

The Hartington City Council met on August 10, 2020 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, and Christensen; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher, Deputy Clerk Carlson, and Legal Advisor Pier. Councilman Bartling was absent.

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 27, 2020 meeting and the July 2020 Treasurer's Report was made by Christensen and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The July 2020 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Thoene. There were 337 hours patrolled. School traffic was 0 hours. Calls of service were 2 accidents, 4 disturbances, 2 traffic controls, 2 trespasses, 1 theft, 1 alarm, and 1 animal complaint. Traffic stops were 1 verbal warning, 0 written warnings, and 2 citations. There were 1 arrests.

The lot lease agreement to LaVerle Heimes was the next item on the agenda. Legal Advisor Pier stated LaVerle had not yet seen the lease that had been drawn up and there now is a question as to whether the property will need to be taxed since a private individual will be using the land. Pier stated he would need to do some research regarding the taxes. Councilman Christensen made a motion to table the lease agreement, pending more research and this was seconded by Councilman Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Schaecher presented the Liquor License application for the VFW to the Council in which the manager will now be listed as Charles W. Bonertz. Clerk Schaecher stated no other changes were made to the application. A motion was made by Councilman Christensen to approve the application and this was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Sudbeck discussed the Recreational Complex Use Agreement with Hartington-Newcastle Public School and Cedar Catholic High School. Since the complex was not used during track season due to Covid 19 regulations, Sudbeck felt the rental price should remain the same. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Peitz and this was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The LB840 loan No. 2020728 was introduced by Clerk Schaecher, stating the Revolving Loan Fund Committee recommends a \$12,000 loan be approved for Meika Kramer/Pawz Salon for 7 years at 0% interest for business start up costs. The recommendation is for the first payment to be due by ACH payment each month, starting on January 01, 2021. A motion to approve the loan was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

The LB840 loan No. 2020804 was introduced by Clerk Schaecher, stating the Revolving Loan Fund Committee recommends a \$50,000 loan be approved for Hartington Auto & Truck Parts, Inc. for 5 years at 0% interest for business start up costs. The loan will be secured by a personal guarantee from Eric and Jana Eickhoff. The recommendation is for the first payment to be due by ACH payment on the first of each month, starting 30 days after possession. A motion to approve the loan was made by Christensen and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: Absent

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Concrete was poured for the bleachers at the football practice field. Two heaters have been installed at the auditorium.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: There have been positive comments about the street paving.

Steve Pier: None

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Carlson: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked the date of the budget hearing and Clerk Schaecher stated it will be on September 14, 2020.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: EMC Insurance 13,637.66, Great America Financial Services 105.00, Hartelco 292.36, Hartington Shopper 62.80, League of Nebraska Municipalities 3,511.00, and Northeast Nebraska News Company 350.19

Streets: Appera 24.19, Carhart Lumber 16.15, Colonial Life 180.68, D&J Variety 3.99, Farmers Union Coop 690.28, Grossenburg Implement 1,698.03, JEO 20,391.20, Koch-Tramp Plumbing & Heating 52.78, Kruse True Value 61.74, Keith's Package Liquor 64.00, Leise Concrete 1,685.00, Peitz Service 2,874.30, Plumbing & Electric 145.00, US Cellular 63.01, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 9.00

Water: Burnell's Foodtown 64.50, Farmer's Union Coop 29.38, Hawkins, Inc. 385.03, Hartington Shopper 108.23, Kruse True Value 29.96, One Call Concepts 11.66, Peitz Service 58.80, Plumbing & Electric 35.00, R. Jueden 52.42, and US Cellular 31.37

Sewer: Hartington Shopper 108.23, Midwest Laboratories 409.00, One Call Concepts 11.66, Peitz Service 64.27, and Plumbing & Electric 25.15

Sanitation: Colonial Life 237.50, Hartington Shopper 108.24, and R. Jueden 70.00

Fire: D&J Variety 4.99, Danko Emergency Equipment 51.76, Farmers Union Coop 79.58, Hartelco 45.59, Peitz Service 435.68, US Cellular 62.74

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,134.56

Ambulance: D&J Variety 4.99, Farmers Union Coop 114.17, Hartelco 45.59, Kruse True Value 73.98, Matheson Tri-Gas 64.55, Nassau Life Insurance 139.31, Peitz Service 396.45, US Cellular 141.92, and United Healthcare 665.00

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 105.09

Recreation: Carhart Lumber 132.31, Pioneer Manufacturing Company 474.46, and Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 42.99

Pool: Hawkins, Inc. 1,257.82, Hartelco 76.06, Plumbing & Electric 109.45, and Randy Kathol Construction 396.00

Parks: Farmers Union Coop 106.47, Kruse True Value 79.84, Mike's Electric 320.09, Plumbing & Electric 230.65, and Randy Kathol Construction 78.00

Complex: Farmers Union Coop 114.96, Hartelco 43.96, and Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 121.45

Library: Eakes Office Solutions 54.96, Hartelco 155.80, Ingram 557.45, Kruse True Value 199.00, Nebraska Library Commission 500.00, Omaha World Herald 338.00, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 445.20

City Hall: Colonial Life 49.40, Eakes Office Solutions 523.98, P. Guy 100.00, Koch-Tramp Plumbing & Heating 52.78, and Kruse True Value 9.49

Auditorium: Art Kathol Appliance 9.82 and Koch-Tramp Plumbing & Heating 7,269.00

Economic Development: Hartelco 53.98

Transfer

Station: Deere Credit 476.68, Farmers Union Coop 314.74, Hartelco 46.38, Hartington Shopper 231.80, Kruse True Value 63.95, Peitz Service 1,688.27, and Sanitation Products, Inc. 370.00

Payroll for the month of July was \$59,379.75.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Peitz and seconded by Christensen. A roll call vote was taken. Christensen – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for August 24, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer