

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

Mayor Becker opened the public hearing for the Class L Liquor License application for Big Hair Brewhaus at 7:01 P.M. Clerk Schaecher explained that a Class L license is for the brewing of the beer and that Big Hair Brewhaus had changed owners. There were no other public comments and no comments from the Council, so Mayor Becker closed the hearing at 7:02 P.M.

Mayor Becker opened the public hearing for the Class C Liquor License application for Big Hair Brewhaus at 7:02 P.M. Clerk Schaecher explained that a Class C license is for the sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off of the premises and the reason for the new license was a change in ownership. There were no public comments and no comments from the Council, so Mayor Becker closed the hearing at 7:03 P.M.

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 July 11, 2022 meeting was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Class L liquor license application for Big Hair Brewhaus was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Class C liquor license application for Big Hair Brewhaus was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Schaecher stated The Chief applied for a Special Designated Liquor License for Hartington Dayz to be held on August 13, 2022. A motion to approve the Special Designated Liquor License application for The Chief was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Schaecher stated Marcy's Mainstreet applied for a Special Designated Liquor License for Hartington Dayz to be held on August 13, 2022. A motion to approve the Special Designated Liquor License application for Marcy's Mainstreet was made by Christensen and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20220725 – Authorizing Abatement of a Public Nuisance, Namely, the Property Located at 401 S Aberley, was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The Third Amendment to Water Tower Attachment Communication Site Agreement was the next item on the agenda. Legal Advisor Pier stated this agreement between the Alltel Corporation d/b/a Verizon Wireless and the City was standard and the only change was a decrease in the rent payment. The decrease is due to the lower quality of antenna that is on the water tower and some of these are being reevaluated. In order to try to keep the antenna active, the lower price will be presented by the contractor. A motion to approve the Third Amendment to Water Tower Attachment Communication Site Agreement was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the coaching fee request from the Hartington Baseball Association. No one from the Association was present for the meeting. A motion to table the request until further discussion could be made regarding their fundraising efforts was made by Councilman Peitz

and seconded by Councilman Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: There have been irrigation issues at the complex and Christensen Well is going to check on the pump. The work to the north wall of the auditorium is complete. Keith Eickhoff is going to share some of the cost to do repairs to his building. The scaffolding is going to be taken down next week.

Fire/Ambulance – Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: Discussion was had with Roger Wortmann regarding the future of the Skylon Ballroom and he stated the plan is to close in two years. So, the plan for a community center needs to begin, with the help of Economic Development.

Steve Pier: Contact was made with Chase Rolfes regarding a vacate request and consents have been sent to him.

Clerk Schaecher: The Transfer Station inspection passed with no violations. A call was received from someone requesting to use the gazebo in the park for a wedding. In the past, it has been free of charge, but it has been a few years since there was a wedding that took place there. Councilmen all stated to keep it free of charge, but to place on the agenda for the date request.

Deputy Clerk de Waal: A call was received from an Albion resident, who wanted to compliment Hartington on being such a nice, clean town.

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked how long our current contract with Verizon was and Legal Advisor Pier stated it was five years. Rob Dump asked if tonight would be the last step for the Big Hair Brewhaus liquor licenses and Clerk Schaecher stated that yes, the approval notification would be submitted to the Liquor Commission and the licenses should be issued soon after. Rob Dump asked how to spell Sherry Bear's name and how many times her property has been abated. Clerk Schaecher stated this will be the fourth time.

The following bills were presented for payments:

General:	Hartington Shopper 79.80 and Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 400.00
Streets:	Black Hills Energy 120.19, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 551.35, Leise Concrete 9,998.00, and Tri-State Cleaning 4,000.00
Water:	Cedar-Knox PPD 1,560.19 and Nebraska Public Health 33.00
Sewer:	Black Hills Energy 53.13, GPM 515.00, C. Kramer 181.35, and Midwest Laboratories 409.00
Sanitation:	Franklin Templeton Investor Services 437.72 and Stop N Go 736.80
Fire:	Black Hills Energy 17.71, Hartington Volunteer Fire Department 754.00, Hartington Shopper 231.30, Leise Lawn Care 445.00, and Mayer Sign, Inc. 1,893.00
Ambulance:	Black Hills Energy 17.72 and Emergency Medical Products 165.34
Recreation:	Pioneer Manufacturing Company 520.66 and Stop N Go 149.61
Pool:	A. Reifenrath 125.00, Black Hills Energy 509.72, and Hawkins, Inc. 1,253.55
Parks:	Meyer, Inc. 500.00
Complex:	X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 8,135.00

Library: T. Anderson 150.00, Black Hills Energy 35.02, Dino O'Dell 20.00, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 328.04, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 462.92, Midwest Tape 11.24, Penworthy 169.60, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 379.86

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 44.78, D&J Variety 69.98, Eakes Office Solutions 72.64, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 206.62, and Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 144.20

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 80.99, DSN Security 428.00, and Folkers Painting 6,500.00

Economic

Development: Eakes Office Solutions 36.32 and Franklin Templeton Investor Services 190.80

Transfer

Station: Cedar-Knox PPD 96.13, Hartington Shopper 278.80, and Olson's Pest Technicians 75.00

Payroll for the month of July 2022 was \$61,827.13.

A motion to pay the bills in addition to a check for Pearson Motor Company in the amount of \$49,948.84 for the new ambulance chassis was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for August 08, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher  
City Clerk - Treasurer