

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Minutes
May 13, 2024

1. Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

2. Roll call

Councilmembers Present: Barlow, Bowers, Brehm, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Motion by Brehm, with support from Resseguie, to excuse Councilmember Furrow.

City Staff and Appointees Present: Moyer-Cale, Boulter, Jordan, Tate, and King.

Library Director Hemerling arrived at 7:09 PM.

3. Pledge to the flag

* 4. Approval of the agenda

Motion by Jarvis, with support from McLean, to approve the agenda as presented.

All ayes. Motion carried.

* 5. Approval of the minutes of the April 22, 2024, workshop and regular meeting

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Barlow, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2024, workshop and regular meeting.

Ayes: Barlow, Bowers, Brehm, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Nays: None.

Absent: Furrow.

Motion carried.

√ 6. Public Hearings:

* A. Accept public comment regarding the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 operating budget and millage rates.

Opened Public Hearing at 7:05 PM.

No public comment.

Closed Public Hearing at 7:05 PM.

7. Public Comment:

Joel Ibbotson, Rutland Township.

8. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:

- A. Mayor Tossava presented the American Legion Poppy Days Proclamation to Darlene Hopkins, VP of the American Legion auxiliary.
- B. Mayor Tossava presented the Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamation.
- C. Dave Hatfield, Barry County Commissioner, was at another meeting and did not present tonight.

√ 9. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent:

- * A. Consider request from American Legion Post 45 Parade Chairman, James Atkinson, to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2024, starting at 9:30 AM.

Motion by Jarvis, with support from Resseguie, to approve the request from American Legion Post 45 Parade Chairman, James Atkinson, to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2024, starting at 9:30 AM.

Ayes: Barlow, Bowers, Brehm, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.
Nays: None.
Absent: Furrow.
Motion carried.

- * B. Receive and place on file twelve (12) invoices totaling **\$196,897.30** as detailed in attachments.

Motion by Brehm, with support from McLean, to receive and place on file twelve (12) invoices totaling **\$196,897.30** as detailed in attachments.

Ayes: Barlow, Bowers, Brehm, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.
Nays: None.
Absent: Furrow.
Motion carried.

√ 10. Items of Business:

- * A. Consider, under the direction of staff, the request from the Hastings Pride Committee to sell merchandise and accept donations from 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM on Saturday June 29, 2024, at the Thornapple Plaza.

Sydney Smith, Hastings Pride Committee, addressed Council.

Question from Tossava.

Motion by Brehm, with support from McLean, to approve, under the direction of staff, the request from the Hastings Pride Committee to sell merchandise and accept donations from 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM on Saturday June 29, 2024, at the Thornapple Plaza.

Ayes: Barlow, Bowers, Brehm, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.
Nays: None.
Absent: Furrow.
Motion carried.

- * B. Consider adopting **Resolution 2024-11** to enact the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, and to approve the operating budgets for said year, and to establish the property tax millage rates to support the budget.

Motion by Nesbitt, with support from Brehm, to adopt **Resolution 2024-11** to enact the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, and to approve the operating budgets for said year, and to establish the property tax millage rates to support the budget.

Ayes: Barlow, Bowers, Brehm, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.
Nays: None.
Absent: Furrow.
Motion carried.

- * C. Consider adopting **Resolution 2024-12** to dissolve the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) as recommended by the LDFA Board per LDFA Resolution 01-2024 adopted April 25, 2024.

Comments from City Manager Moyer-Cale.

Motion by Barlow, with support from Resseguie, to adopt **Resolution 2024-12** to dissolve the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) as recommended by the LDFA Board per LDFA Resolution 01-2024 adopted April 25, 2024.

Ayes: Barlow, Bowers, Brehm, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.
Nays: None.
Absent: Furrow.
Motion carried.

- * D. Consider adopting **Resolution 2024-13** authorizing the Mayor and Deputy Clerk to sign the MDOT agreement for the pedestrian island on M-43.

Questions from McLean and Tossava.

Comments from City Manager Moyer-Cale.

Motion by McLean, with support from Nesbitt, to adopt **Resolution 2024-13** authorizing the Mayor and Deputy Clerk to sign the MDOT agreement for the pedestrian island on M-43.

Ayes: Barlow, Bowers, Brehm, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.
 Nays: None.
 Absent: Furrow.
 Motion carried.

- * E. Consider approval of a video franchise agreement with DirectTV, LLC for a ten-year period and set the video service provider fee.

Comments from City Manager Moyer-Cale.

Questions and comments from Brehm, Resseguie, Jarvis, and Nesbitt.

Motion by Brehm, with support from Jarvis, to approve a video franchise agreement with DirectTV, LLC for a ten-year period and set the video service provider fee.

Brehm moved to amend the motion by to set the video service provider fee to 4%.

Motion by Brehm, with support from Nesbitt, to approve a video franchise agreement with DirectTV, LLC for a ten-year period and set the video service provider fee to 4%.

Ayes: Barlow, Bowers, Brehm, McLean, Nesbitt, and Tossava.
 Nays: Jarvis and Resseguie.
 Absent: Furrow.
 Motion carried.

- * F. Consider approval of the proposal from Bultsma Construction Company to build the Fish Hatchery Park restroom building for a total price of **\$447,058.20**.

Comments from City Manager Moyer-Cale.

Questions and comments from Nesbitt, Resseguie, Barlow, McLean, Jarvis and Tossava.

Motion by Nesbitt, with support from McLean, to approve the proposal from Bultsma Construction Company to build the Fish Hatchery Park restroom building for a total price of **\$447,058.20**.

Ayes: Bowers, Brehm, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.
 Nays: Barlow.
 Absent: Furrow.
 Motion carried.

- * G. Consider approval of the proposal from Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc. (IAI) for design services to improve the Alum Tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for **\$12,900**.

Motion by Barlow, with support from Resseguie, to approve the proposal from Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc. (IAI) for design services to improve the Alum Tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for **\$12,900**.

Ayes: Barlow, Bowers, Brehm, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Nays: None.

Absent: Furrow.

Motion carried.

- * H. Consider approval of the proposed three (3) year contract extension with Wickham Cemetery Care, LLC, for maintenance and sexton services at Riverside Cemetery, for the original 2018 price of \$1,605.77 per week or **\$83,500 per year**.

Question from Bowers.

Comments from Resseguie and Tossava.

Councilmember McLean recused herself from discussion and abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Jarvis, to approve the proposed three (3) year contract extension with Wickham Cemetery Care, LLC, for maintenance and sexton services at Riverside Cemetery, for the original 2018 price of \$1,605.77 per week or **\$83,500 per year**.

Ayes: Barlow, Bowers, Brehm, Jarvis, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Nays: None.

Absent: Furrow.

Abstain: McLean.

Motion carried.

- * I. Consider approval of the proposal from Harder & Warner to provide improved landscaping at the Riverside Cemetery's north entrance for a sum not to exceed **\$5,523.90**.

Question from Bowers.

Comments from Barlow and Tossava.

Motion by Nesbitt, with support from Brehm, to approve the proposal from Harder & Warner to provide improved landscaping at the Riverside Cemetery's north entrance for a sum not to exceed **\$5,523.90**.

Ayes: Barlow, Bowers, Brehm, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Nays: None.

Absent: Furrow.

Motion carried.

- * J. Consider authorizing the Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association Agreement and the City of Hastings' participation therein.

Comments from Fire Chief Jordan.

Motion by Nesbitt, with support from Brehm, to authorize the Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association Agreement and the City of Hastings' participation therein.

Ayes: Barlow, Bowers, Brehm, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Nays: None.

Absent: Furrow.

Motion carried.

- * K. Consider setting a public hearing for May 28, 2024, at 7:00 PM to determine the necessity of a special assessment district for downtown parking areas.

Motion by Brehm, with support from Resseguie to set a public hearing for May 28, 2024, at 7:00 PM to determine the necessity of a special assessment district for downtown parking areas.

All ayes. Motion carried.

- 11. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussions: (None)

- 12. City Manager Report:

City Manager Moyer-Cale addressed council.

- * A. Public Services Director Tate presented his monthly report.

- * B. Fire Chief Jordan presented his monthly report.

Comment from Fire Chief Jordan.

- * C. Library Director Hemerling presented her monthly report.

Comment from Library Director Hemerling.

- √ 13. Reports and Communications:

- * A. April 18, 2024, Draft DDA Minutes
- * B. April 25, 2024, Draft LDFA Minutes
- * C. May 1, 2024, Draft Library Board Minutes
- * D. May 2024 Calendar

Motion by McLean, with support from Barlow, to accept and place on file items 13 A-D.

All ayes. Motion carried.

- 14. Public Comment:

Joel Ibbotson, Rutland Township.

15. Mayor and Council comment:

Comments from Bowers, Brehm, Barlow, and Tossava.

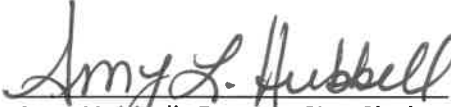
16. Adjourn

Motion by McLean, with support from Barlow, to adjourn at 8:03 PM.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Read and Approved:


David J. Tossava, Mayor


Amy Hubbell, Deputy City Clerk