

The Hartington City Council met on June 13, 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 Bartling, Peitz, and Sudbeck; City Clerk-Treasurer Schaecher; and Deputy Clerk de Waal. Councilman Christensen and Legal Advisor Pier were absent.

Mayor Becker 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 23, 2022 meeting and the May 2022 Treasurer's Report was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The May 2022 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Zimmer. There were 317 ¼ hours patrolled. School traffic was 2 ½ hours. Calls of service were 2 EMS assists, 1 coroner call, 1 disturbance, 2 accidents, 3 traffic control, and 1 alarm. Traffic stops were 5 verbal warnings, 4 written warnings and 2 citations. There were 2 arrests.

A building permit was presented and reviewed from John Huss – Deck and Austin Becker - Patio. A motion was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck to approve the permits. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The subordination of the LB840 loan for Folkers Painting, LLC/Town Square Offices, LLC was discussed. Security Bank requested to allow subordination of the City of Hartington from first position to second position. The Council reviewed the current status of the loan and the market analysis of the property that secures both loans. It appears that the secured property has sufficient value to pay back in the event of default. A motion to approve the subordination was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Mike and Karil Adams to block Oak Avenue from the intersection of Main Street to the alley just south of their property on July 03, 2022 for a private celebration. A motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck –yes.

An estimate to connect the Security Bank lot to city sewer was submitted to the Council from Plumbing and Electric Service in the amount of \$12,412.00. Councilman Peitz made the motion to accept the estimate and this was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Sudbeck discussed estimates from Hansen Locksmithing and DSN Security for a key fob system at the auditorium. The lower bid was from DSN Security in the amount of \$4,280.00. Sudbeck stated the auditorium will need to also be connected to wireless WIFI and they system will be controlled from the City Office. Sudbeck stated the fobs will cost about \$6.00/each, so the cost of passes for the upcoming season will need to be discussed at a later date. Councilman Peitz made a motion to approve the estimate with DSN Security and this was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Gordon Yunker approached the Council with a request to place a No Outlet sign by Bow Street and Aberley Avenue, as he says drivers get confused and are unsure how to proceed. Mayor Becker stated he will take the request into consideration. Gordon Yunker stated he had a second issue to discuss and it regarded a neighbor's garbage. Yunker presented the Council will a very large box of garbage. Yunker stated the garbage had blown into his yard from the neighbor and he can prove that the trash is hers, as it contains her name. Yunker stated the large box is even hers. Mayor Becker stated that the City has abated the outside of the property more than once, but is willing to do it again. Yunker mentioned the neighbor's car and how it is so full of garbage that it poses a danger. Clerk Schaecher stated she has called in the vehicle several times to the Cedar County Sheriff's Office. Mayor Becker stated the City has tried different avenues with State agencies, but requests for them to intervene have been denied. Mayor Becker suggested a neighborhood petition could possibly be the proof that the State would need to intervene. Mayor Becker also made the suggestion for Yunker to call the Cedar County Sheriff's Office regarding the car.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool – Councilman Bartling: The pool is open and there are no issues to report.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: The Cedar County Fair Board is interested in 3 sets of old bleachers and 3 picnic tables. Jon Wiechelman is looking into door stops to prevent the wind from blowing the doors open at the complex. There was nothing to report for the auditorium.

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: Absent

General – Mayor Becker: Carhart is getting a cement slab for handicap parking. Corey Kramer is wanting to know if there are any other cement repair jobs around town.

Steve Pier: Absent

Clerk Schaecher: There have been complaints of trees growing past sidewalks. Councilman Bartling stated a list should be able to be obtained from the guys when they pick up garbage. Bartling said to mail letters to the residents, requesting them to trim their trees and give a time limit. Bartling then said to touch base with Hartington Tree to see if they would be willing to trim the trees if customers do not comply.

Deputy Clerk de Waal: The Chamber would like to order new decorative flags, but are not sure if they need approval from the Council if the City logo is branded on them. The Council no approval is needed to brand.

