

**Hartley City Council Meeting
Regular Session
February 13, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Hartley City Council was held Monday, February 13, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. at the Hartley City Hall. The meeting was available in person and via Zoom.us at 821 7419 5221, Password 931269 and/or by phone at 312-626-6799. Log in details were included with the posted meeting agenda. Mayor Rodney Ahrenstorff presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. City Councilmembers present were Mary Westphalen, Jerry Olson, and Ron Hengeveld. Roxann Swanson was present via Zoom. Others present were Kim Wilson, Scott Wilson, Josh Pope, Larry Espey, Curtis Conaway, Nick Pedley, Joel Hengeveld, Jaron Benz, and Erica Haack. Brandon Krikke was present via Zoom.

Westphalen moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Olson moved to adopt the consent agenda. Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Ahrenstorff opened the public hearing on considering the maximum tax dollars from certain levies for the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget at 5:32 P.M. No oral or written comments were received. Ahrenstorff closed the public hearing at 5:33 P.M.

Hengeveld moved to approve **Res. No. 2023-06, "RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAXIMUM TAX DOLLARS FROM CERTAIN LEVIES FOR THE CITY'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET."** Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Olson moved to approve **Res. No. 2023-07, "RESOLUTION ORDERING A NOTICE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR FY 2023-2024."** Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson, Olson. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Larry Espey presented the Hartley Fire Department annual update. The department has 25 volunteer firefighters and responded to 37 calls in 2022.

Westphalen moved to approve Change Order No. 1 from GM Contracting, Inc. Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Swanson, Olson, Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Swanson moved to approve Pay App. No. 6-FINAL for \$24,517.11 from GM Contracting, Inc. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Haack updated the Council on the BRIC project scoping grant engineering RFP status. An engineering contract will be available for approval at the March meeting.

Hengeveld moved to approve **Res. No. 2023-08, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT AND SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,”** approving Curtis Conaway for the position. Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Westphalen moved to approve advertising for the open sewer/wastewater treatment plant operator position. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson, Olson. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Swanson moved to approve **Res. No. 2023-09, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING EMPLOYEE HOURLY WAGE INCREASES.”** Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Swanson, Olson, Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Westphalen moved to approve **Res. No. 2023-10, “A RESOLUTION SETTING SALARY FOR PART-TIME REC DIRECTOR.”** Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Hengeveld moved to approve **Res. No. 2023-11, “A RESOLUTION AMENDING RES. 2023-04, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HARTLEY APPROVING CITY ATTORNEY AND ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY AND MILEAGE COMPENSATION.”** Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

In other business, Benz updated on the new CDL training and licensing requirements, and the work done by Visu-Sewer on the sewer line under the railroad on 8th Ave. E.

Westphalen moved to go into closed sessions under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c). Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

No action was taken upon the conclusion of the closed sessions.

Following the closed sessions, a 2023-2024 budget workshop was held.

Mayor Ahrenstorff adjourned the meeting at 7:17 P.M.

Rodney Ahrenstorff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erica Haack, City Clerk/Administrator