

The Hartington City Council met in regular session on May 11, 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 Sudbeck; City Clerk-Treasurer Schulte; and Legal Counsel Nikki Brandt. Councilman Kathol was absent.

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 April 27, 2026, meeting and the April Treasurers Report. A motion to approve the minutes and the April Treasurers report was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call was taken: Bartling – yes, Christensen - yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Becker introduced building permit application from John and Audrey Freeman for a Chicken Coop. A motion to approve John and Audrey Freeman’s building permit for a chicken coop was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call was taken: Bartling – yes, Christensen - yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Becker introduced building permit application from David Gubbels for a Storage Building. A motion to approve David Gubbels Storage building was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call was taken: Bartling – yes, Christensen - yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Becker introduced building permit application from Alton Heimes for a Patio Roof. A motion to approve Alton Heimes Patio roof was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call was taken: Bartling – yes, Christensen - yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Becker introduced sign permits for Hartington Chevrolet. A motion to approve Hartington Chevrolet sign permit was made by Councilman Christensen and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call was taken: Bartling – yes, Christensen - yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Becker presented a Special Designated Liquor License application for Wildcat Properties, LLC DBA Hard Patch Brewing Company for an outdoor concert/street dance fundraiser for Paul Howie on June 13th. The event will feature local bands and food trucks. Discussion arose about potentially needing to close the street. A motion to approve Special Designated Liquor License for Wildcat Properties, LLC DBA Hard Patch Brewing Co was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call was taken: Bartling – yes, Christensen - yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Becker introduced the appointment of Cory Folkers to the Park Board. A motion to appoint Cory Folkers to the Park Board was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call was taken: Bartling – yes, Christensen - yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion Carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Kathol: Absent.

Pool – Councilman Bartling: Reported painting is nearly complete and lifeguards have been hired. The pool is scheduled to be filled Monday, with a tentative opening date of May 25.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Reported the complex remains busy with track meets scheduled Wednesday and Thursday for district events. Sand was added to the long jump and triple jump pits, and the track will remain in use until after state competitions. Sudbeck also reported that pickleball court concrete has been poured and completed; however, fencing installation will be delayed approximately one month while the contractor completes ballpark fencing repairs before moving to the pickleball courts.

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: Nothing to report.

General – Mayor Becker: Nothing to report.

Legal Counsel – Nikki Brandt: Nothing to report.

Clerk – Schulte: Nothing to report.

No public comments were received.

The following bills were presented for payments:

General — Total: \$4,743.18

AMGL, 3,605.00, FP Finance Program, 115.98, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 141.70, Hartelco, 193.33, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, Reynolds & Brandt, 500.00, Northeast Nebraska News Company, 187.17

Streets — Total: \$20,869.76

Bank of Hartington, 266.66, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska, 2,097.50, Burnell's Foodtown, 29.98, Colonial Life, 27.22, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil, 1,163.74, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 530.77, Grossenburg Implement, 1,750.00, Hartelco, 56.56, Hartington Ace Hardware, 56.97, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts, Inc., 114.35, Leise Concrete, 2,440.00, Municipal Supply, Inc., 296.38, Midwest Service & Sales Company, 350.00, Nebraska Public Power District, 4,011.66, Peitz Service, 2,460.54, U.S. Cellular, 172.43, X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping, 5,045.00

Water — Total: \$1,700.06

Burnell's Foodtown, 5.65, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 484.74, Hartington Shopper, 88.96, Nebraska Public Power District, 486.44, Northeast Nebraska News Company, 557.20, One Call Concepts, Inc., 18.93, Peitz Service, 58.14

Sewer — Total: \$4,735.53

Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 432.94, Hartington Shopper, 88.97, Leise Concrete, 450.00, Nebraska Public Power District, 3,744.68, One Call Concepts, Inc., 18.94

Sanitation — Total: \$10,120.70

Bank of Hartington, 83.33, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska, 1,048.75, Colonial Life, 129.66, Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil, 995.61, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 277.48, Hartington Shopper, 88.97, L.P. Gill, Inc., 7,414.56, U.S. Cellular, 82.34

Fire — Total: \$1,060.11

Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil, 220.48, Hartelco, 47.22, Hartington Shopper, 303.95, Kaiser Refrigeration, Inc., 259.46, Nebraska Public Power District, 134.00, X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping, 95.00

Police — Total: \$14,220.04

Cedar County Sheriff \$14,220.04

Ambulance — Total: \$737.84

Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil, 73.42, Hartelco, 47.21, Jerry's Service, 96.50, Nebraska Public Power District, 97.16, Nippon Sanso Matheson Inc, 188.38, U.S. Cellular, 140.17, X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping, 95.00

Cemetery — Total: \$2,059.63

Cedar Knox Rural Water, 59.63, M. Heine, 1,000.00, P. Leise, 1,000.00

Recreation — Total: \$73.68

Nebraska Public Power District, 73.68

Pool — Total: \$3,682.97

A. Kirby, 165.00, Hawkins, Inc., 3,465.34, Nebraska Public Power District, 52.63

Parks — Total: \$16,609.81

Grossenburg Implement, 26.45, Global Industrial, 3,781.99, Hartington Tree, 3,900.00, Hartington Ace Hardware, 50.95, Jerry's Service, 245.86, Leise Concrete, 1,955.00, Midwest Tree, 3,900.00, Nebraska Public Power District, 421.63, Northeast Nebraska News Company, 350.24, Sherwin-Williams, 117.97, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, LLC, 32.00, Wiechelmann's Repair Shop, 29.72, X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping, 1,700.00, Yankton Janitorial Supply, Inc, 98.00

Complex — Total: \$2,476.40

Farmers Union Coop Gas & Oil, 50.00, Nebraska Public Power District, 89.47, Plumbing & Electric, 149.93, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, LLC, 2,089.00, Yankton Janitorial Supply, Inc, 98.00

Library — Total: \$5,560.70

Bank of Hartington, 333.34, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska, 4307.88, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 483.86, Hartelco, 162.89, Hartington Ace Hardware, 41.96, Hometown Leasing, 53.90, Nebraska Public Power District, 141.72, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, LLC, 43.15

City Hall — Total: \$790.12

Burnell's Foodtown, 14.99, Colonial Life, 140.18, Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 132.73, Hometown Leasing, 62.05, Nebraska Public Power District, 215.73, U.S. Cellular, 75.44, Yankton Janitorial Supply, Inc, 149.00

Auditorium — Total: \$120.71

Hartington Ace Hardware, 30.97, Nebraska Public Power District, 89.74

Economic Development — Total: \$354.32

Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 268.40, Hartelco, 54.90, Hometown Leasing, 31.02

Transfer Station — Total: \$26,388.56

Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC, 26.40, Gill Hauling, Inc., 1,229.26, Hartelco, 47.50, Jerry's Service, 496.40, Overhead Door company, 24,589.00

Veterans Memorial – Total: \$90.43

Nebraska Public Power District 90.43

Skylon Event Center — Total: \$2,923.34

Nebraska Public Power District, 321.99, Sioux City Shade Company, LLC, 2,539.40, U.S. Cellular, 61.95

Hi-Fi — Total: \$25,951.25

BOKF, NA, 25,951.25

Councilman Christensen questioned the payment to Overhead Door Company, which Clerk Schulte explained was for transfer station door repairs covered by insurance. Clerk Schulte also informed the Council that two insurance reimbursement checks had been received from LARM in the amounts of roughly \$13,000 and \$7,000. 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 Bartling. A roll call was taken: Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is May 26, 2026.

Respectfully submitted by, Casey Schulte, City Clerk-Treasurer

