

The Hartington City Council met on May 23, 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 Councilmen Peitz, Bartling, and Sudbeck; City Clerk-Treasurer Schaecher; Deputy Clerk de Waal; and Legal Advisor Pier. Mayor Becker and Councilman Christensen were absent.

Councilman Peitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 May 09, 2022 meeting was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Building permits were presented and reviewed from Michael Erickson – Storage Shed and Sheila Becker - House. A motion was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Bartling to approve the permits. A roll call vote was taken. Sudbeck – yes, Bartling – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

A.J. Johnson approached the Council to discuss a variance for the Hartington-Newcastle Public School. The variance request was to adjust the size of the proposed restroom layout in order to change to a hallway and classroom. The Variance Committee approved this variance request on May 16, 2022. A motion was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck to approve the permits. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Dan Kathol approached the Council to request Esther Larsen as the new Tree Board appointment. Kathol stated Esther's appointment replaces the position vacancy following Andy Anderson's resignation from the board last year. Councilman Bartling made a motion to accept the appointment and this was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Sudbeck – yes, Bartling – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

A fireworks permit was presented and reviewed from Fly By Night Fireworks, LLC. Sudbeck made a motion to approve the permit and this was seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling –yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Tom Noecker from Hartelco was unable to be present, but wanted the Council to receive the franchise check from Hartelco in the amount of \$7,806.00.

ACE, the Public Alliance for Community Energy, offered a community clean up initiative. The Pleasant Dale 4-H Club chose to participate this year. The club collected liter from Felber Park, East Park, and the baseball field. For the club's participation in the initiative, ACE donated \$250.00. The Council presented the check to Owen Becker, Pleasant Dale 4-H Club member.

Baylor Bestgen, Project Engineer from JEO Consulting Group, approached the Council to introduce himself. Bestgen stated he will be assisting Terry Mead with the Road Program for Hartington.

Clerk Schaecher presented to the Council a list of estimated expenses from Brice Grutsch for the softball season. The list contained umpire fees of \$500.00, tournament fees of approximately \$1,325.00, and scorebooks of \$250.00. The list also requested the State tournament fees be covered if the teams qualify. A motion was made to approve the expense requests by Councilman Bartling and was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Sudbeck – yes, Bartling – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

The April Income and Expense Report for the Baseball/Softball Association were presented by Clerk Schaecher. There was income of \$500.00, which was a donation from Pearson Motors. The expense amount was \$2,083.24, to include Closeout Bats for \$1,256.75 and Direct Sports for \$826.49. A motion was made to approve the income and expense report by Councilman Bartling and was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None. Councilman Sudbeck stated the landscaping by the shelter house has been completed and a tree has also been planted by the shelter house. Staff is still working on cleanup from the past storm.

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: The pool is getting filled and the plan is to open on Friday or Saturday.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: We are looking for options to protect the doors on the restrooms from the wind. The disc golf course is complete, except for the hole number signs. Track season is finished and all of the cornstalks are cleaned up from the fence. For the auditorium, we are looking into a key fob system. Councilman Peitz stated something needs to be done about the parking at the complex during large events, especially during storms or emergencies.

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: Absent

General – Mayor Becker: Absent

Steve Pier: None

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk de Waal: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked for the Cedarvision franchise amount and asked for further details on the shelter house landscaping project, which included a tree, sidewalk, and new landscaping.

The following bills were presented for payments:

General:	Cedar County Register of Deeds 16.00, Great America Financial Services 105.00, and Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 400.00
Streets:	Black Hills Energy 693.42, Bomgaars 536.88, NPPD 3,208.56, and USABLE Life 14.50
Water:	Cedar-Knox PPD 974.22 and NPPD 413.95
Sewer:	Black Hills Energy 96.18, Bomgaars 170.62, Midwest Laboratories 1,262.00, NDEE 125.00, and NPPD 2,811.90
Sanitation:	Bomgaars 41.08, Stop N Go 960.60, and USABLE Life 29.00
Fire:	Black Hills Energy 121.61, NPPD 121.60, and Stop N Go 22.88
Ambulance:	Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 316.18, Black Hills Energy 121.60, Emergency Medical Products 255.96, and NPPD 90.03
Recreation:	Bomgaars 9.99, J. Heine 39.52, and NPPD 63.16
Pool:	Black Hills Energy 35.02, Cash 100.00, Hawkins, Inc. 1,364.35, and NPPD 47.37
Parks:	Bomgaars 136.60, Hartington Tree 3,000.00, and NPPD 349.42
Complex:	CBS Constructors 9,995.00, NPPD 77.37, and Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 954.50
Library:	T. Anderson 150.00, Black Hills Energy 192.73, Bomgaars 282.87, Demco 115.51, D. Fischer 162.50, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 482.11, Leise Concrete 1,850.00, Midwest Tape 58.97, NPPD 189.05, Oriental Trading 128.19, Quill Corporation 102.96, and USABLE Life 29.00
City Hall:	Black Hills Energy 57.91, D. Fischer 187.50, Hometown Leasing 62.05, International Institute of Municipal Clerks 175.00, League of Nebraska Municipalities 377.00, NPPD 211.28, and USABLE Life 14.50

Auditorium: Appeara 60.50, Black Hills Energy 262.95, Bomgaars 4.49, and NPPD 90.04

Economic

Development: Hometown Leasing 31.02, M. Becker 70.89, and USAble Life 14.50

Transfer

Station: Bomgaars 22.97, Cedar-Knox PPD 170.65, Deere Credit 922.56, and Olson's Pest Technicians 150.00

A motion to pay the bills in addition to a check for Keith Sudbeck in the amount of \$80.00 for being a softball umpire was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for June 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher  
City Clerk - Treasurer