

The Hartington City Council met for two public hearings and their regular meeting on September 13, 2021 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 Sudbeck, Peitz, and Bartling; Deputy Clerk Carlson; and Legal Advisor Pier. City Clerk-Treasurer Schaecher was present via phone due to illness and Councilman Christensen was absent.

Mayor Becker opened the public hearing for the fiscal 2021-2022 budget at 7:00 P.M. Joe Stump, CPA, reviewed the budget via telephone. The 2021-2022 property tax is set at \$643,140.00 with the general being \$393,140.00 and bond \$250,000.00. The levy decreased from 69.8 cents to 69.1 cents from last year. Rob Dump from the Cedar County News had a few questions for Mr. Stump, in which he was able to answer, and for the Council. The public hearing was closed at 7:13 P.M.

Mayor Becker opened the public hearing on the One and Six Year Street Plan at 7:14 P.M. Dale Bohac from JEO Consulting stated that there are really no changes. There were no questions from the public, so Mayor Becker closed the hearing at 7:16 P.M.

Mayor Becker called the regular meeting to order at 7:16 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 23, 2021 meeting and the August 2021 Treasurer's Report was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The August 2021 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Greiner. There were 382 ¼ hours patrolled. School traffic was 4 ¼ hours. Calls of service were 2 EMS assists, 4 welfare checks, 2 disturbances, 1 theft, and 3 alarms. Traffic stops were 2 verbal warnings, 1 written warning, and 1 citation. There were 0 arrests.

Building permits were presented and reviewed for Randall Pinkelman – Storage Shed and Travis and Racheal Folkers – Overhang Over Front Entrance of Town Square Offices. A motion was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck to approve the permit. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

A sign permit was presented and reviewed for Travis and Racheal Folkers – Town Square Offices. A motion was made by Bartling and seconded by Sudbeck to approve the permit. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20210913 – Setting the Property Tax Request was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20210913A – Adopting the 2021-2022 Budget was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to approve an additional 1% increase of restricted funds authority was made by Councilman Sudbeck and was seconded by Councilman Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20210913B – 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 Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Dale Bohac from JEO discussed Pay Application Number 3 and Change Order Number 2 from A&R Construction. The amount of the application was for \$89,712.16. A motion to approve Pay Application Number 3 and Change Order Number 2 from A&R Construction was made by Councilman Peitz and was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Dale Bohac from JEO discussed the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the 2020 Street Improvements. Dale stated the work has been completed for the 2020 Street Improvement Project. Councilman Peitz made a motion to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion and this was

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

Councilman Sudbeck presented a price quote for manhole repairs from Johnson Service. The quote was for \$18,624.00 and this would involve the repair of seven manholes in alleys and a mobilization charge. Councilman Peitz made a motion to approve the quote and it was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20210913C – Approving the Survey Plat of 1.37 Acre Cedar County Road and Identifying as Complex Road was introduced by Councilman Sudbeck. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman Bartling and seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Big Hair Brewhaus request to block Broadway Avenue from Main Street to Anderson Body Shop for Tootiepalooza on September 25, 2001. This portion of Broadway will be blocked from 4:00 P.M. on September 25th to 1:00 A.M. on September 26th. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the Veteran’s Memorial Fund. Councilman Peitz made a motion to approve the request 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/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: The Frisbee golf nets arrived today and we now have to look to prevent conflicts such as trees, the cross country route, etc. The auditorium is open for the season and passes are being sold.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: Absent

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: None

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Carlson: None

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked why the City was naming Complex Road. Mayor Becker stated it had never been officially named and since there is going to be a residence along the road, an address needed to be given. Rob Dump asked why there were so many manhole repairs and Councilman Sudbeck stated it was just wear and tear throughout the years. Rob Dump asked how much the change order was for and the amount of \$75,427.23 was given for the change order, making a total of \$89,712.16 for the final payment number 3.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: EMC Insurance 7,761.20, Great America Financial Services 105.00, Hartelco 291.99, Hartington Shopper 186.80, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, & Reynolds 440.00, Northeast Nebraska News Company 265.43, and One Office Solution 318.00

Streets: Appeara 25.00, Bank of Hartington 2,353.56, Barco Municipal Products 597.88, Bomgaars 31.99, Carhart Lumber 85.35, EMC Insurance 1,183.69, Farmers Union Coop 733.97, Grossenburg Implement 662.64, R. Hamilton 26.73, Hartington Auto & Truck Parts 6.49, JEO 3,323.40, Kruse True Value 4.48, Murphy Tractor & Equipment 388.08, NPPD 3,061.76, Stop N Go 193.13, US Cellular 62.11, and US Able Life 14.50

Water: Midtown Apartments 81.28, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 2,585.08, Bank of Hartington 166.67, Bomgaars 54.64, Carhart Lumber 72.44, Cedar-Knox PPD 1,861.41, Christensen Well & Irrigation 20,082.03, EMC Insurance 887.77, N. Fischer 31.70, Grossenburg Implement 16.50, Hartington Shopper 108.24, Keith’s Package Liquor 26.00, Nebraska Public Health 57.90, NPPD 1,260.68, One Call Concepts 13.06, Peitz Service 37.66, Plumbing & Electric 102.06, B. Spencer 60.03, US Cellular 30.41, and US Able Life 14.50

Sewer: Carhart Lumber 8.29, EMC Insurance 1,277.84, Hartington Shopper 108.24, Kruse True Value 6.99, Municipal Supply 1,075.00, Midwest Laboratories 409.00, NPPD 3,330.63, One Call Concepts 13.06, and Plumbing & Electric 42.50

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 1,745.40, Bank of Hartington 166.66, Bomgaars 78.95, Colonial Life 237.50, EMC Insurance 1,089.53, Farmers Union Coop 447.16, N. Fischer 70.00, Hartington Shopper 108.22, LP Gill 5,931.20, Peitz Service 385.50, Stop N Go 257.19, B. Spencer 70.00, US Able Life 29.00, and Wiechelman's Repair 21..98

Fire: Dearborn National Life 107.68, EMC Insurance 470.78, Farmers Union Coop 330.61, Hartelco 45.91, Jerry's Service 46.54, Leise Lawn Care 305.00, NPPD 170.07, Rural Fire Board 34,273.75, Stop N Go 31.01, Sandry Fire Supply 1,016.75, and US Cellular 60.82

Police: Cedar County Sheriff 13,265.91

Ambulance: D. Dailey 20.00, EMC Insurance 309.37, Emergency Medical Products 176.22, Farmers Union Coop 192.31, Hartelco 45.91, NPPD 138.48, Stop N Go 67.44, T. Bottolfsen 60.00, and US Cellular 159.47

Cemetery: Cedar Knox Rural Water 50.00 and T. Albers 1,900.00

Recreation: Kruse True Value 14.95, NPPD 63.16, and Northeast Nebraska News 41.40

Pool: Art Kathol Appliance 13.22, NPPD 698.59, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 5.99

Parks: Bomgaars 173.41, Farmers Union Coop 169.53, Grossenburg Implement 5,651.85, Kruse True Value 55.44, NPPD 849.69, Northeast Nebraska News 55.20, R. Scott 352.00, Wiechelman's Repair Shop 20.00, and Yankton Janitorial Supply 393.68

Complex: Bomgaars 52.04, Carhart Lumber 136.49, Farmers Union Coop 151.87, Hartelco 44.46, Kruse True Value 80.00, Leise Concrete 525.00, NPPD 197.45, and Yankton Janitorial Supply 393.68

Library: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska 4,720.78, Bank of Hartington 333.34, D&J Variety 9.98, Hartelco 170.23, Kruse True Value 188.57, NPPD 566.41, and US Able Life 29.00

City Hall: Colonial Life 72.68, D&J Variety 33.26, Eakes Office Solutions 246.12, P. Guy 100.00, Kaiser Heating & Cooling 160.50, NPPD 250.98, and US Able Life 29.00

Auditorium: Appeara 59.00 and NPPD 71.82

Economic Development: D&J Variety 16.64, Hartelco 53.98, M. Becker 201.99, and NEDA 175.00

Transfer Station: Bomgaars 21.91, Cedar-Knox PPD 97.26, Deere Credit 461.28, EMC Insurance 470.78, Farmers Union Coop 585.17, Gill Hauling 1,213.20, and Hartelco 47.02

Total Payroll for the month of August 2021 was \$54,065.82.

A motion to pay the bills, except for Peitz Service, JEO, and Watkins was made by Bartling and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Bartling to not pay the Watkins bill, as it was billed to the City in error, and this was 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 and JEO bills by Bartling and Seconded by 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 Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling– yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for September 27, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer