

**Hartley City Council Meeting  
Regular Session  
August 14, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Hartley City Council was held Monday, August 14, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. at the Hartley City Hall. The meeting was available in person and via Zoom.us at 811 7787 1009, Passcode 799739 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, Greg Cotter, Nick Galm, Jerry Olson, and Ron Hengeveld. Others present were Sheri Tewes, Curtis Conaway, Nick Pedley, Joe Hengeveld, Kiana Johnson, Casey Ackerman. Joining by Zoom were Brandon Krikke, Michael Fisher, Roxann Swanson and Phillip.

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

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

Mayor comments included a thank you to Curtis Conaway and City Staff for their work on the water leaks and power outage.

City Council comments included a thank you to the Summer Celebration Committee.

Update received from Kiana Johnson for the work O'Brien County Economic Development is doing.

Hengeveld moved to approve Water's Edge Aquatic Design invoice for \$9,787.50 for additional services for the bonding grid issue professional fees. Seconded by Cotter. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen, Cotter, Galm. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Galm moved to approve the pay request to Ron Hengeveld for \$1,327.34. Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Abstain. Hengeveld. Ayes. Westphalen, Cotter, Galm, Olson. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Westphalen moved to approve the Participating Collector Agreement. Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Cotter, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Westphalen moved to approve the agreement with J.J. Kane Auctioneers. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Cotter, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Update received on 3<sup>rd</sup> St SW Trail (Neebel Park to 8<sup>th</sup> Ave W). Bolten & Menk is currently pushing forward with the design. Wes Boyer intends to provide a preliminary plan to review with City staff the week of August 21.

Update on Highway 18 crossing. Meeting with Bolten & Menk, IDOT and HMS School held on August 2, 2023, to discuss the crossing near the school. Further discussion warranted to determine

the best approach. May be worth considering a comprehensive plan of the future vision of trail/sidewalk along Highway 18 from 8<sup>th</sup> Ave E to 8<sup>th</sup> Ave W and share that plan with IDOT for buy-in. Bolten & Menk are currently advancing design of the Highway 18 crossing at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave E and designing a path between General Dollar and Fiesta Foods. There are many obstacles in the way as the current intent is to stay within public ROW. Wes Boyer intends to provide a preliminary plan to review with City Staff the week of August 21.

Update on FEMA Flood Mitigation Project. Meeting with Bolten & Menk, FEMA, Silver Jackets, Army Corp of Engineers and City staff was held on August 7, 2023, to discuss exactly what information is needed to put together a benefit cost assessment (BCA) as we continue to work through our Phase 1 services. Existing conditions modeling is complete. Currently developing improvement alternatives with cost estimates. Bolten & Menk intends to meet regularly with City staff and FEMA to ensure all parties are moving forward efficiently. The benefit cost assessment is due to FEMA on or before September 11, 2023. Submittal of the grant application to apply for Phase 2 (design) funding is later this year in November/December.

Hengeveld moved to approve Fall Cleanup Days on September 18, 2023. Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen, Cotter. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Galm moved to approve **Res. No. 2023-30, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER AFFIDAVIT OPERATOR AGREEMENT TERMS"**. Seconded by Cotter. Roll Call: Abstain. Westphalen. Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Cotter, Galm. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Westphalen moved to go into closed session under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) at 5:15 P.M. Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Westphalen, Cotter, Galm, Olson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Westphalen moved to go into open session at 7:26 P.M. Seconded by Galm. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Cotter, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Olson moved to approve Eriksen Construction Change Order No. 01. Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Cotter, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Business: Advertise Water Superintendent position.

Mayor Ahrenstorff adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

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Rodney Ahrenstorff, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Roxann Swanson, City Clerk/Administrator