

**Hartley City Council Meeting
Regular Session
February 14, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Hartley City Council was held Monday, February 14, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. at the Hartley City Hall. Mayor Rodney Ahrenstorff presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. City Councilmembers present were Jerry Olson, Roxann Swanson, Mary Westphalen, Ron Hengeveld, and Nick Galm. Others present were Brad Meendering, Kiana Johnson, Josh Petrich, Nick Pedley, Jaron Benz, and Erica Haack.

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

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

Mayor Ahrenstorff opened the public hearing on considering the maximum tax dollars from certain levies for the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget at 5:31 PM. No oral or written comments were received. Mayor Ahrenstorff closed the public hearing at 5:32 PM.

Westphalen moved to approve **Res. No. 2022-07, "Resolution Approving the Maximum Tax Dollars from Certain Levies for the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget."** Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Olson moved to approve **Res. No. 2022-08, "A Resolution Ordering a Notice for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Final Budget Estimate for FY 2022-2023."** Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Brad Meendering presented the Fire Department's annual update to the Council.

Agenda Item No. 11 will be rescheduled for the March regular meeting.

Kiana Johnson, Executive Director of O'Brien County Economic Development Corporation, presented the organization's annual update to the Council.

Hengeveld moved to approve Pay Application No. 8 for \$74,523.75 for Eriksen Construction. Seconded by Galm. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen, Galm. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Westphalen moved to approve **Res. No. 2022-09, "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2009-22 Setting Rules & Regulations for Pleasant View Cemetery."** Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen, Galm, Olson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Galm moved to approve the internment fee for cemetery cremation monuments. Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Westphalen, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Westphalen moved to approve **Res. No. 2022-10, "A Resolution to Adopt Electric Reliability Plan of the City of Hartley Municipal Electric Utility."** Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Westphalen moved to approve the bid for \$3,648 from Display Sales for holiday lighted decorations. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Hengeveld moved to approve the bid for \$1,288.30 from Window Fashions & More for City Hall window treatments. Seconded by Galm. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen, Galm. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Swanson moved to approve advertising for seasonal swimming pool manager and lifeguards. Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen, Galm, Olson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Olson moved to approve advertising for summer seasonal laborers. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Westphalen, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

Westphalen moved to approve advertising for the summer rec director position. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Galm, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion carried 5-0.

In other business, Benz gave an update on the status of the natural gas 2021 rate arrangement. Benz also gave a Navigator Heartland Greenway Pipeline update and reported that the City is the recipient of the 2022 Small City Work Zone Sign Grant Award. The Council discussed a possible amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for certain metal fencing material. It was the consensus of the Council not to amend the current fencing material ordinance. Westphalen suggested consideration at a future meeting of a youth bicycle safety program this summer.

At 6:21 PM, the Council conducted a 2022-2023 Budget Work Session.

Mayor Ahrenstorff adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM.

Rodney Ahrenstorff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erica Haack, City Clerk/Administrator