

The Hartington City Council met for a public hearing and their regular meeting on September 12, 2022 at the city hall 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 Peitz, Sudbeck, and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher; and Legal Advisor Pier. Councilman Christensen and Deputy Clerk de Waal were absent.

Mayor Becker opened the public hearing on the One and Six Year Street Plan at 7:00 P.M. Clerk Schaecher stated that there are really no changes. Rob Dump asked if there were any projects done last year and Mayor Becker told him that there were not, but repairs to Madison and Broadway Avenues took place the year before last. There were no questions from the public, so Mayor Becker closed the hearing at 7:02 P.M.

Mayor Becker called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 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 22, 2022 meeting and the August 2022 Treasurer's Report was made by Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The August 2022 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Thoene. There were 383 ½ hours patrolled. School traffic was 3 ¾ hours. Calls of service were 2 EMS assists, 2 traffic controls, 3 disturbances, 1 assault, and 1 gas drive off. Traffic stops were 2 verbal warnings, 3 written warnings, and 1 citation. There was 1 arrest.

Building permits were presented and reviewed from Hartington Golf Course – Maintenance Shed and Fred Wortmann and Loretta Munter – Front Porch and All-Season Room. LeRoy Hansen, Zoning Official, had alerted the Council prior to the meeting that the Golf Course permit was not ready to be reviewed, as the lot lines needed to be surveyed. A motion was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck to table the Hartington Golf Course permit, pending further lot line review. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion to approve the building permit from Fred Wortmann and Loretta Munter was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes.

The Direct Support Professionals Week Proclamation was read by Mayor Becker. Staff from Mosaic were present for the reading and the Council offered their appreciation for all that they do for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Resolution 20220912 – Adopting the One and Six Year Street Plan was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 881 – Repealing Ordinance No. 847-Vacating Goetz Street Between Summit Avenue and Broadway Avenue was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to dispense with the readings on three separate days was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Peitz – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker –yes. Motion carried. Councilman Bartling abstained. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 881 was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Peitz – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker –yes. Motion carried. Councilman Bartling abstained.

Ordinance No. 882 – Vacating Goetz Street Between Summit Avenue and Broadway Avenue was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to dispense with the readings on three separate days was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Peitz – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker –yes. Motion carried. Councilman Bartling abstained. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 882 was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Peitz – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Becker –yes. Motion carried. Councilman Bartling abstained.

Clerk Schaecher discussed with the Council the Hartington Economic Development Group's LB840 drawdown request. The payment is to the Hartington Economic Development Group for JEO Engineering services at the industrial park in the amount of \$7,725.00. A motion to approve the LB840 Drawdown was made by Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The resignation letter from City Clerk-Treasurer Natalie Schaecher was presented to the Mayor and Council, with October 21, 2022 being her last day. Mayor Becker, the Council, and Steve Pier

thanked Natalie for her service and wished her well with her new employment opportunity. Councilman Bartling made the motion to accept the resignation and this was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool – Councilman Bartling: Absent

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Gary Kruse is working on the scoreboard at the football field, posts are being placed by the bathroom doors to protect them from damage, and attempts are being made to try to eliminate the parking where the ambulance parks during football games. Dave Feilmeier is working on the scoreboard at the auditorium, the fire escape ladder had been reinstalled prior to opening for the season, and Hartelco will be installing a camera near the entrance when entering by key fob.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: Absent

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: None

Clerk Schaecher: It feels bittersweet to leave the City of Hartington.

Deputy Clerk de Waal: Absent

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked if there is a replacement for City Clerk-Treasurer Schaecher and Mayor Becker stated Deputy de Waal has accepted the position and the Deputy Clerk position opening will be advertised. Rob Dump also requested an interview with Clerk Schaecher after the meeting.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: EMC Insurance 8,155.67, FP Finance Program 141.98, Hartelco 330.61, Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District 37.50, Northeast Nebraska News Company 575.86, and One Office Solution 159.00

Streets: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 702.21, Bank of Hartington 2,536.89, Bomgaars 133.69, Colonial Life 27.22, Creamer Auction Company 350.00, EMC Insurance 1,243.84, Farmers Union Coop 1,565.88, Fischer Feed & Supply 19.90, Grossenburg Implement 600.00, Hartelco Computers 42.50, Kruse True Value 15.99, NPPD 3,039.01, Plumbing & Electric 110.00, US Cellular 75.48, and US Able Life 14.50

