City of Hastings

COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Minutes April 28, 2025

- 1. Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
- 2. Roll call

Council members Present: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

City Staff and Appointees Present: Moyer-Cale, Boulter, Jordan and Perin

Motion by McLean, with support from Resseguie to excuse Councilmember Rocha.

All ayes. Motion carried.

- 3. Pledge to the flag
- 4. Approval of the agenda

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Devroy, to approve the agenda as presented.

All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Approval of the minutes of the April 14, 2025, regular meeting

Motion by McLean, with support from Barlow, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2025, regular meeting.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None Absent: Rocha Motion carried.

6. Public Hearings:

Public hearing on the Necessity of a Special Assessment District Downtown Parking Assessment.

Comments from Moyer-Cale.

Hearing opened at 7:05 PM. No public comments. Hearing closed.

7. Public Comment:

Comments from Fred Jacobs, from Hastings Township, about Green and Market Street round-about project. Suggested four-way stop instead, and holding a public hearing to receive more public feedback.

- 8. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:
 - A. Presentation from Mayor Tossava for the American Legion Poppy Days Proclamation to Darlene Hopkins, VP of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Comments from Darlene Hopkins.

- 9. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent:
 - A. Consider the appointment of Jon Rocha to the Park and Recreation Committee and the TangleTown Steering Committee.

Motion by Brehm, with support from McLean, to appoint Jon Rocha to the Park and Recreation Committee and the TangleTown Steering Committee.

All ayes. Motion carried.

B. Motion to set a workshop meeting for **6:00 PM on Monday, May 12, 2025** to interview candidates for the vacant seat on the Hastings City Council.

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to set a workshop meeting for **6:00 PM on Monday, May 12, 2025** to interview candidates for the vacant seat on the Hastings City Council.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None Absent: Rocha Motion carried.

C. Motion to schedule a public hearing to accept comment regarding the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget and millage rates on **May 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM.**

Motion by McLean, with support from Resseguie, to schedule a public hearing to accept comment regarding the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget and millage rates on **May 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM.**

Discussion was held.

All ayes. Motion carried.

D. Motion to set a public hearing on **May 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM** to accept comment on the final assessment role for the downtown parking Special Assessment District.

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Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Devroy, to set a public hearing on **May 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM** to accept comment on the final assessment role for the downtown parking Special Assessment District.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None Absent: Rocha Motion carried.

10. Items of Business:

A. Motion to approve, under the direction of staff, the American Legion Post 45 to conduct the annual Memorial Day Parade at **9:30 AM on Monday, May 26, 2025.**

Motion by Barlow, with support from Brehm, to approve, under the direction of staff, the American Legion Post 45 to conduct the annual Memorial Day Parade at **9:30 AM on Monday, May 26, 2025.**

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None Absent: Rocha Motion carried.

B. Motion to approve, under the direction of staff, the American Legion Post 45 and Barry Community Foundation to accept donations from **6:30 PM until 9:30 PM on Friday, May 23, 2025,** at the Thornapple Plaza.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Devroy, to approve, under the direction of staff, the American Legion Post 45 and Barry Community Foundation to accept donations from **6:30 PM until 9:30 PM on Friday, May 23, 2025,** at the Thornapple Plaza.

Discussion held, with further comments from Mike Murphy, representing the American Legion Post 45, explaining that there will be a concert for the donation event, with no added charge.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None Absent: Rocha Motion carried.

C. Motion to adopt **Resolution 2025-12** to determine the necessity of a Special Assessment District for parking in the downtown business area for 2025-2026.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Resseguie, to adopt **Resolution 2025-12** to determine the necessity of a Special Assessment District for parking in the downtown business area for 2025-2026.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

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Absent: Rocha Motion carried.

D. Motion to approve construction documents and bidding administration by MCSA Group in the amount of **\$18,300** for the police department renovation project.

Motion by Devroy, with support from McLean, to approve construction documents and bidding administration by MCSA Group in the amount of **\$18,300** for the police department renovation project.

Discussion was held.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None Absent: Rocha Motion carried.

- 11. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussions: (None)
- 12. City Manager Report:

Comment about tour of Wastewater Treatment Plant open to Councilmembers on May 14th, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

- A. Police Chief Boulter Monthly Report
- B. City Clerk/Treasurer Perin Monthly Financial Reports
- C. Community Development Director King Monthly Report
- D. Department of Public Service Street Superintendent Report
- 13. Reports and Communications: (None)
- 14. Public Comment: (None)
- 15. Mayor and Council comment:

Comments from Mayor Tossava, giving recognition to Deputy Clerk Amy Hubble.

Comments from Barlow, thanking Fred Jacobs for his comments.

Comments from Stenzelbarton, giving recognition to the Police Department.

16. Adjourn:

Motion by McLean, with support from Resseguie, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Read and Approved:

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David J. Tossava, Mayor

Linda Perin, City Clerk