

**Hartley City Council Meeting**  
**Regular Session**  
**April 12, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Hartley City Council was held Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. at the Hartley City Hall. The City Council met electronically via Zoom, which was accessible at the following: Zoom Meeting ID: 897-4000-6233, Password: 577514, Phone: 312-626-6799. The City Council conducted this meeting electronically due to federal and state government recommendations in response to COVID-19 pandemic conditions. Electronic access information was included in the posted agenda of this public meeting. Mayor Rodney Ahrenstorff presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. City Councilmembers present at City Hall were Jerry Olson, Ron Hengeveld, Mary Westphalen and Brian Myers. Roxann Swanson was present electronically. Others present at City Hall were Wes Boyer, Heather Skoglund, Dave Vander Broek, Nick Pedley, Joel Hengeveld, Jaron Benz, and Erica Haack.

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

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

Heather Skoglund presented an annual update of the Hartley Public Library.

Wes Boyer presented an overview of the Curry-Wille Preliminary Flood Mitigation Report.

Myers moved to approve **Res. No. 2021-13, "A RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021."** Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Myers, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Hengeveld moved to approve **Res. No. 2021-14, "RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PLAT FOR HIGHWAY 18 WEST INDUSTRIAL PARK FIRST ADDITION."** Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Myers, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Westphalen moved to continue using the current water tower logo for repainting this summer. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen, Myers. Nays. Olson. Motion carried 4-1.

City Council discussed an Electric Service Upgrade/Conversion Rebate Program, whereby the City will reimburse up to \$300 for residents upgrading their electrical service (underground or overhead meter can/mast location). Hengeveld moved to approve the Electric Service Upgrade/Conversion Rebate Program. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen, Myers, Olson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Westphalen moved to approve the bid from Mid-Iowa Solid Waste for \$65,896 after trade-in allowance, to be split one-half with Paullina under the P&H 28E agreement. Seconded by

Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Westphalen, Myers, Olson, Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Myers moved to approve advertising for the 2021 lease on alfalfa baling at the south industrial park. Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Myers, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Swanson moved to approve **Res. No. 2021-15, “A RESOLUTION SETTING SALARY FOR 2021 SUMMER RECREATION DIRECTOR.”** Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Myers, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Hengeveld moved to approve advertising for two seasonal part-time employees. Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen, Myers. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Westphalen moved to approve the Legion’s request to place a sign to the east of the memorial at the cemetery. Seconded by Myers. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen, Myers, Olson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Swanson moved to approve the fiscal sponsorship and application by Hartley Volunteer Fire Department for the O’Brien County Community Foundation Grant. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Westphalen, Myers, Olson, Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmembers discussed the anticipated increase in residential above ground pools on private property this summer with the closure of the public pool. The City reminds residents they could be held liable for injuries or drownings and asks residents to pull any steps or ladder away from the pool when not in use.

An update was given regarding the Highway 18 conversion from four to three lanes through town this year. Jaron Benz provided an update regarding one of the library HVAC units that needs replacing. It was the consensus of the Council to replace the unit and approve a bid from Prins Plumbing & Heating for \$6,500.62. Benz reported to the Council regarding water operator certification progress of the city crew. A summary was given on the property and casualty renewal for the upcoming year.

There was no action by the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 25 Closed Session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j).

Swanson moved to approve **Res. No. 2021-16, “SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR DISPOSITION OF URBAN RENEWAL PROPERTY.”** Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Myers, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Ahrenstorff adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM.

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Rodney Ahrenstorff, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Erica Haack, City Clerk/Administrator

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