

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 14, 2013

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

Staff and City Appointees present were: Mansfield, Emery, Sarver, Caris, Girrback, Hart, and Fekkes.

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

Motion by Redman, with support by Tossava, to approve the agenda as presented.
All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Mayor's Address:

Mayor Campbell highlighted last year's projects. He listed the Michigan Avenue Bridge, M-37/M-43 construction, Gus Macker, USEPA, Rental Rehab, new businesses in town, completing the Urban Services Agreement with Rutland Township, acquiring property for the Splash Pad and Riverwalk, activation of the step sewer system in Carlton and Hastings Townships, HVAC and lighting work completed at City Hall and DPW garage, WWTP storm outfall, Art in the Park, and the library being in the new building for five (5) years. The City has made a lot of progress in ten (10) years. The coming year will include the Barry-Roubaix Bike Race, Phase 2 of the Riverwalk, Spray Plaza completion, Skate Park improvements, Rental/Homeowner Rehab, Work Camp projects, formation of a Joint Planning Commission, and installation of the S2 improvements at the WWTP.

Mayor Campbell appreciated the citizens and Council for the privilege of serving as Mayor.

6. Adopt Robert's Rules of Order.

Motion by Wood, with support by Tossava, to adopt Robert's Rules of Order.

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

7. Elect Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion by Jasperse, with support by Redman, to elect Member Tossava as Mayor Pro-Tem.

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

8. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of December 26, 2012.

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

9. Proclamations: (None).

10. Public Hearings: (None).

11. Formal presentations and requests:

A. Consider 2013 calendar of regular Council meetings as the second and fourth Mondays of each month except:

Tuesday May 28 in place of Monday May 27 (Memorial Day)

Tuesday November 12 in place of Monday November 11 (Veteran's Day)

Motion by Wood, with support by Jarvis, to adopt the 2013 calendar of regular meetings as presented.
 All ayes. Motion carried.

B. Consider request from Ken Radant, St. Patrick's Day Committee, to hold annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

C. Consider request from Tom Price, President of South Central Michigan Youth Baseball, to use the ball field at Fish Hatchery Park for the 2013 season.

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

Ayes: Bowers, Depue, Jarvis, Jasperse, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Tossava, Wood, and Campbell

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

- D. Consider request from Janet Doane and Patty Osborn, March of Dimes, to hold the annual March for Babies event in Fish Hatchery Park.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

- E. Consider request from Tom Wilt, Executive Director of YMCA of Barry County, to hold various activities in City parks.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

12. Recommendations from other Boards:

Consider re-adopting the un-amended Comprehensive Community Plan as recommended by the Hastings Planning Commission. Consider **Resolution 2013-02** re-adopting the Plan

Motion by Tossava, with support by Wood, to adopt the Plan as recommended and adopt **Resolution 2013-02** as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

13. Ordinances: (None).

14. Resolutions:

Consider **Resolution 2013-01** approving depositories for City funds.

Motion by Bowers, with support by McNabb-Stange, to adopt **Resolution 2013-01** as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.
Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Bowers, with support by Redman, to approve elected officials salaries as recommended.

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

16. Appointments:

A. Mayor's 2013 recommendations for appointment with consent of Council

Motion by Jarvis, with support by Redman, to appoint Jeff Mansfield as City Manager and approve and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the City Manager's Employment Agreement as presented with a 1% increase in wages.

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

Motion by Tossava, with support by McNabb-Stange, to appoint Stephanie Fekkes and Law Weathers Richardson PLC as City Attorney and approve the City Attorney's retainer and hourly rate expiring January 13, 2014.

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

Motion by Jasperse, with support by Depue, to approve the Mayor's appointments to various Boards and Commissions as presented.

McNabb-Stange asked about Redman as Citizen at Large on the Joint Planning Alliance. It was stated that the JPA members requested Redman.

Ayes: Bowers, Depue, Jarvis, Jasperse, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Tossava,

Wood, and Campbell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
Motion carried.

Motion by Jarvis, with support by Bowers, to appoint Barry Wood as Legislative Director for a 1-year term expiring December 31, 2013.

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

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Redman, to appoint Barry/Eaton Health Department as the Health Officer for the City with a term expiring December 31, 2013.

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

Motion by Redman, with support by Jarvis, to accept resignation of Elizabeth Forbes from the Planning Commission effective immediately with regrets.
All ayes. Motion carried.

B. City Manager’s 2013 appointments with the advice and consent of Council.

- Deputy City Manager/Police Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator Jerry Sarver
- Fire Chief/Fire Marshall/ADA Coordinator Roger Caris
- Director of Public Services Timothy Girrback
- City Assessor Jackie Timmerman
- City Clerk/Treasurer/Director of Finance/FOIA Coordinator Thomas Emery
- Community Development Director John Hart
- Zoning Administrator Jeff Mansfield

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

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

17. Bids, Contracts, Agreements, Abandonments, and Sales: (None).

18. Consent items without individual discussion:

A. Invoices:

- DVT Electric, Inc. - \$80,750.00
- Morton Salt, Inc. - \$7,466.75
- Morton Salt, Inc. - \$7,369.02
- Henkel Chrysler Jeep, Inc. - \$47,952.00
- West Michigan International - \$128,867.80

- B. Draft minutes of the Hastings Public Library Board of Directors meeting of December 17, 2012.
- C. Draft minutes of the DDA meeting of December 20, 2012.
- D. Draft minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of January 7, 2013.
- E. Communication regarding the LDFA meeting.
- F. Communication regarding the Nature Area Board meeting.
- G. Updated events calendar.

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Redman, to receive and place on file Items 18.A. through 18.G. inclusive.

All ayes. Motion carried.

19. City Manager's Report:

Mansfield asked Hart to describe the Skate Park gift and other fundraising activities.

- A. Director of Public Services Tim Girrback gave his monthly and annual report.

Redman asked about the fire hydrant at Taffee and Colfax.

- B. Fire Chief Caris gave his monthly and annual report.

- C. Library Administrator Evelyn Holzwarth was not present. She had submitted her monthly report in the Council packet.

McNabb-Stange spoke about the success of Library fundraising activities in December.

- D. Consider Traffic Control Order #210 to designate a portion of East Bond Street as no parking.

Mansfield described the traffic order.

Motion by Tossava, with support by McNabb-Stange, to adopt Traffic Control Order #210 as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

- E. Presentation of draft EVIP report.

Mansfield presented the report.

- F. Request to add name to the fence surrounding Tangle Town.

Mansfield and Hart discussed request. Staff to develop program to "sell" pickets for fence as in prior years.

- G. Results from the City Manager's evaluation.

Mansfield noted results and thanked Council for their feedback.

- H. Consider setting special workshop meeting on January 28, 2013 at 6:00 PM to discuss Council goals for 2013/2014.

Motion by Jasperse, with support by McNabb-Stange, to set workshop for January 28, 2013 at 6:00 PM as presented.

All ayes. Motion carried.

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

21. Legislative Director's Report:

Wood attended the Legislative Coffee today. The discussion was about personal property taxes, right to work, bills against dog fighting, regulating inmate work release, school funding, the fiscal cliff, and international crossing bridge.

McNabb-Stange attended the GVMC meeting where they discussed the personal property tax process. She also noted EOA sessions being planned.

22. Open Public Discussion from the Floor: (None).

23. Mayor and Council comment:

Jarvis: free radon testing kids are available at the Health Department in January.

Bowers: suggested advertising for Board vacancies in the newsletter.

24. Consider Closed Session as permitted by PA 267 of 1976, Section 15.268-8(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

Motion by Bowers, with support by Redman, to enter into closed session at 8:30 PM as permitted.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Return to open session at 8:47 PM.

25. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47PM.

26. Read and Approved:

Franklin L. Campbell, Mayor

Thomas E. Emery, City Clerk