

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Minutes
January 8, 2018

1. Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Tossava in Council Chambers at City Hall.
2. Present at roll call were Bowers, Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Tossava.

City Staff and Appointees Present: Mansfield, King, Pratt, Caris, Hays, Czarnecki, Hemerling, and Fekkes.

3. Pledge to the flag.
4. Approval of the agenda.

Motion by Jarvis, with support by Resseguie, to approve the agenda as presented.
All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Mayor's Address.

Mayor Tossava presented the State of the City of Hastings:

2017 Was Another Great Year:

- Three bicycle races this year:
 - The Barry-Roubaix with over 3,100 racers registered, but due to the rainy and cold conditions, only 2,200 started.
 - The Founders Fall Fondo had 145 participants and another rainy day.
 - The First Cabin Fever Fat Tire Bike Race was held at Fish Hatchery Park and was very successful.
- Jazz Festival was held with 70 schools involved and with 4,000 students performing, with an estimated 10,000 people attending.
- Construction was completed in early May on the Veteran's Memorial in time for the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies.
- Gus Macker held another successful 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament with over 200 teams and hundreds of spectators. The DPS resurfaced two streets Downtown to improve the playing surface.
- The first phase of Hastings Bicycle Master Plan was started in 2017, and the second phase will begin in 2018.
- Hastings Live had over 50 performances at three locations and over 8,000 in attendance from all over the state and all events were free to attend.
- The Hastings City Police Department hosted National Night Out in Tyden Park on August 1st. Participants included law enforcement, fire departments, and EMS and First Responders.

- Hastings City Police graduated the third class of cadets.
- The Police Department held a Cops Vs. Teachers basketball game fundraiser for Leo Loeks a Star Elementary student battling Leukemia.
- The Police Department had a donor donate gas cards to give away to customers at the Shell Station. They also provided 20 turkey dinners for families in need at Christmas.
- Two movies were made in Hastings with scenes filmed at the skate park, Farmers Market and Gilmore Jewelry. These movies featured City Police Officers.
- The Jingle and Mingle held its Christmas Parade with over 70 entries and 6,000 people in attendance.
- Police and Fire Departments as well as our Department of Public Works are responsible for our safety 24/7 and are sometimes out when we are at home during the holidays with our families.
- Events held in Hastings take a lot of staff and volunteers. Along with regular duties our staff help coordinate all events. Thank you to all of these people. Without the leadership of Jim James and the dedication of his crew, none of these events would have been successful. Our hats are off to Jim and his crew.
- We had another successful audit this year! Thanks to Jeff, Jerry, Dan and his staff.
- In 2018 the City will continue to work on a new Master Plan.
- Spring 2018 the Safe Routes to School sidewalk construction will begin.
- The City will continue to work on improving our infrastructure, sidewalks, roads, water and sewers.
- Making improvements in our parks is a priority in 2018.
- The State of the City isn't about our financial status. It's also about quality of life for our residents. It is our responsibility to attract new business and housing opportunities for our residents and we will continue to do this!
- Eight days ago we celebrated New Years. It is fitting that our City logo says, "We treasure the old and progress with New" We will cherish our past and embrace our future! Last year was a great year, this year will be a fantastic year.

The State of the City is Good!.

6. Adopt Robert's Rules of Order.

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Redman, to adopt Robert's Rules of Order.

Ayes: Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Tossava.

Nays: Bowers.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

7. Elect Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion by Resseguie, with support by Cusack, to nominate Bill Redman for Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Resseguie, to close nominations.

Ayes: Bowers, Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Resseguie, Smith, and Tossava.

Nays: None

Absent: None.

Abstain: Redman.

Motion carried.

8. Approval of the minutes of the regular and closed session meetings of December 26, 2017.

Motion by Smith, with support by Maupin-Moore, to approve minutes as presented.

Ayes: Bowers, Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Redman.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

9. Open public discussion regarding matters not on the agenda.

Todd Calis: New to the area and noticed items on the City's Website are outdated.

10. Proclamations: (None).

11. Public Hearings:

- A. A Public Hearing to hear comment regarding the draft vicious animal ordinance.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:11 PM.

Patricia Richardson: States she is a member of the Humane Society. Should be no discrimination based on breed of dog.

Barbara Haywood: Read letter from Tammy Berdecia thanking all moving forward with Breed Specific Language. Sites specific classes of the draft ordinance for correction.

Jeremy L. Haight: Supports the Dog Park and Pit Bulls.

Emma Miller: Expressed appreciation for taking this issue seriously. Reviewed ordinance and supports language in the draft ordinance.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:18 PM.

Don Smith - addressed sections in the draft ordinance.

Motion by Redman, with support by Jarvis, to accept the draft ordinance as presented.

Redman withdrew motion as the ordinance needs to have a first and second reading.

Don Bowers - cited 46% of dog bites were pit bulls.

Bill Cusack - cited instances of Pit Bull attacks.

McNabb-Stange-Rehab dog can be okay around people, but can be dangerous around other dogs.

Maupin-Moore – Would like to see a definition of a working dog.

Chief Pratt reports that from 2011 to 2015 48% of dog bites were pit bulls. From 2016 to present, 46% of dog bites were pit bulls.

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Cusack, to send back to staff to incorporate working dog language and insurance requirements into the ordinance and bring back to Council for a First Reading.

Ayes: Bowers, Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Redman.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

12. Formal presentations and requests:

- A. Consider 2018 calendar of regular Council meetings as the second and fourth Mondays of each month except: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 in Place of Monday, May 28, 2018 due to the observance of Memorial Day, and Wednesday, December 26, 2018 in place of Monday, December 24, 2018 and Tuesday, December 25, 2018 due to the observance of the Christmas holiday.

Motion by Redman, with support by Resseguie, to adopt calendar as presented.

Ayes: Bowers, Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Redman.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

- B. Consider request from Josh Taylor "Paddle for a Cure" to hold a fundraiser at the Thornapple Plaza on May 19, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and a canoe race ending at Tyden Park.

Motion by Jarvis, with support by Smith, to approve request as presented.

Ayes: Bowers, Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Redman.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

13. Recommendations from other Boards: (None).

14. Ordinances: (None).

15. Resolutions:

- A. Consider **Resolution 2018-01** to approve depositories for the funds of the City of Hastings.

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Redman, to adopt **Resolution 2018-01** as presented.

Ayes: Bowers, Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Redman.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

16. Consider elected officials salaries as recommended by the Mayor:

Mayor	\$7,800 per year paid monthly
Mayor Pro-tem	\$2,500 per year paid quarterly
Council Members	\$2,300 per year paid quarterly
Board of Review	\$ 115 per meeting paid per meeting

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Cusack, to approve as recommended.

Ayes: Bowers, Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Redman.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

17. Appointments:

A. Mayor's 2018 recommendations for appointment with consent of Council

1. City Manager - Jeff Mansfield
Consider City Manager's Employment Agreement expiring January 13, 2019.

Motion by Bowers, with support by Smith, to approve as presented.

Ayes: Bowers, Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Redman.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

2. City Attorney - Stephanie Fekkes and Varnum Attorneys at Law.
Consider City Attorney's retainer and hourly rate expiring January 13, 2019.

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Smith, to approve as presented.

Ayes: Bowers, Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Redman.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

3. Boards and Commissions (see attachment).

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Resseguie, to approve as presented.

Ayes: Bowers, Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Redman.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

4. Health Officer - Barry/Eaton Health Department for a 1-year term expiring December 31, 2018.

Motion by Redman, with support by Maupin-Moore, to approve as presented.

Ayes: Bowers, Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Redman.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

B. City Manager’s 2018 appointments with the advice and consent of Council:

Deputy City Manager/Police Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator /	
FOIA Coordinator.....	Jeff Pratt
Fire Chief/Fire Marshall/ADA Coordinator	Roger Caris
Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director	Jerry Czarnecki
Community Development Director	Dan King
City Assessor	Jackie Timmerman
Director of Public Services	Lee Hays
Zoning Administrator	Jeff Mansfield

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Redman, to approve as presented.

Ayes: Bowers, Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Redman.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

18. Bids, Contracts, Agreements, and Sales: (None)

19. City Manager's report:

- A. Director of Public Services presented his monthly and annual reports.
- B. Fire Chief presented his monthly and annual reports.
- C. Library Director presented her monthly report.
- D. Consider operation of the Hastings Dog Park.

Donors to the Dog Park should submit their wishes to the Hastings Dog Park Companions and the City of Hastings as to the disposition of their donation.

Motion by McNabb-Stange, and support by Cusack, to continue to operate the Hastings Dog Park with consideration of establishing an Advisory Board.

Ayes: Bowers, Cusack, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Redman.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

E. Receive proposed budget calendar 2018/2019.

F. Consider setting a workshop meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday, January 22, 2018 to discuss future and past practices, goals, and policy issues to be considered in the budget preparation process for the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

Motion by Smith, with support by Maupin-Moore, to set workshop as presented.
All ayes. Motion carried.

20. Consent items without individual discussion:

A. Invoices:

Van Meter & Associates, Inc. \$5,000.00 (Consulting Services).

B. Draft Minutes Joint Planning Commission Meeting December 20, 2017.

C. Draft Minutes Airport Commission Meeting December 27, 2017.

D. Draft Minutes LDFA December 28, 2017.

E. Barry County Central Dispatch Monthly Call Summary Report December 2017.

F. Draft Minutes Hastings Public Library January 2, 2018.

G. Draft Minutes Barry County Board of Commissioners – Committee of the Whole, January 2, 2018.

H. Barry-Eaton District Health Department Community Highlights January 2018.

I. Events Calendar January 2018.

J. Draft Minutes Planning Commission January 2, 2018.

K. Update on the Disc Golf Event January 4, 2018.

L. Thank you from the New Year's Eve Community Celebration Committee.

Motion by Redman, with support by Resseguie, to receive and place on file Items #20.A. through Items 20.L. inclusive.

All ayes. Motion carried.

21. City Attorney's Report:

No Report. Attorney Fekkes thanked the City for the continued trust that has been shown to her as she enters her 27th year with the City.

22. Legislative Director's Report:

No GVMC meeting this month.

23. Open Public Discussion from the Floor:

Kay Doyle: With the Barry County Humane Society shared that neutering and spaying is an important aspect of temperament in canines.

Mary Fisher: States she is a member of the the Barry County Humane Society and would like to know how to obtain copy of the draft ordinance, and where to send the letter about the benches donated by the Humane Society.

Mike Snyder: Thanked Council for appointments to the ZBA and Cemetery Preservation Advisory Committee.

Brad Pelkey: Asked the Council to come together to work with the citizens regarding the Dog Park.

Starr Leep: Thank you for working on the draft ordinance and the Dog Park.

Janelle McFadden: Represents an advocacy group out of Grand Rapids that advocates for Pit Bulls and other type of dogs shared information about training and owners and why they end up in shelters.

Tracy Keller-Bennett: Thank you for listening to the community regarding the Dog Park.

Meghan from Representative Julie Calley's Office provided a legislative update as Representative Calley was unable to attend.

24. Mayor and Council comment:

Resseguie asked about the Cable Access upgrade, Redman responded should be done by February 1st.

Smith thanked Council for his reappointment to various committees.

Redman thanked Council for his election as Mayor Pro-Tem and appointment to various committees.

25. Adjourn.

Motion by Bowers, with support by Redman, to adjourn at 8:47 PM.

Read and Approved:

David J. Tossava, Mayor

Daniel V. King, City Clerk