

The Hartington City Council met in regular session on March 9, 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, and Kathol; City Clerk-Treasurer Schulte; and Legal Counsel Nikki Brandt. Councilman Sudbeck was absent.

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council then considered approval of the minutes of the February 23, 2026 meeting and the February Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 23 meeting and the February Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken: Bartling – yes; Christensen – yes; Kathol – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker introduced a sign permit application for REPS Fitness. A motion to approve the sign permit was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken: Bartling – yes; Christensen – yes; Kathol – yes. Motion carried.

The Council addressed Donna Davey's resignation from the Ambulance Squad. A motion to accept Donna Davey's resignation was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken: Bartling – yes; Christensen – yes; Kathol – yes. Motion carried. Council members expressed appreciation for Davey's service and acknowledged the valuable work performed by all Ambulance Squad members, emphasizing their importance to the community.

Next, Clerk Schulte presented information regarding transitioning the City's backup services from Hartelco to Krier Technologies. The change became necessary because Hartelco discontinued its backup service offerings. Schulte recommended Krier Technologies based on positive experience in a previous position and consultation with other local clerks. The new service will cost \$295 annually, compared to Hartelco's \$216, but will provide expanded coverage, including Economic Development's computer and shared drive access, improving workflow efficiency. A motion to approve backup services through Krier Technologies was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken: Bartling – yes; Christensen – yes; Kathol – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports were as follows:

Park – Councilman Kathol: No report.

Pool – Councilman Bartling: Reported that painting of the pool will be completed in April or May.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Absent.

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: No report.

General – Mayor Becker: Reported that the Streets Department discussed making changes to the road in Felber Park that runs past the baseball field and shelter house. The proposal would eliminate the sharp turn and instead angle the road to better accommodate delivery trucks accessing the clubhouse. Mayor Becker also reported that Dave McGregor inquired whether the city would like N. Broadway Street chipped and sealed at the same time the County completes their section. The Council agreed this work

should be completed concurrently. The Council also discussed ongoing water flow issues in that area and the possibility of paving the street in the future to help address those concerns.

Legal Counsel – Nikki Brandt: No report.

Clerk – Schulte: Reported that the payloader has been paid off.

Public Comments: None.

The following bills were presented for payments:

General:

FP Finance Program, 26.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 121.16, Hartelco, 195.31, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, Reynolds & Brandt, 770.00, Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, 71.25, Northeast Nebraska News Company, 232.79, One Office Solution, 239.99

Streets:

Bank of Hartington, 2380.72, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska, 2,097.50, Carhart Lumber Company, 236.49, Colonial Life, 27.22, D & J Variety, 332.58, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil, 332.73, Fischer Feed & Supply, 13.80, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 562.12, Grossenburg Implement, 1598.66, Hartelco, 105.50, Hartington Ace Hardware, 57.76, Leise Concrete, 3,452.50, Menards, Inc., 160.57, Peitz Service, 1,160.71, U.S. Cellular, 172.45, Usable Life, 29.00, Wiechelman's Repair Shop, 14.20

Water:

B. Benscoter, 97.00, Burnell's Foodtown, 5.65, Christensen Well & Irr. Inc., 105.49, Don Miller Land Co, 56.82, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 471.61, L. Morford, 18.76, One Call Concepts, Inc., 13.71, Peitz Service, 48.10, J. Pinkelman, 90.72, Plumbing & Electric, 44.51

Sewer:

Carhart Lumber Company, 3.60, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 428.34, Hartelco, 66.60, Olson's Pest Technicians, 60.00, One Call Concepts, Inc., 13.70

Sanitation:

Bank of Hartington, 83.33, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska, 1,048.75, Colonial Life, 129.66, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil, 460.45, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 278.11, G. Hoffart, 15.04, A. Maskell, 6.98, L. Morford, 70.00, Pomp's Tire Services, Inc., 1,522.74, Peitz Service, 395.50, U.S. Cellular, 82.36, Usable Life, 14.50

Fire:

Ed. M. Feld Equipment Company, Inc, 478.24, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil, 34.47, Hartelco, 47.52, Rural Fire Board, 7,034.00

Police:

Cedar County Sheriff, 14,220.04

Ambulance:

Bound Tree Medical, LLC, 485.99, D & J Variety, 11.26, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil, 178.35, Hartelco, 47.52, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, 87.33, Teleflex, LLC, 370.00, U.S. Cellular, 140.19

Cemetery:

Cedar Knox Rural Water, 59.63

Parks:

National Sports Products, 1,923.00, Yankton Janitorial Supply, Inc, 348.12

Complex:

Concrete Product Company, 14.03, Yankton Janitorial Supply, Inc, 348.13

Library:

Bank of Hartington, 333.34, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska, 4,299.88, D & J Variety, 147.37, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 478.68, Hartelco, 163.00, Hartington Ace Hardware, 42.97, Hometown Leasing, 53.90, Humanities Nebraska, 75.00, Plumbing & Electric, 159.35, Usable Life, 29.00

City Hall:

Burnell's Foodtown, 28.99, Colonial Life, 140.18, D & J Variety, 104.97, Eakes Office Solutions, 475.07, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 141.31, Hartington Ace Hardware, 17.98, Hometown Leasing, 62.05, Nebraska Department of Revenue, 100.00, Premier Lawn & Landscaping, 45.00, Plumbing & Electric, 73.90, U.S. Cellular, 75.46, Usable Life, 14.50

Auditorium:

Appeara, 76.44, Hartington Ace Hardware, 69.22

Economic Development:

Eakes Office Solutions, 81.92, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 270.00, Hartelco, 57.98, Hometown Leasing, 31.02, M. Becker, 92.80, Usable Life, 14.50

Transfer Station:

Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 26.40, Grossenburg Implement, 21.49, Gill Hauling, Inc., 1,013.79, Hartelco, 47.58, Hartington Ace Hardware, 29.98, Jerry's Service, 162.73, Olson's Pest Technicians, 80.00

Skylon Event Center:

U.S. Cellular, 61.95

A motion to pay the bills, except Check #66333 to Christensen Well and Irrigation, was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken: Bartling – yes; Christensen – yes; Kathol – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to pay Check #66333 to Christensen Well and Irrigation was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Kathol. A roll call vote was taken: Bartling – yes; Christensen – abstain; Kathol – 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. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is March 23, 2026.

Submitted By

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Casey Schulte". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Casey Schulte  
City Clerk-Treasurer