City of Hastings

COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Minutes June 23, 2025

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

Councilmembers Present: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

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

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

Motion by McLean, with support from Rocha, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Approval of the minutes of the June 9, 2025, regular meeting

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025, regular meeting.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Ressequie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and

Tossava Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.

- 6. Public Hearings: (None)
- 7. Public Comment: (None)
- 8. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:
 - A. Presentation from Dave Hatfield, Barry County Commissioner (Absent)
- 9. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent:
 - A. Motion to approve the City Manager's appointment of Dale Boulter as acting manager from July 6 13, 2025.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from McLean, to approve the City Manager's appointment of Dale Boulter as acting manager from July 6 - 13, 2025.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton

and Tossava Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.

10. Items of Business:

A. Motion to adopt **Resolution 2025-17** to update fees for various city services.

Motion by Rocha, with support from Stenzelbarton, to adopt **Resolution 2025-17** to update fees for various city services.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton

and Tossava Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.

B. Motion to adopt **Resolution 2025-18** to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Devroy, to adopt **Resolution 2025-18** to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton

and Tossava Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.

C. Motion to adopt **Resolution 2025-19** to exercise the city's first right of refusal for the tax foreclosed property at 133 E State St.

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to adopt **Resolution 2025-19** to exercise the city's first right of refusal for the tax foreclosed property at 133 E State St.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton

and Tossava Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.

D. Motion to authorize the execution of the temporary construction and permanent utility easement agreement with MEI upon final review by City Attorney.

Motion by McLean, with support from Resseguie, to authorize the execution of the temporary construction and permanent utility easement agreement with MEI upon

final review by City Attorney.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton

and Tossava Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.

E. Motion to approve, under the direction of staff, Trumble Insurance Agency to conduct the annual Back to School Bash which includes use of the Pocket Park adjacent to the Thornapple Plaza from **4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 2, 2025.**

Motion by Barlow, with support from Rocha, to approve, under the direction of staff, Trumble Insurance Agency to conduct the annual Back to School Bash which includes use of the Pocket Park adjacent to the Thornapple Plaza from **4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 2, 2025.**

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton

and Tossava Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.

F. Motion to agree in principle to the general terms of a 425 Agreement with Rutland Township to include an agreement for the Meijer property (Tax ID 13-014-028-00) with similar revenue sharing terms as previous 425 agreements between the parties, retainage of the existing sewer agreement, and a new water agreement to include provision of services for Meijer only.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from McLean, to agree in principle to the general terms of a 425 Agreement with Rutland Township to include an agreement for the Meijer property (Tax ID 13-014-028-00) with similar revenue sharing terms as previous 425 agreements between the parties, retainage of the existing sewer agreement, and a new water agreement to include provision of services for Meijer only.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton

and Tossava Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.

G. Motion to approve the construction and design of a new 48'x60' fabric structure Salt Storage Facility with steel frame to Clear Heights Construction in the amount of \$275,304.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Devroy, to approve the construction and design of a new 48'x60' fabric struction Salt Storage Facility with steel frame to Clear Heights Construction in the amount of \$275,304.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton

and Tossava Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.

H. Motion to approve the purchase and service work related to DO probes from Widemuller in the amount of **\$25,300** for the wastewater treatment plant.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Brehm, to approve the purchase and service work related to DO probes from Widenmuller in the amount of **\$25,300** for the wastewater treatment plant.

Discussion held.

Comments from Ford Hamman, Hastings WWTP employee, providing more details and explanations of equipment function.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton

and Tossava Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.

- 11. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussions:
 - A. Proposed Modifications to Business Ordinances, Sections 22-1 through 22-3

Discussion held.

B. Draft Paid Parental Leave Policy

Discussion held.

12. City Manager Report:

Progress meeting held at Fish Hatchery Park restrooms, June 23, 2025, with estimated remodel to be completed by August 1, 2025.

The City of Lowell would like to do a Mayor's Exchange on Monday, September 29, 2025 in Lowell, and on Monday, October 6, 2025, in Hastings.

Tangle Town Project website is up and running.

Discussion held.

- A. Police Chief Boulter Monthly Report
- B. City Clerk/Treasurer Perin Monthly Financial Reports
- C. Community Development Director King Monthly Report

Reminder regarding sign-up for the City of Hastings Fair Booth at the Barry County Fair, July 14-19, 2025.

D. Streets Superintendent Neil Monthly Report.

13. Reports and Communications:

- A. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes May 5, 2025
- B. Riverside Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes June 11, 2025

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Resseguie, to accept and place on file items A and B.

All ayes. Motion carried.

14. Public Comment:

Comments from Sandra Dunnuck, resident of Hastings, about city street conditions, complimenting downtown work, but critiquing the rough side streets.

15. Mayor and Council comment:

Comments from Bergeron, asking about what the process is for citizens to have problems with their streets addressed.

Comments from Devroy, expressed thanks to the work of the Street Department.

Comments from McLean, asking to clarify if Motion should be stated word-for-word in Council meetings.

Comments from Stenzelbarton, complimenting Barry County Friend of the Court, Valerie, for assisting a resident through a difficult time.

Comments from Rocha, quoting Roberts Rules of Order in connection to Motion discussion by McLean, and suggesting that City Council should consider purchasing a picket for Tangle Town.

16. Adjourn:

Motion by McLean, with support from Resseguie, to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Read and Approved:

David J. Tossaya, Mayor

Linda Perin, City Clerk