

**City Council Special Meeting Agenda
January 27, 2025**

1. Special meeting called to order at 6:00 PM
2. Roll call
3. Pledge to the flag
- * 4. Approval of the agenda
- * 5. Third (3rd) Ward Councilmember Interviews:
 - A. Ann DeVroy
 - B. Charles Hertzler
6. Public Comment
7. Council Questions/Deliberation
8. Adjourn

- * Items with enclosures.
√ Motion under agenda heading requires roll call vote.

Guidelines for Public Comment

Public Comment is welcomed and appreciated. Please follow these simple guidelines to ensure all have an opportunity to be heard.

All comments and questions will be made through the chair. All comments will be made in a courteous and civil manner; profanity and personal attacks will not be tolerated. Please limit the length of your comments to 3 minutes. If you are a member of a group, please appoint a spokesperson to speak on behalf of the group (those speaking on behalf of a group may be provided additional time). Please state your name before offering comment.



Special Council Agenda Item Memorandum

To: Hastings City Council

From: Sarah Moyer-Cale, City Manager

Subject: Appointment of Third Ward Council Member

Meeting Date: January 27, 2025

Councilmember Bowers' term on the City Council representing the Third Ward ended on December 31, 2024. An election was held on November 5, 2024 for the open third ward seat, resulting in the election of Abby Taylor to fill the position on January 1st, 2025. The Clerk's Office was notified that Ms. Taylor had recently moved her permanent residence outside of the third ward. As such, she was no longer qualified to hold the position.

Section 12.16 of the Hastings Charter states, "Candidates receiving the highest number of votes for election to an office shall be declared to have been elected to that office." The winner of the election is considered elected to the City Council. The position is declared vacant under Charter Section 4.9(f) if the elected official ceases to be eligible for office as required by the office. The City then must follow the procedure to fill vacant seats under Charter Section 4.10.

Elective Office. If a vacancy occurs in any elective office, except in the case of recall, the Council shall, within forty-five (45) days thereafter, appoint a person who possesses the qualifications required of the holder of said office who shall serve until a successor is elected for the unexpired term at the next general city election.

- 1. If the Council fails to fill the vacancy within forty-five (45) days, or if the Council deems it advisable, a special election shall be called to fill any such vacancy...*

In summary, the Council has until February 15, 2025, to appoint a new member to represent the third ward or hold a special election. The appointee must run at the next General Election if they want to complete the term.

As directed by the City Council, the Clerk's office posted a notice of vacancy and accepted applications from interested, qualified persons to fill the seat. Three applications were received. One candidate has since withdrawn his application from consideration. The remaining two candidates will be present for the workshop interview. Their application information is enclosed for your review. Council may appoint a member based on any criteria that they decide is relevant to the performance of their duties.



Special Council Agenda Item Memorandum

Appointment Process

Section 7 of the City Council Rules and Procedures states the following:

When a vacancy on the Council occurs, an official notice shall be published indicating that the City is accepting letters of interest from registered voters in the affected ward who are interested in being appointed to fill the vacancy. The Council shall hold a meeting to hear from prospective appointees and appoint an eligible person.

Voting on candidates shall be by signed paper ballot vote with each Council Member naming the candidate of his or her choice. In the event no candidate receives five votes on the first ballot, candidates receiving no votes or a number of votes less than the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall be eliminated. If the two top candidates are tied, those with a fewer number of votes shall be eliminated. Candidates tied for second place shall remain in the running and voting shall continue until a candidate receives five votes.

Should all candidates be tied for first place, voting shall continue until the tie is broken and the process outlined in the preceding paragraph shall be followed.

The candidate appointed shall take the oath of office at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Third (3rd) Ward Candidate Questions
January 27, 2025

1. Tell us a little about yourself.

2. Why are you interested in becoming a member of the Hastings' City Council?

3. Please discuss your prior experience working with civic, community or governmental organizations.

4. What do you perceive your responsibilities to be as a member of the City Council?

5. Based on your knowledge of the City, what do you feel the top priorities should be?

6. Please name three qualities a Council member should have.

7. Tell us a little about what you know from research or experience about the City and its operations (for example: the departments, budget, regulations, services, etc.)

8. In your opinion, what is the most important service that the City of Hastings provides?

9. Give us some examples of group decision-making you have been involved with and how these experiences could be utilized on the Council.

10. Do you intend to run for this position during the 2026 election cycle?

11. The City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. At times, a workshop meeting is held at 6:00 PM on the same day. Council meetings last approximately 1-2 hours. There are occasional special meetings and other events on non-meeting nights. Do you envision any scheduling conflicts that would prevent you from regularly attending meetings?

Received 12/19/24
Confirmed 3rd Ward



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND/OR REAPPOINTMENT ON CITY BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS

Mail or Deliver Completed Application to: City Clerk
City of Hastings
201 E. State St.
Hastings, MI 49058

The information in this application is requested to assist the Mayor and/or City Council in selecting individuals to serve on City Boards & Commissions. Completion of the Application and Consent and Certification is mandatory for consideration of appointment.

Thank you for your interest in serving on a City of Hastings board or commission. The Hastings City Council requires that every member of a board or commission meet the following qualifications:

- Appointee is not in default to the City (appointee does not have unpaid water/sewer bills or property taxes).
- For most Boards & Commissions, appointee should be a resident of the City.

Name: Ann Elizabeth DeVroy
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Address: [Redacted] Telephone #: [Redacted]

Place of Employment: Retired Caledonia Community Schools

Business Address: _____ Telephone #: _____

E-Mail: [Redacted] #:

Title / Type of Work: Retired Special Ed. Teacher / Retired Resp. Therapist

Length of Residence in City: 68 yrs Own/Rent: 45 yrs US Citizen: Y N

Educational Background: Graduated HHS 1974 Bachelor's degree 2004 (Aquinas) Master's Degree 2008 (Aquinas) 1976 Assoc. degree - Resp. Therapy

Community Activities: Past president TAC (co-chair Art Auction) Friend of COA, Choir St. Rose (past CO leader) Volunteer PAC usher, organized Christmas baskets thru St. Rose, part of workgroup Band-school Roundtable Companions Committee. Work on polls @ Rotland for

List Board or Commission on which you are interested in serving (see detailed descriptions on the City of Hastings website):

- 1) City Council 3rd Ward seat
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Additional information on experience, qualifications, etc.:

I have worked on and led many committees over the years and know many businesses and people quite well in this town. I also think my education degrees in Respiratory therapy and special Education are valuable.

Please comment briefly on why you wish to serve on a particular board or commission. Be specific as to your goals and ideas regarding how you wish to contribute to the work of the board or commission:

I have lived in Hastings all my life and am very proud of our town. I would like to give back some of what it's given me over the years.

Relationship to City Officials/Department Heads: Are you, your spouse, or other close family members related to any City Officials or Department Heads? If yes, please explain:

No

Business relationship: Do you, your spouse, or any close family member currently have a business relationship with the City of Hastings? If yes, please explain:

No

Convictions: Have you ever been convicted of any criminal violation? Have you ever been convicted of a felony while holding public office or public employment? If yes, please explain:

No

REFERENCES:

Name: Trisha Kensington Relationship: daughter

Telephone #: [REDACTED]

Name: Sheryl Lewis Blake Relationship: friend

Telephone #: [REDACTED]

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The following information and consent is necessary in order to conduct a proper review of your application for appointment. This information will be kept confidential.

CONSENT AND CERTIFICATION

I consent to the release of information concerning my ability and fitness for the position to which I seek appointment by my employer(s), school(s), law enforcement agencies, and other individuals and organizations to the City of Hastings Office of the City Manager.

I hereby authorize the City of Hastings to verify all the information I have provided on my application. I also agree to execute any additional written authorizations necessary for the City to obtain access to and copies of records pertaining to this information. I release the City of Hastings and agencies who have released information from all liability arising from information given or received.

I certify that I can and will, upon request, substantiate all statements made by me on this application; that such statements are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge I understand that a false statement, dishonest answer, misrepresentation or omission to any question will be sufficient for rejection of my application, removal of my name from the eligible list or my immediate removal should such falsifications or misrepresentation be discovered after I am sworn in to any Board or Commission.

I, Ann E. Devroy (Please Print) certify that the information provided

in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Signature: Ann E. Devroy Date: 12/9/2024

Received 12/23/24
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Name: Charles J Hentzler
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Address: [REDACTED] Telephone #: [REDACTED]

Place of Employment: Retired

Business Address: _____ Telephone #: _____

E-Mail: [REDACTED] Fax #: _____

Title / Type of Work: _____

Length of Residence in City: 7yrs. Own/Rent: OWN US Citizen: Y ~~X~~ N _____

Educational Background:
High School, some college, many trade schools.

Community Activities:
America's Helper, Helping people in need, working with my church in the community.

List Board or Commission on which you are interested in serving (see detailed descriptions on the City of Hastings website):

- 1) Wherever my talents can be used.
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Additional information on experience, qualifications, etc.:

See Resume

Please comment briefly on why you wish to serve on a particular board or commission. Be specific as to your goals and ideas regarding how you wish to contribute to the work of the board or commission:

I believe with my background I can be beneficial to wherever you feel I am needed. I watch, listen and then apply my skills to help.

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No.

REFERENCES:

Name: John Resseguie Relationship: friend
 Telephone #: [REDACTED]

Name: Scott Vann Relationship: friend.
 Telephone #: [REDACTED]

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I, Charles J. Hertzler (Please Print) certify that the information provided

in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Date of Birth: [Redacted]

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 12/20/2024

This is old as I have retired

Charles J. Hertzler - [REDACTED]

Maintenance Technician

Quality-driven professional with over 30 years' experience in industrial and commercial maintenance (15 years in HVAC installation and service). Results oriented team player with a proven record of accomplishments. Consistent contributions increasing efficiency and service while maintaining a positive, safe and productive work environment.

Professional Experience

BleiStahl N.A. - Battle Creek, MI

Maintenance Technician - January 2016 – present

Welding – Fabrication – Air, vacuum and water system management – Troubleshooting
Dorst powder presses, centerless grinders, double disc grinders, trowel wash and deburr units

System Products, Inc. - Battle Creek, MI

Maintenance Technician - February 2013 – January 2016

Welding – Fabrication – Air, vacuum and water system management – Troubleshooting
Injection molding machines/robots repair – Various equipment support

Pepsi Beverages Company - Kalamazoo, MI

Field Service Technician - 2004 – 2013

Quality control – Client relationship management – Project management – Team building and leadership
Safety and regulation compliance – Resource allocation and administration – Troubleshooting
Maintenance planning and scheduling – Established customer base

Design Comfort HVAC - Howell, MI

HVAC Service Technician - 1999 – 2003

Maintenance and repair of commercial and industrial HVAC systems
Installation of new systems including electrical, control systems and equipment
Preventative maintenance activities and equipment inspections

Key Plastics - Howell, MI

Maintenance Supervisor - 1994 – 1999

Management – Welding – Fabrication – Multi-faceted injection molding and paint management Troubleshooting –
Safety compliance – Team building and leadership – Various equipment support
Quality control – Maintenance planning and scheduling

Key Achievements

- Received numerous outstanding service commendations, including employee of the month as well as individual corporate client service awards
- Developed new processes to increase productivity and avert downtime.
- Developed extensive list of industry contacts, maintained an excellent reputation through exceptional interpersonal skills and hard work.

Certifications

EPA Type I and Type II – ISO 9000 – Torrit Air Handlers – Carrier HVAC – Rapid Air – Sullair
Vendo – QBD – True Dixie Narco – Maintowoc – Conrelius – Servend – Fanuc

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Third (3rd) Ward Candidate Ballot
January 27, 2025

Please select ONE of the following:

Ann DEVROY	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charles HERTZLER	<input type="checkbox"/>

Council member's signature