

The Hartington City Council met on August 23, 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 Christensen, Sudbeck, Peitz, and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher; and Deputy Clerk Carlson. Legal Advisor Pier was absent.

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 August 09, 2021 meeting and August 16, 2021 Budget Workshop 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.

Clerk Schaecher discussed the Recreational Complex Use Agreement with Hartington-Newcastle Public School and Cedar Catholic High School. The only change made this year was that the snow removal from the playing field or spectator areas will be the responsibility of the party holding the event. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Peitz and this was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a request made by Brice Grutsch to use the junior high football field at the complex on Sundays for the Hartington-Newcastle youth football program. The games held on Sundays will not interfere with any other football programs. A motion was made by Councilman Christensen to approve the field use and this was seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

A building permit was presented and reviewed from Jeremy and Jodi Kneifl – Deck Addition. A motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Peitz to approve the permits. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Gary Kruse checked out the scoreboard in preparation for football. Hartelco will no longer broadcast games, so there will be room in the press box this year for anyone else interested in broadcasting. None for the auditorium.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: None

General – Mayor Becker: Upon discussion with Dave McGregor, the County would like to sell the City the road drag if there is still interest.

Steve Pier: Absent

Clerk Schaecher: The Council will need to look over the One and Six Year Street Plan and the budget figures that were placed in their packets in preparation for the hearings on September 13, 2021.

Deputy Clerk Carlson: None

Public Comments: None

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 411.00

Streets: Black Hills Energy 101.94, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 509.08, Hartelco Computers 54.50, Leise Concrete 2,000.00, NPPD 3,066.00, and Team Lab 2,867.00

Water: Cedar-Knox PPD 1,578.60, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 344.82, and NPPD 1,716.41

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 53.14, Midwest Laboratories 409.00, NPPD 3,556.06, and USA Blue Book 54.03

Sanitation: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 187.20 and Stop N Go 480.80

Fire: Black Hills Energy 15.63, Leise Lawn Care 300.00, NPPD 170.07, and Stop N Go 39.60

Ambulance: Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 304.24, Black Hills Energy 15.62, NPPD 138.48, Randy Kathol Construction 450.00, and Stop N Go 164.17

Cemetery: T. Albers 1,900.00

Recreation: C. Cattau 321.75, L. Steffen 625.00, NPPD 63.16, and Stop N Go 263.32

Pool: Black Hills Energy 125.06, NPPD 941.71, and B. Yates 72.00

Parks: NPPD 1,039.08

Complex: NPPD 232.96 and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 1,700.00

Library: Black Hills Energy 27.79, Eakes Office Solutions 129.48, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 315.88, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 620.75, Midwest Tape 22.49, NPPD 605.57, Quill Corporation 84.95, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 820.00

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 36.79, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 328.72, Hartelco Computers 217.99, NPPD 263.71, and Premier Lawn & Landscaping 275.00

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 62.96 and NPPD 56.59

Economic
Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 181.44 and Fairfield Inn & Suites 109.95

Transfer
Station: Cedar-Knox PPD 105.00, Gill Hauling 3,502.71, and Sanitation Products 374.95

Total payroll for the month of July was \$57,972.74.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Christensen – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck - yes.

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 7:15 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for September 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer