

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Minutes
October 9, 2023

1. Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Tossava in Council Chambers at City Hall.
2. Present at roll call were: Bowers, Furrow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie and Tossava.

Motion by Nesbitt, with support from Resseguie, to excuse Councilmember Barlow.
All ayes. Motion carried.

City Staff and Appointees present: Moyer-Cale, Bever, Boulter, Hemerling, Jordan, King, Tate.
3. Pledge to the flag
4. Approval of the agenda

Motion by Jarvis, with support from McLean, to approve the agenda as amended, to include item 12D, Fourth (4th) Ward City Council seat vacancy.
All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Approval of the minutes of the September 25, 2023, regular meeting and closed session

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

Ayes: Bowers, Cary, Furrow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.
Nays: None.
Absent: Barlow.
Motion carried.
6. Public Hearings: (None)
7. Public Comment:

Jim Cary, Hastings, general comments
Tina Harnish, 118 E. Walnut Street, sewer issues
Tyler Ibbotson, Rutland Township, trees
Joel Ibbotson, Rutland Township, ethics, previous council issues
Aaron Gross, Hastings, general comments
Dave Hatfield, 936 W. Walnut Street, Barry County representative report
Abby Taylor, 509 S. Jefferson Street, sewer issues

8. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:
- A. Mayor Tossava presented a proclamation to Library Director Hemerling declaring October 2023 Library Appreciation Month.

9. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent: (None)

- √ 10. Items of Business:

- A. Consider the resignation of Jim Cary, Fourth Ward Councilmember, effective September 26, 2023.

Motion by Furrow, with support from McLean, to accept the resignation of Jim Cary as Fourth Ward Councilmember, effective September 26, 2023.

Ayes: Bowers, Furrow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Nays: None.

Absent: Barlow.

Motion carried.

- B. Consider approval of Resolution 2023-29 censuring former Councilmember Jim Cary.

Motion by Nesbitt, with support from McLean, to adopt Resolution 2023-29 censuring former Councilmember Jim Cary.

Ayes: Bowers, Furrow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Nays: None.

Absent: Barlow.

Motion carried.

- C. Consider setting a City Council workshop to review a proposed code of ethics ordinance at 6:00 PM on October 23, 2023.

Motion by Jarvis, with support from Nesbitt, to set a City Council workshop to review a proposed code of ethics ordinance at 6:00 PM on October 23, 2023.

Ayes: Bowers, Furrow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Nays: None.

Absent: Barlow.

Motion carried.

- D. Consider approval, under the direction of staff, the request from the Jingle and Mingle Committee to hold the Hastings Jingle and Mingle Event on Friday December 1, 2023, through Sunday December 3, 2023, in downtown Hastings.

Comments from Library Director Hemerling, representative for Jingle and Mingle.

Motion by Bowers, with support from Resseguie, to approve, under the direction of staff, the request from the Jingle and Mingle Committee to hold the Hastings

Jingle and Mingle Event on Friday December 1, 2023, through Sunday December 3, 2023, in downtown Hastings.

Ayes: Bowers, Furrow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Nays: None.

Absent: Barlow.

Motion carried.

- E. Consider a proposal for design phase services for the TangleTown playground from Playgrounds by Leathers for an amount not to exceed **\$52,600**.

Comments from City Manager Moyer-Cale.

Questions from Jarvis, Bowers, and Furrow.

Motion by Nesbitt, with support from Resseguie, to accept the proposal from for design phase services for the TangleTown playground by Playgrounds by Leathers, for an amount not to exceed **\$52,600**.

Ayes: Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Nays: Bowers and Furrow.

Absent: Barlow.

Motion carried.

- F. Consider approval of a submission of an urban and community forestry grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) with a match of **\$36,000**.

Motion by McLean, with support from Jarvis, to approve the submission of an urban and community forestry grant application to the MDNR with a match of **\$36,000**.

Comments from City Manager Moyer-Cale.

Question from Furrow.

Ayes: Bowers, Furrow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Nays: None.

Absent: Barlow.

Motion carried.

- G. Consider approval of repairs to the Fire Department's 1999 ladder truck by Allied Fire Sales and Service LLC for an amount not to exceed **\$28,000**.

Motion by Nesbitt, with support from McLean, to approve repairs to the Fire Departments 1999 ladder truck by Allied Fire Sales and Service LLC for an amount not to exceed **\$28,000**.

Question from Bowers.

Comments from Fire Chief Jordan.

Ayes: Bowers, Furrow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Nays: None.

Absent: Barlow.

Motion carried.

- H. Consider approval of a contract for plumbing services associated with the fall 2023 lead line replacements with Advantage Plumbing and Drain in the amount of **\$43,785**.

Motion by Jarvis, with support from McLean, to approve a contract for plumbing services associated with the fall 2023 lead line replacements with Advantage Plumbing and Drain in the amount of **\$43,785**.

Ayes: Bowers, Furrow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Nays: None.

Absent: Barlow.

Motion carried.

Question from Jarvis.

Comments from City Manager Moyer-Cale.

- I. Consider Mayor Tossava's request to approve a pay increase to step six (4.7%) for City Manager Sarah Moyer-Cale, effective October 9, 2023.

Comments from Mayor Tossava.

Comments from Resseguie.

Motion by Bowers, with support from McLean, to approve a pay increase to step 6 (4.7%) for City Manager Sarah Moyer-Cale, effective October 9, 2023.

Ayes: Bowers, Furrow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, and Tossava.

Nays: None.

Absent: Barlow.

Motion carried.

- J. Consider a request from Hastings Police Chief Dale Boulter to close Green Street from Broadway Avenue to Cass Street including all intersecting roadways in between on Tuesday October 31, 2023, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Question from Mayor Tossava.

Comment from Chief of Police Boulter.

Motion by McLean, with support from Nesbitt, to close Green Street from Broadway Avenue to Cass Street to include all intersecting roadways in between on Tuesday October 31, 2023, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

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

11. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussions: (None)

12. City Manager Report:

Comments from City Manager Moyer-Cale.

- A. Public Services Director Tate presented his monthly report.
- B. Fire Chief Jordan presented his monthly report and addressed council.
- C. Assessor Rashid's monthly report was received.
- D. Memorandum regarding appointment of Fourth (4th) Ward Councilmember

Comments from Mayor Tossava.

Motion by McLean, with support from Jarvis, to seek applications, interview, and appoint a Fourth (4th) Ward Councilmember at the November 7, 2023, special meeting.

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

13. Reports and Communications:

- A. Draft DDA Minutes for September 21, 2023
- B. Event Calendar for October 2023

Motion by Bowers, with support from Jarvis, to approve and place items A-B on file.
 All ayes. Motion Carried.

14. Public Comment:

Aaron Gross, Hastings, general comments
 Tina Harnish, 118 E. Walnut Street, sewer issues
 Abby Taylor, 509 S. Jefferson Street, general comments
 Joel Ibbotson, Rutland Township, general comments

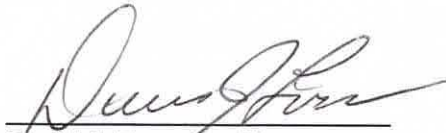
15. Mayor and Council comment:

Comments from Nesbitt and Mayor Tossava.


16. Adjourn

Motion by McLean, with support from Nesbitt, to adjourn at 8:10 PM.
All ayes. Motion carried.

Read and Approved:



David J. Tossava, Mayor



Christopher R. Bever, City Clerk