

The Hartington City Council met on April 25, 2022 at the city hall for their regular meeting beginning at 7:00 P.M. Notice of time and place of the meeting was given in the advance notice by posting. Notice of time and place of the meeting was communicated in the advance notice to the mayor and council.

Present were Mayor Becker; Councilmen Peitz and Christensen; City Clerk-Treasurer Schaecher; and Deputy Clerk de Waal. Legal Advisor Pier, Councilman Bartling, and Councilman Sudbeck were absent.

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M., followed by all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that the open meeting 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 of the April 11, 2022 meeting was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

Building permits were presented and reviewed from Security Bank – Bank Facility, Jason and Natalie Schaecher – Floating Deck, and Dean Dowling – Front Deck. Trent Becker was present to discuss the Security Bank permit. Trent asked the Council if it was the City's intent to have the bank install the sewer line or the City? Councilman Christensen stated that it is usually the one who wants the line pays. Trent then questioned what would happen if someone else wanted to tie into the line that the bank installed? Christensen stated that they would be allowed to tie in, but no one would be reimbursed. Mayor Becker made a suggestion to visit this topic on May 9th, after discussing the matter with Pat Guy and Steve Pier. A motion was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen to approve the permits. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

Two sign permits were presented and reviewed for Grossenburg Implement. A motion was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen to approve the permits. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Becker - yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Schaecher reported that Peg Anderson, from Anderson and Anderson Insurance, requested to reschedule to May 09, 2022 to present the EMC Insurance dividend check.

Brandon Baller submitted a yearly TIF report to the Council for their packets. Clerk Schaecher stated Brandon's report had no significant changes from last year. The report will be mailed to the governing body of the county, school district, community college, educational service unit, and natural resources district whose property taxes are affected by such division of taxes. The mailing is to be in compliance with State Statute 18-2117.02.

Clerk Schaecher stated Big Hair Brewhaus applied for a Special Designated Liquor License for their Anniversary Event to be held on May 21, 2022. A motion to approve the Special Designated Liquor License application for Big Hair Brewhaus was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz–yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

The Interlocal Agreement for the Use of School Buses was presented and reviewed. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz –yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

The LB840 loan No. 20220421 was introduced by Clerk Schaecher, stating the Revolving Loan Fund Committee recommends a \$50,000 loan be approved for Casey Rossiter/Wildcat Properties, LLC, DBA "Big Hair Brewhaus" for 10 years at 0% interest for purchase of "Wildcat Properties, LLC" business. The loan will be secured by a personal guarantee from Casey Rossiter and a blanket security agreement on all assets of the business. The recommendation is for the first payment to be due by ACH payment each month, starting on July 01, 2022. A motion to approve the loan was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Becker - yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20220411 – Establishing Rates for Water, Sewer, and Garbage Services was the next item on the agenda. A motion to table the resolution until May 09, 2022 in order to have more councilmen present was made by Christensen and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz –yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: A tree by Forrest Dendinger’s was struck by lightning and called in by Tim Burbach. Kyle from Hartington Tree is going to take a look at it.

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: Absent

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Absent

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: A locator for roughly \$8,000.00 for the sewer was an approved budgeted item will be ordered. There will be more discussion with the Economic Development Board regarding the Coordinator’s salary and how to possibly pay a portion of it with LB840 funds.

Steve Pier: Absent

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk de Waal: None

Public Comments:

Chuck Meirose and Troy Bottolfsen approached the Council to discuss a few salaries that they feel should be paid to ambulance staff. It was suggested that \$450.00/month be paid for maintenance/training, \$100.00/month for billing/office, and \$250.00/month for maintenance to equipment. Clerk Schaecher reported that the claims are not getting paid in a timely manner, which is causing a cash flow problem, and it is becoming a struggle to get expenses paid. Schaecher stated the Rural Fire Board assisted in paying expenses last quarter. Councilman Peitz suggested that Chuck and Troy discuss the salary requests with the Rural Fire Board to make sure they are aware. Meirose stated he will have Dixie Fischer get in touch with Clerk Schaecher to discuss the outstanding claims.

Rob Dump requested a copy of the Security Bank building permit and asked about set-up details for the anniversary street dance on May 21, 2022.

The following bills were presented for payments:

General:	Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 400.00, Martin’s Flag Company 247.28, and Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District 2,035.74
Streets:	Black Hills Energy 887.28, Diamond Vogel Paints 2,211.20, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 548.46, and USAble Life (14.50)
Water:	Cedar-Knox PPD 987.42, K. Holm 73.45, and Nebraska Public Health 336.75
Sewer:	Black Hills Energy 109.34
Sanitation:	A. Duhachek 30.98, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 589.15, K. Holm 70.00, T. Schultz 31.54, and USAble Life 14.50
Fire:	Black Hills Energy 171.53, Danko Emergency Equipment 211.77, and R. Hamilton 81.90
Ambulance:	Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 58.75, Black Hills Energy 171.54, and Emergency Medical Products 42.60
Pool:	Black Hills Energy 35.02
Library:	T. Anderson 150.00, Black Hills Energy 287.10, Collaborative Summer Library Program 257.72, Demco 115.51, K. Emanuel 64.35, Faith to Love Publishing 46.50, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 325.78, G. Miller 237.50, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 440.01, Midwest Tape 48.73, Northeast Nebraska News 41.50, USAble Life 14.50, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 303.00

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 88.13, Daniellah d.W. 208.90, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 204.18, and Hometown Leasing 62.05

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 441.44

Economic

Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 190.80, Hometown Leasing 31.02, The Niobrara Lodge 178.00, and USABLE Life 14.50

Transfer

Station: Cedar-Knox PPD 219.42

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for May 09, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer