

February Payroll: 32,905.05

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilman Kathol and seconded by Councilman Christensen. 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 5:08 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is March 9, 2026.

Submitted By

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City Clerk-Treasurer