

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 28, 2014

1. Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Campbell in Council Chambers at City Hall.
2. Present at roll call were members: Jarvis, Jasperse, Klein, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Tossava, and Wood.

Motion by Tossava, with support by McNabb-Stange, to excuse Member Bowers.
All ayes. Motion carried.

City Staff and Appointees present: Mansfield, Emery, Caris, Hart, Girrback, Holzwarth, Pratt, and Fekkes.

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

Motion by Tossava, with support by Wood, to add Items 14.J., MDOT schedule for South M-37, 15.E., to set a budget workshop for May 12, 2014, and 15.F., to set a public hearing for the parking Special Assessment District, and to approve the agenda as amended.
All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2014.

Motion by Jarvis, with support by Tossava, to approve the minutes as presented.
All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Proclamations:

Mayor's Springtime of Thanks Program: Mayor Campbell presented a proclamation recognizing and thanking the Thornapple Arts Council for their contributions to the quality of life in the Hastings Community.

Megan Lavell appreciated the recognition. She announced record attendance at Jazz Festival and thanked City staff for cooperation.

7. Public Hearings: (None).
8. Formal presentations and requests:

- A. Jerry Sarver made comments on retiring as Chief of Police. He stated that cutting police staff resulted in mandatory overtime and that single officer shifts increase the risk to the officer and the public. He stated that a union grievance and unfair labor practice charge should not have created a delay in filling a vacant patrol

officer position. He claimed that the City Manager is equivocal about filling the Deputy Chief position and insisted that having an immediately available second in command is imperative. He recommended that Council be aware of and safeguard effects of stress load on City Manager. Finally, he complained about the allocation of Administrative Services cost of about \$500,000.00 to the police department. He suggested that no expense should be charged to a department unless the department head had control over disbursements.

- B. Tom DeVault, Executive Director of the YMCA presented update of programs. He stated that spring baseball registration has decreased but that the Y is expanding swimming lessons, golf and tennis, and instituting new programs including "Gaga Ball", Middle School babysitting certification, Play 60, Lego Robotics, and 5K Running.
- C. Consider request from David N. Stevens, National & Regional Director Pierce Arrow Society, for reserved parking spaces for an event.

Motion by Tossava, with support by Redman, to approve request under direction of City staff.

Ayes: Jarvis, Jasperse, Klein, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Tossava, Wood, and Campbell.
 Nays: None.
 Absent: Bowers.
 Motion carried.

- D. Consider request from James E. Atkinson, Parade Chairman, to hold annual Memorial Day Parade.

Motion by Wood, with support by Tossava, to approve the request under the direction of City staff.

Ayes: Jarvis, Jasperse, Klein, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Tossava, Wood, and Campbell.
 Nays: None.
 Absent: Bowers.
 Motion carried.

- E. Consider request from Nicole Johns, Wendy's Restaurant, for road closure of Market St. for its Annual Classic Car Show.

Motion by Redman, with support by Wood, to approve the request under the direction of City staff.

Ayes: Jarvis, Jasperse, Klein, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Tossava, Wood, and Campbell.
 Nays: None.
 Absent: Bowers.
 Motion carried.

- F. Consider request from Stephanie Poortenga, Board Member for My Alpha Place, to hold annual "Lifewalk."

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Tossava, to approve the request under the direction of City staff.

Motion and support were amended to require that the walk stay on sidewalks.

Motion and support were withdrawn. Item returned to staff for further review.

- G. Consider request from Brandie Schenkel and Jessica Miller to hold a fundraiser kickball tournament in Bob King Park and waive the pavilion rental fee for the event.

Motion by Redman, with support by Klein, to approve the request under the direction of City staff.

Motion and support withdrawn.

Item returned to staff for further review regarding non-profit status and raffle license.

- H. Consider request from Valerie Byrnes, Barry County Chamber of Commerce, to adjust the layout of the Gus Macker event.

Item postponed by consensus until next meeting.

9. Recommendations from other Boards: Request from Airport Commission for approval of Airport Fund 2014 Budget Amendment.

Motion by Tossava, with support by Jarvis, to approve as recommended.

Ayes: Jarvis, Jasperse, Klein, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Tossava, Wood, and Campbell.

Nays: None.

Absent: Bowers.

Motion carried.

10. Ordinances: (None).

11. Resolutions: (None).

12. Appointments: (None).

13. Bids, Contracts, Agreements, Abandonment's, and Sales:

- A. Consider award of bid to C & C Contractors for 2014 Sealcoating Program in the amount of \$335.00/ton for hand patching, \$185.00/SqYd for sealcoat, \$3.00/each for centerline markers for a total bid price amount not to exceed \$162,207.05 as recommended by Director of Public Services, Tim Girrbach.

Motion by Jarvis, with support by Redman, to approve as recommended.

Ayes: Jarvis, Jasperse, Klein, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Tossava, Wood, and

Campbell.
 Nays: None.
 Absent: Bowers.
 Motion carried.

- B. Consider award of bid to Dig-It, Inc. for installation of a sleeve at Riverside Cemetery to accommodate a water supply system in the amount not to exceed \$6,200.00 as recommended by Director of Public Services, Tim Girrback.

Motion by Tossava, with support by Redman, to approve as recommended.

Ayes: Jarvis, Jasperse, Klein, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Tossava, Wood, and Campbell.
 Nays: None.
 Absent: Bowers.
 Motion carried.

- C. Consider award of bid to Halifax Services for Maintenance and Burial Services at Riverside Cemetery for fiscal year 2014/2015 in the amount of \$96,200.00/year for maintenance services and the proposed amounts for burial services as recommended by Director of Public Services, Tim Girrback.

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

Ayes: Jarvis, Jasperse, Klein, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Tossava, Wood, and Campbell.
 Nays: None.
 Absent: Bowers.
 Motion carried.

14. Consent items without individual discussion:

- A. Invoices:
 LD Docsa Associates - \$74,418.75 (WWTP Improvements)
 3M - \$7,216.31 (Library upgrades)
 Quality Roofing & Construction - \$6,900.00 (Fire Department roof)
- B. Information regarding FFA Banquet.
 C. Information regarding Recycling in Barry County.
 D. Draft minutes of the Barry County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole meeting of April 15, 2014.
 E. Rate increase information from WOW!
 F. Hastings Fire Department Pancake Breakfast information.
 G. Draft minutes of the Joint Planning Alliance meeting of April 21, 2014.
 H. Draft minutes of the Barry County Board of Commissioners meeting of April 22, 2014.
 I. Draft minutes of the Cable Access Committee meeting of April 17, 2014.
 J. MDOT schedule for South M-37.

Tossava asked about cable lines hanging on poles.

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Wood, to receive and place on file Items 14.A.

through 14.J. inclusive.
All ayes. Motion carried.

15. City Manager's report:

- A. Chief of Police Pratt gave his monthly report.
- B. Clerk/Treasurer Emery gave his monthly report.
- C. Community Development Director Hart gave his monthly report.
- D. Consider setting a public hearing at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 for the purpose of hearing comment and making a determination on the City budget for fiscal year 2014/2015 and to establish the millage rates levied to support the budget.

Motion by Wood, with support by McNabb-Stange, to set a public hearing as presented.

Ayes: Jarvis, Jasperse, Klein, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Tossava, Wood and Campbell.

Nays: None.

Absent: Bowers.

Motion carried.

- E. Consider setting workshop meeting on May 12, 2014 at 6:00 PM to discuss City budget for 2014/2015.

Motion by Wood, with support by Tossava, to set workshop as requested.
All ayes. Motion carried.

- F. Consider setting public hearing on May 12, 2014 at 7:00 PM to discuss parking in Special Assessment District.

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Wood, to set a public hearing as presented.

Ayes: Jarvis, Jasperse, Klein, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Tossava, Wood and Campbell.

Nays: None.

Absent: Bowers.

Motion carried.

16. City Attorney's Report: (None).

17. Legislative Director's Report:

Wood: Regarding Senate's change to EVIP reduces requirements.

McNabb-Stange: GVMC strategic planning and its four goals.

18. Open Public Discussion from the Floor:

Mike Hallifax: Thanked Council for contract award.

Hoot Gibson: Spoke regarding M-37; Mental Health Board; Charlton Park; Transit; Seniors; Nurses Week; County strategic planning; County Commission Meeting; millage on the August 5th elections; and County financial forecast.

- 19. Mayor and Council comment: (None).
- 20. Consider Closed Session as permitted by PA 267 of 1976, Section 15.268-8(d) to consider the purchase or lease of real property.

Motion by McNabb-Stange, supported by Redman to enter into closed session at 8:28 PM as permitted.

Ayes: Jarvis, Jasperse, Klein, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Tossava, Wood, and Campbell.
Nays: None.
Absent: Bowers.
Motion carried.

- 21. Adjourn.

Motion by McNabb-Stange, to adjourn at 8:44 PM.

- 22. Read and Approved:

Franklin L. Campbell, Mayor

Thomas E. Emery, City Clerk