Water: Bomgaars 7.69, D. Bottolfsen 27.84, EMC Insurance 932.88, Hartington Shopper 44.93, Nebraska Public Health 236.00, NPPD 1,331.17, C. Nutsch 16.01, One Call Concepts 36.84, Peitz Service 48.70, Plumbing & Electric 2,808.45, and Utilities Section 336.00

Sewer: Bomgaars 236.27, EMC Insurance 1,342.79, Hartington Shopper 44.93, Kruse True Value 62.76, Midwest Laboratories 1,282.00, NPPD 3,418.74, One Call Concepts 36.84, P. Guy 375.00, USA Blue Book 4,071.43, and Utilities Section 391.00

Sanitation: Z. Anderson 69.29, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,081.14, Bank of Hartington 83.33, Colonial Life 129.66, EMC Insurance Companies 1,144.90, R. Filips 32.88, Hartington Shopper 44.94, N. Holan 39.78, LP Gill 6,548.85, C. Nutsch 70.00, and US Able Life 29.00

Fire: Bomgaars 30.99, Burnell's Foodtown 8.99, Dearborn National Life 120.24, EMC Insurance 494.71, Ed. M. Feld Equipment 1,709.41, Farmers Union Coop 430.88, Hartelco 46.07, Leise Lawn Care 240.00, NPPD 168.52, and Yankton Janitorial Supply 52.00

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,398.56

Ambulance: Burnell's Foodtown 195.82, D & J Variety 6.99, EMC Insurance 325.10, Emergency Medical Products 567.45, Farmers Union Coop 293.96, Hartelco 46.06, Kruse True Value 46.99, NPPD 136.95, and US Cellular 186.94

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 529.85

Recreation: Heimes Lawncare & Landscaping 1,950.00, Kruse True Value 19.99, NPPD 63.16, and Northeast Nebraska News Company 263.63

Pool: Kruse True Value 19.99 and NPPD 821.68

Parks: Bomgaars 191.29, Farmers Union Coop 227.77, Grossenburg Implement 197.65, Jerry's Service 183.59, NPPD 1,071.96, and Sheila's Country Gardens 309.61

Complex: Bomgaars 26.97, Farmers Union Coop 208.31, Feilmeier Electric 1,033.30, Hartelco 44.42, Kruse True Value 90.00, NPPD 235.81, Plumbing & Electric 1,291.69, and Yankton Janitorial Supply 973.50

Library: T. Anderson 150.00, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 5,240.85, Bank of Hartington 333.34, Burnell's Foodtown 17.88, D & J Variety 115.32, Demco 530.42, Hartelco 155.12, NPPD 406.84, and US Able Life 29.00

City Hall: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 529.97, Bank of Hartington 83.33, Burnell's Foodtown 10.79, Colonial Life 142.48, D & J Variety 39.93, Eakes 300.27, D. Fischer 100.00, Hartelco Computers 127.50, Hometown Leasing 62.05, NPPD 238.30, Premier Lawn & Landscaping 225.00, and US Able Life 28.00

Auditorium: Carhart Lumber 46.87, DSN Security 4,527.00, and NPPD 71.82

Economic Development: D & J Variety 19.97, Eakes 90.83, Hartelco 48.02, Hartelco Computers 42.49, Hometown Leasing 31.02, US Able Life 14.50, and Fairfield Inn & Suites 169.00

Transfer Station: Bomgaars 10.06, Deere Credit 904.55, EMC 494.71, Farmers Union Coop 431.93, Grossenburg Implement 54.06, Gill Hauling 1,202.85, Hartelco 47.01, Jerry's Service 355.26, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy 500.00, Olson's Pest Technicians 75.00, and Peitz Service 878.20

A motion to pay the bills except for Peitz Service, and to also include a wastewater exam payment to the Department of Environment and Energy for \$150.00 was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion was made to pay the Peitz Service bill by Councilman Bartling and was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – 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 Sudbeck and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling– yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for September 27, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer