

The Hartington City Council met for two public hearings and their regular meeting on September 14, 2020 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; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher, Deputy Clerk Carlson, and Legal Advisor Pier.

Mayor Becker opened the public hearing for the fiscal 2020-2021 budget at 7:00 P.M. Michael Pommer, CPA, reviewed the budget. The 2020-2021 property tax is set at \$637,000.00 with the general being \$387,000.00 and bond \$250,000.00. The levy decreased from 69.9 cents to 69.8 cents from last year. Rob Dump from the Cedar County News had a few questions for Mr. Pommer, in which he was able to answer, and for the Council. The public hearing was closed at 7:05 P.M.

Mayor Becker opened the public hearing on the One and Six Year Street Plan at 7:05 P.M. Councilman Peitz stated Madison Avenue and South Broadway Avenue are two projects that are being planned for next spring. LeRoy Hansen asked about the alley behind the library. Councilman Peitz stated this was going to get done, but that would be a project that would not need to be bonded. There were no other comments. Mayor Becker closed the hearing at 7:07 P.M.

Mayor Becker called the regular meeting to order at 7:07 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 24, 2020 meeting, the August 31, 2020 special meeting, and the August 2020 Treasurer's Report was made by Bartling and seconded by Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck – yes. Motion carried.

The August 2020 Cedar County Sheriff's report was distributed by Deputy Thoene. There were 321¼ hours patrolled. School traffic was 4 ¾ hours. Calls of service were 1 accident, 3 disturbances, 2 EMS assists, 1 assault, 2 other agency assists, 2 parking violations, and 1 animal complaint. Traffic stops were 1 verbal warning, 1 written warning, and 2 citations. There was 1 arrest.

A building permit was presented and reviewed for Terry Baller - Garage. A motion was made by Sudbeck and seconded by Peitz to approve the permit. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Peitz – yes, and Sudbeck - yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20200914 – Setting the Property Tax Request 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.

Resolution 20200914 – Adopting the 2020-2021 Budget 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.

Resolution 20200914B – 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.

The next item on the agenda was a request to vacate Goetz Street from Connor Wieseler. Connor Wieseler did not show up for comments and since this was an information item, no action by the Council was required.

Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: None

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: New bleachers for the complex have been ordered, so temporary bleachers have been placed on the small football field. The auditorium is open for the season and passes are being sold.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: Absent

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: A sample private swimming pool ordinance was emailed to Clerk Schaecher and it was requested to forward a copy to the Council members to look over. There has been no contact with the supporters of a gun range for some time. Councilman Bartling stated a trap shooter has been set up at the fairgrounds.

Clerk Schaecher: Miranda Becker, Economic Development Coordinator, has requested a Trunk or Treat to be held on October 25th at the complex from 5-6:30 P.M. No other events were scheduled on this date, so Mayor Becker and the Councilmen all agreed that the event could take place.

Deputy Clerk Carlson: None

Public Comments: Dan Kruse approached the Mayor and Council, reporting severe problems in his neighborhood with barking dogs. Dan stated a neighbor leaves her two dogs outside for several hours at a time, alone. An example was this morning when the barking started at 10:30 and the dogs were still barking when he left to attend this meeting. Dan stated he has called the sheriff's office and a deputy has come to speak to the owner. Dan said after the deputy made his visit, she kept the dogs in the house for a couple of days and then started letting them out and leaving again. Clerk Schaecher stated she has spoken to the owner regarding this issue twice on the phone and the owner had stated the sheriff's deputy was satisfied with the outdoor environment that the dogs were placed in. Mayor Becker thanked Dan for attending the meeting to voice his concerns and these complaints will be followed up. Rob Dump asked the Council why there was large equipment at the auditorium. Councilman Sudbeck stated plaster was repaired areas were painted for a facelift. Mike Pommer stated the Council might want to consider allowing access to an additional 1% spending authority for next year's budget.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General:	Cedar County Register of Deeds 16.00, EMC Insurance 13,648.22, Great America Financial Services 105.00, Hartelco 296.20, Kennedy, Pier, Loftus, and Reynolds, LLP 1,698.00, Northeast Nebraska News Company 276.73, and Usable Life 101.50
Streets:	Appeara 22.36, Carhart Lumber 3.99, Colonial Life 180.68, Diamond Vogel Paints 651.45, Farmers Union Coop 622.45, Folkers Brothers Garage 241.36, Grossenburg Implement 801.82, Kruse True Value 92.44, NPPD 3,143.47, Stop N Go 62.29, US Cellular 63.01, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 18.00
Water:	A. Richards 77.63, Cedar-Knox PPD 1,627.32, Dollar General 183.25, L. Lammers 80.17, NPPD 1,072.72, One Call Concepts 41.27, P. Guy 12.78, Peitz Service 11.81, Plumbing & Electric 2,124.90, T. Potts 56.24, US Cellular 31.37, USA Blue Book 64.97, and Utilities Section-League of Nebraska Municipalities 336.00
Sewer:	Barco Municipal Products 3,380.93, D&J Variety 33.91, GPM 515.00, Kruse True Value 4.49, Midwest Laboratories 409.00, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy 150.00, NPPD 3,470.63, One Call Concepts 41.27, and Utilities Section-League of Nebraska Municipalities 336.00
Sanitation:	Colonial Life 237.50, T. Potts 70.00, Stop N Go 194.61, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 39.32
Fire:	Dearborn National Life 50.40, Ed. M. Feld Equipment 578.00, Farmers Union Coop 139.66, Hartelco 45.67, Keith's Package Liquor 7.09, NPPD 201.38, Rural Fire Board 37,050.00, Stop N Go 75.20, US Cellular 62.74, and Yankton Janitorial Supply 125.00
Police:	Cedar County Sheriff 13,134.56
Ambulance:	Arrow Manufacturing 58.53, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 88.76, Avera Medical Group 156.00, Burnell's Foodtown 62.42, Emergency Medical Products 69.13, Farmers Union Coop 178.77, Hartelco 45.66, Kruse True Value 38.99, Matheson Tri-Gas 115.49, NPPD 167.16, and US Cellular 141.92
Cemetery:	Cedar Knox Rural Water 30.21 and S. Albers 1,800.00
Recreation:	Hartington Baseball/Softball Association 8,208.70, NPPD 68.42, and Northeast Nebraska News Company 40.98
Pool:	NPPD 1,058.16

Parks: Farmers Union Coop 213.77, Grossenburg Implement 988.53, Kruse True Value 25.35, NPPD 830.19, Plumbing & Electric 80.00, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 210.00

Complex: Farmers Union Coop 65.55, Hartelco 43.96, NPPD 207.32, and Pomp's Tire Service 318.50

Library: D&J Variety 79.98, Hartelco 154.31, and NPPD 456.78

City Hall: Colonial Life 72.68, D&J Variety 56.94, Eakes Office Solutions 38.59, Feilmeier Electric 74.16, P. Guy 100.00, and NPPD 219.38

Auditorium: Kruse True Value 18.76 and NPPD 85.42

Economic
Development: Hartelco 53.98

Transfer
Station: Carhart Lumber 29.12, Cedar-Knox PPD 118.22, Deere Credit 476.68, Farmers Union Coop 317.37, Gill Hauling 1,224.72, Hartelco 46.38, Kruse True Value 59.95, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality 500.00, and Wiechelman's Repair Shop 53.05

Total Payroll for the month of August 2020 was \$39,588.16.

A motion to pay the bills, except for Peitz Service was made by Peitz 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 was made 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 7:31 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for September 28, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher
City Clerk - Treasurer