

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 24, 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: Bowers, Jarvis, Jasperse, Klein, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Tossava, Wood, and Campbell.

City Staff and Appointees present: Mansfield, Emery, Sarver, Caris, Girrbach, Hart, Holzwarth, and Fekkes.

3. Pledge to the flag.

4. Approval of the agenda.

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

5. Approval of the minutes of the special workshop and regular meetings of March 10, 2014.

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

6. Proclamations:

Mayor's Winter of Thanks Program: Mayor Campbell presented a proclamation recognizing and thanking the staff of Hastings City Hall for their service.

Emery accepted recognition and expressed appreciation on behalf of staff.

7. Public Hearings: (None).

8. Formal presentations and requests:

A. Retiring Barry County Transit Director Joe Bleam introduced William Voigt, his replacement.

Bleam discussed the growth and scope of service by Transit. He then introduced Voigt as successor Director of Barry County Transit. Voigt commented on continuing cooperation.

B. Consider request from David B. Parker MD, Board Chair, Barry Community Free Clinic, to hold annual Breaking Barriers 5K race.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

- C. Consider request from Sharon Russell, President, GFWC Hastings Women’s Club, to do a Yarn Bomb in front of the Hastings Public Library.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

- D. Application from Larry Haywood to enter into a PA 116 for property located on West State Road in Rutland Charter Township. Campbell stated this was for information only and no action is required.

- E. Consider approval of access drive approach on Cook Road to serve properties on South Side of M-37 / M-43.

Tyler Guernsey discussed construction of new Dairy Queen on West State Street and requested access to Cook Rd.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

- F. Consider request from Chase Youngs, Program Director for YMCA, to use City parks for sporting activities.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

9. Recommendations from other Boards: (None).
10. Ordinances: (None)
11. Resolutions: (None).
12. Appointments:

Consider consent to City Manager Mansfield's appointment of Deputy Chief Jeff Pratt as Chief of Police / Emergency Management Coordinator effective on the retirement of Chief Jerry Sarver.

Incoming Chief Pratt thanked Mansfield and Council members, introduced his family, and thanked Chief Sarver.

Jasperse asked about Deputy City Manager appointment.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

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

- A. Consider approval and authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to sign a sidewalk easement with Douglas DeKock, Manager of Geenen DeKock Group I, LLC, changing page 2 last paragraph from overhand to overhang.

Motion by Wood, with support by Redman, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the sidewalk easement as corrected.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

- B. Consider approval of easements for Phase II Riverwalk project.

Motion by Tossava, with support by Jarvis, to approve the easements as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

- C. Consider lease amendment with AT&T at North Water Tower to provide utility easement.

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Wood, to approve the lease amendment with change recommended by City Attorney.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

14. Consent items without individual discussion:

- A. Invoices:

North American Salt Company - \$5,211.27

LD Docsa Associates, Inc. - \$61,301.70 (WWTP Improvements)

- B. Draft minutes of the Barry County Board of Commissioners meeting of March 11, 2014.
 C. Draft minutes of the Hastings Public Library Board of Directors meeting of March 17, 2014.
 D. Information regarding testing of the Tornado Siren.
 E. Draft minutes of the Joint Planning Alliance meeting of March 17, 2014.
 F. Draft minutes of the Barry County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole meeting of March 18, 2014.
 G. Draft minutes of the Joint Planning Commission meeting of March 19, 2014.
 H. Updated events calendar.
 I. Minutes of the DDA meeting of February 20, 2014.
 J. Minutes of the LDFA meeting of February 19, 2014.

Motion by Jarvis, with support by Redman, to receive and place on file Items 14.A. through 14.J. inclusive.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

15. City Manager's report:

Mansfield discussed success of Barry Roubaix and thanked City staff for their efforts.

- A. Chief of Police Sarver gave his monthly report.

Tossava asked about the sale of Tahoe's.

- B. Clerk/Treasurer Emery gave his monthly report including report on OPEB Actuarial Valuation as of December 31, 2013.
 C. Community Development Director Hart gave his monthly report.
 D. Consider approval of Downtown Disability Parking Permit Policy.

Mansfield presented.

McNabb-Stange asked about current time restrictions in parking lots.

Motion by Redman, with support by Tossava, to approve Policy as presented.

Jasperse asked about evaluating a trial period of the Policy and about limiting the number of disability parking spaces.

McNabb-Stange suggested a limit of three spaces per lot.

Klein asked about a fee.

Motion withdrawn, support withdrawn.

- E. Consider approval of process to market City Property in Court Street PUD.

Mansfield presented.

No objections were raised.

Staff to develop RFP.

- F. Report regarding SAW Grant Application.

Mansfield reported that the City of Hastings was not funded in the first round.

- G. Consider setting a special workshop for April 14, 2014 at 6:00 PM for input session #1 regarding the Riverside Cemetery Vision/Master Plan.

Motion by Wood, with support by Redman, to set workshop as presented.

All ayes. Motion carried.

There was discussion of purpose of the meeting, the roles of Riverside Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board, donors, Cemetery Action Group, public, and Council.

Concern was expressed about Council being presented with actionable items.

Consensus was to forgo April 14 Council workshop and recognize the following timetable for master plan development:

1. Stakeholders input on April 1.
2. Public input on April 16.
3. Develop draft plan.
4. Council input/review.

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

17. Legislative Director's Report:

From the MML Capital Conference:

Wood: spoke regarding supplemental road funding.

Tossava: reported on the "Placemaking" session.

Bowers: spoke about the importance of interacting with other municipalities, legislation regarding terminating water & sewer or electrical service due to unpaid costs by other municipalities, and DDA capture, opt outs, and termination.

Jarvis: discussed state regulations and rules, partisanship, and unfunded mandates.

McNabb-Stange: reviewed changing EVIP requirements, crowd funding (investment in local small business), and Federal income tax exemption on municipal bonds being potentially withdrawn.

Redman: spoke about reduction in revenue sharing.

Campbell: reported that he made a presentation on the downtown spray plaza.

18. Open Public Discussion from the Floor:

Ben Geiger, County Commissioner, discussed County open space requirements, commented on county building security, and thanked Chief Sarver for his service.

19. Mayor and Council comment:

Wood: was elected Vice Chair of MML Region 2.

McNabb-Stange: reported that EOA Board is offering training and that Ottawa County Tech Innovation session is on Thursday, March 27.

20. Adjourn.

Motion by Wood, with support by Redman, to adjourn at 9:06 PM.

21. Read and Approved:

Franklin L. Campbell, Mayor

Thomas E. Emery, City Clerk