

Hartley City Council Meeting
Regular Session
November 13, 2023

A regular meeting of the Hartley City Council was held Monday, November 13, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. at the Hartley City Hall. The meeting was available in person and via Zoom.us at 875 1225 3249, Passcode 114388 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 Greg Cotter, Nick Galm, Jerry Olson and Ron Hengeveld. City Councilmember absent was Mary Westphalen. Others present were Roxann Swanson, Sheri Tewes, Nick Pedley, Joe Hengeveld, Wes Boyer, Dave VanderBroek, Dan McCarty, Justin McCarty, Marjean Westerman, Andy Schierholz, Matt Dolphin, Laura Mohni, Ty Waddell, Jennifer Waddell. Tim McCartan joined by Zoom.

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

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

Mayor comments included congratulation for newly elected council members Greg Cotter and Matt Dolphin.

City Council Comments included thank you to Jerry Olson for his years of service on city council.

No Public Comments.

Tim McCartan, T.P. Anderson & Company, PC., provided a presentation of the Independent Auditors Report for FY23 to city council members.

Update on the N 3rd Ave E Highway 18 crossing. Dave VanderBroek, Dan McCarty, Justin McCarty and Laura Mohni were present to discuss the Highway 18 crossing at N 3rd Ave E. They asked council to approve the sidewalk in the ROW between Dollar General and Fiesta Foods. Ty and Jennifer Waddell were present to discuss the sidewalk and to express they do not support the sidewalk across their properties due to the responsibility of snow/ice removal in the winter and liability. Council stated they do not support forcing property owners to have a sidewalk installed on their property and will not approve the sidewalk unless all property owners agree.

Update on the 6th Ave W Watermain project and CDBG Grant consideration was provided by Wes Boyer with Bolten & Menk. The city will move forward developing a project targeting the full \$500,000 grant available.

Hengeveld moved to approve the Hartley Cold Services Agreement. Seconded by Galm. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Galm. Nays. Cotter. Motion carried 3-1.

Galm moved to approve Water's Edge Aquatic Design invoice for \$3,022.50. Seconded by Cotter. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Cotter, Galm, Olson. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Cotter moved to approve **“RESOLUTION NO. 2023-39 A RESOLUTION APPROVING EMPLOYEE HOURLY WAGE INCREASE”**. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Cotter, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Galm moved to approve **“RESOLUTION NO. 2023-40, RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CREATION OF A NEW JOB POSITION WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT”**. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Cotter, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Cotter moved to approve **“RESOLUTION NO. 2023-41 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRE FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT/WATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT”**. Seconded by Galm. Roll Call: Ayes. Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Cotter. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

Special Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 7:30 A.M.

Mayor Ahrenstorff adjourned the meeting at 6:58 P.M.

Rodney Ahrenstorff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Roxann Swanson, City Clerk/Administrator