

**Hartley City Council Meeting
Regular Session
April 10, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Hartley City Council was held Monday, April 10, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. at the Hartley City Hall. The meeting was available in person and via Zoom.us at 833 7445 6871, Password 342713 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, Roxann Swanson, Nick Galm, Jerry Olson, and Ron Hengeveld. Others present were Josh Pope, Nick Pedley, Kaity Pedley, Matt Dolphin, Dave Vander Broek, Nicole Shaffer, Laura Mohni, Dan McCarty, Justin McCarty, Dan DeKoter (arrived at 6:01), Brandon Krikke (arrived at 6:03), Curtis Conaway, Joel Hengeveld, and Erica Haack.

Galm moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Olson moved to adopt the consent agenda. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Kaity Pedley provided an annual update on the Hartley Community Daycare Center. The center is at capacity with a long waitlist. The building is currently in need of some major repairs. Pedley announced a \$500,000 donation the daycare received for new or renovated facilities.

Dave Vander Broek, Dan McCarty, Justin McCarty, Nicole Shaffer, and Laura Mohni were present to give an update on the rec trail proposal. The committee was awarded a \$100,000 grant to be used on a trail from Neebel Park on 3rd St. SW to 8th Ave. W. They also received a grant for RRFB highway crossing, which are proposing to do near the school. In addition, they are proposing an in-town bike route on city streets. They plan to apply for a grant to cover the cost of signage.

Westphalen moved to approve the Hartley Rec Trail Committee's route for an in-town bike trail, pending modifications. Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson, Galm. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Josh Pope gave an update on the CIPP project. The project is going smoothly and should be closed out in May.

Swanson moved to approve **Res. No. 2023-15, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT AND WAGE OF WASTEWATER PLANT OPERATOR,"** hiring Isaac Molendorp for the position. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson, Galm, Olson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Westphalen moved to approve advertising for a gas superintendent position. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Swanson, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Hengeveld moved to approve **Res. No. 2023-16, “ORDERING A NOTICE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY2022-2023.”** Seconded by Galm. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Westphalen moved to approve **Res. No. 2023-17, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HARTLEY, IOWA TO REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE OF THE STAFF OF THE NORTHWEST IOWA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.”** Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Hengeveld moved to approve the bid for gas SCADA computer equipment for \$12,530.39 from USDI. Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson, Galm. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Galm moved to approve the old 8th Ave. E lift station demolition bid for \$6,750 from Mitchell & Huss. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson, Galm, Olson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Swanson moved to approve the bid for a John Deere 6140M Cab tractor with standard loader for \$115,800, net of trade-in from AgriVision Equipment Group. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Swanson, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Westphalen moved to approve advertising for alfalfa and grass cutting leases at the south industrial park and the west industrial park. Seconded by Galm. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

No action was taken on Item 19. The backhoe will be traded in with the purchase of the new backhoe as previously approved by Council.

Westphalen moved to approve the fiscal sponsorships for the Hartley Fire Department, Hartley Parks & Rec Board and Hartley Health & Fitness Center and applications for O’Brien County Community Foundation Grants. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson, Galm. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Swanson moved to go into closed sessions under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) and 21.5(1)(j). Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Westphalen, Swanson, Galm, Olson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Following the closed sessions, Galm moved to approve **Res. No. 2023-18, “RESOLUTION FIXING A DATE OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS FOR THE DISPOSAL AND DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY IN THE HARTLEY URBAN RENEWAL AREA.”** Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Ahrenstorff adjourned the meeting at 7:21 P.M.

Rodney Ahrenstorff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erica Haack, City Clerk/Administrator