Public Comments: None

The following bills were presented for payments:

General: EMC Insurance 7,959.64, Eakes 369.02, Great America Financial Services 236.00, Hartelco 340.51, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 567.50, Northeast Nebraska News 269.24, and One Office Solution 159.00

Streets: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 702.21, BOK, NA 55,233.75, Bank of Hartington 233.33, Cedar County Road Department 4,000.00, Colonial Life 40.83, EMC Insurance 1,213.94, Farmers Union Coop 1,056.49, Grossenburg Implement 681.93, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 50.14, Martin’s Flag Company 183.71, NPPD 3,196.80, US Cellular 75.25, Wiechelman’s Repair Shop 40.00

Water: Cedar-Knox PPD 985.70, EMC Insurance 910.46, Hartington Shopper 117.60, L. Mecseji 29.44, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy 13,152.88, Nebraska Public Health 70.00, NPPD 460.42, One Call Concepts 18.37, and Peitz Service 98.27

Sewer: Carhart Lumber 1.19, EMC Insurance 1,310.51, Hartington Shopper 232.60, Kruse True Value 6.99, Midwest Laboratories 409.00, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy 28,916.02, NPPD 2,504.44, One Call Concepts 18.36, and Wiechelman’s Repair Shop 657.69

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 214.64, Bank of Hartington 83.33, Colonial Life 194.49, EMC Insurance 1,117.38, Farmers Union Coop 116.31, Hartington Shopper 117.60, L. Hilker 61.94, LP Gill, Inc. 8,245.23, L. Mecseji 70.00, and Stop N Go 742.54

Fire: D&J Variety 5.99, Dearborn National Life 61.84, D. Dailey 738.30, EMC Insurance 482.82, Farmers Union Coop 145.92, Goldstar Products 424.75, Hartelco 45.73, Kruse True Value 281.82, Keith’s Package Liquor 48.00, Leise Lawn Care 240.00, NPPD 107.46, and Stop N Go 47.73

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,398.56

Ambulance: Burnell’s Foodtown 35.56, CLIA Laboratory Program 180.00, D&J Variety 6.88, D. Dailey 405.50, EMC Insurance 317.30, Farmers Union Coop 368.56, Hartelco 45.74, NPPD 75.88, Northeast Nebraska News 146.54, Peitz Service 10.00, and US Cellular 186.33

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 53.00, M. Heine 1,900.00, and T. Heine 1,900.00

Recreation: B. Grutsch 1,434.90, Burnell's Foodtown 395.96, Carhart Lumber 738.63, Heimes Lawncare & Landscaping 1,950.00, NPPD 63.16, and Plumbing & Electric 3,801.62

Pool: Blair Swim Meet \$100.00, Hartelco 190.35, Hartelco Computers 307.50, Hartington Shopper 231.30, Kruse True Value 133.00, NPPD 47.37, Northeast Nebraska News 70.30, Wayne Swim Meet 80.00, and West Point Swim Meets 160.00

Parks: Carhart Lumber 19.99, Central Valley Ag 627.13, Dodge Swim Meet 80.00, Diane's Greenhouse 223.94, Farmers Union Coop 159.56, Grossenburg Implement 52.03, Kruse True Value 590.09, Leise Concrete 1,880.00, NPPD 451.26, Pearson Motor Company 60.00, and Plumbing & Electric 5,097.49

Complex: Farmers Union Coop 398.89, Hartelco 43.54, Leise Concrete 4,650.00, NPPD 77.37, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 1,700.00

Library: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 5,240.85, Bank of Hartington 333.34, Carhart Lumber 17.99, D&J Variety 92.97, Eakes Office Solutions 107.33, Hartelco 170.07, Kruse True Value 28.78, and NPPD 145.59

City Hall: Art Kathol Appliance 1,320.86, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 529.97, Bank of Hartington 83.33, Carhart Lumber 2.98, Colonial Life 213.72, D&J Variety 39.93, Eakes 516.11, Hometown Leasing 62.05, Kruse True Value 23.99, and NPPD 158.66

Auditorium: Appeara 60.50, C. Folkers 27.80, Kruse True Value 30.28, and NPPD 75.63

Economic Development: D&J Variety 19.97, Hartelco 48.69, Hometown Leasing 31.02, and J. Sage 50.00

Transfer Station: Cedar-Knox PPD 111.93, EMC Insurance 482.82, Farmers Union Coop 862.66, Gill Hauling 1,514.43, Hartelco 45.88, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 27.98, and Sanitation Products 1,223.70

Total payroll for the month of May 2022 was \$68,828.60.

A motion to pay the bills except for Peitz Service was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion to pay the Peitz Service bill was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried. Councilman Peitz abstained and signed a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for June 27, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer