

The Hartington City Council met on July 12, 2021 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 Sudbeck and Christensen; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher; Deputy Clerk Carlson; and Legal Advisor Pier. Councilmen Bartling and Peitz 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 June 28, 2021 meeting and June 2021 Treasurer's Report was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

The June 2021 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Thoene. There were 365 hours patrolled. School traffic was 0 hours. Calls of service were 4 EMS assists, 1 assault, 3 suspicious activities, 1 dog bite, 3 animal complaints, and 1 alarm. Traffic stops were 2 verbal warnings, 3 written warnings, and 2 citations. There were 0 arrests.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Hartington Auto & Truck Parts to block the alley just east of their property on July 23, 2021 for customer appreciation. A motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Sudbeck and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker –yes.

Resolution 20210712 – Establishing a Policy for the Payment of Payroll and Associated Expenses Prior to the Approval of Claims by the City Council was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. Clerk Schaecher stated the resolution was created by the League of Municipalities to maintain timely payment of payroll and employee benefits prior to approval by the City Council. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck– yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20210712A – Adopting the Cedar and Dixon Counties Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. Clerk Schaecher stated the plan was prepared by Cedar and Dixon Counties with the assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. There was already a plan in place and this is an updated plan from 5 years ago. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck– yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20210712B – Cedar Catholic High School Homecoming Parade was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. Clerk Schaecher stated the parade is to be held on Friday, September 24, 2021. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker –yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20210712C – Hartington-Newcastle School Homecoming Parade was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. Clerk Schaecher stated the parade is to be held on October 01, 2021. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker –yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: Absent

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: Absent

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Corey from Denison Tennis and Track met with Blair Kalin, Chad Cattau, and Councilman Sudbeck to discuss the future of the track. Corey stated there is still at least 2-4 years of life left in the track if the patching continues. Corey gave an estimate of \$150,000 to replace the track. There is a grant to DEQ that will pay 25% and this could be an option to help with the costs. There are a few picnic tables that need painted and a piece of concrete needs replaced where a person was injured. Councilman Sudbeck stated he is working on the storage room in the basement of the auditorium where there is some water damage from a leak.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: Hartington is busy with a great baseball season and golf.

Steve Pier: None

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Carlson: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked if anyone has done work to the track prior to 2004. Councilman Sudbeck stated coating was put on roughing 5 years ago. Rob Dump asked if there was an update on the street project. Mayor Becker stated the project is very close to being done, as there are a just a couple of grates that need to be placed.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: EMC Insurance 7,504.73, Great America Financial Services 31.84, Hartelco 336.99, Hartington Shopper 189.90, and Northeast Nebraska News 179.38

Streets: Appera 23.03, Bank of Hartington 2,368.56, Black Hills Energy 1.07, Carhart Lumber 9.79, Certified Testing Services 2,294.00, EMC Insurance 1,144.57, Farmers Union Coop 849.41, Grossenburg Implement 945.27, Koch-Tramp Plumbing & Heating 65.22, NPPD 2,963.77, US Cellular 62.14, Wiechelman’s Repair Shop 56.31, and Yankton Janitorial 208.00

Water: Bank of Hartington 166.67, Carhart Lumber 3.79, Cedar-Knox PPD 1,728.00, D&J Variety 12.98, EMC Insurance Companies 858.43, Hawkins 1,317.66, NPPD 930.03, Northeast Nebraska News 552.00, One Call Concepts 17.90, Peitz Service 49.88, Plumbing & Electric 83.68, and US Cellular 30.44

Sewer: EMC Insurance 1,235.61, Midwest Laboratories 409.00, NPPD 2,766.25, and One Call Concepts 17.90

Sanitation: Bank of Hartington 166.66, EMC Insurance 1,053.52, Fischer Feed & Supply 1,085.00, and LP Gil 5,134.92

Fire: EMC Insurance 455.22, Farmers Union Coop 83.31, Hartelco 45.91, Hartington Shopper 257.25, Leise Lawn Care 240.00, NPPD 120.98, and US Cellular 60.90

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,265.91

Ambulance: EMC Insurance 299.15, Emergency Medical Products 139.71, Farmers Union Coop 122.34, Hartelco 45.91, Matheson Tri-Gas 80.47, NPPD 89.41, US Cellular 159.56, and Wiechelman’s Repair Shop 2,500.00

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 99.05

Recreation: Carhart Lumber 148.64, Heimes Lawncare & Landscaping 1,950.00, L. Claussen 120.00, NPPD 63.16, and S. Sudbeck 200.00

Pool: A. Curry 40.00, Art Kathol Appliance 3,330.50, Hawkins 2,005.62, Hartelco 189.28, J. Kleinschmit 30.00, Kruse True Value 42.26, Keith’s Package Liquor 72.00, NPPD 417.76, and Recreonics 22.30

Parks: Carhart Lumber 1.80, Central Valley Ag 271.03, Farmers Union Coop 184.31, Floor Maintenance 10.84, Grossenburg Implement 49.50, Kruse True Value 363.57, Meyer, Inc. 540.00, NPPD 710.45, Plumbing & Electric 156.70, and Steffen Electric 210.33

Complex: Carhart Lumber 6.55, Farmers Union Coop 185.86, Hartelco 44.46, Kruse True Value 34.99, and NPPD 147.15

Library: Bank of Hartington 333.34, D&J Variety 43.99, Hartelco 170.23, Koch-Tramp Plumbing & Heating 107.13, Kruse True Value 31.47, and NPPD 385.41

City Hall: D&J Variety 59.39, Eakes Office Solutions 413.82, P. Guy 150.00, Koch-Tramp Plumbing & Heating 90.22, Kruse True Value 89.76, Kaiser Heating & Cooling 9,447.77, and NPPD 161.28

Auditorium: Appeara 59.67 and NPPD 47.38

Economic
Development: Eakes Office Solutions 92.93 and Hartelco 53.98

Transfer
Station: Carhart Lumber 8.26, Cedar-Knox PPD 93.39, EMC Insurance 455.23, Farmers Union
Coop 213.98, Hartelco 47.02, and Peitz Service 778.65

Total Payroll for the month of June 2021 was \$91,202.35.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for July 26, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer