

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Minutes
September 22, 2025

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

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

City Staff and Appointees Present: Moyer-Cale, Boulter, Jordan, King and Perin
3. Motion by Mclean, with support from Rocha, to excuse Councilmember Bergeron from the September 22, 2025, regular meeting.

All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Pledge to the flag
5. Approval of the agenda

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to approve the agenda as presented.
All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Approval of the minutes of the September 8, 2025, regular meeting

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Brehm, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025, regular meeting.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
Nays: None
Absent: Bergeron
Motion carried.
7. Public Hearings: (None)
8. Public Comment:

Comments from Carol Ergang, City resident, about the Relay for Life "Survivor's Walk" in Tyden Park, and requesting repairs for the sidewalks in Tyden Park.

Comments from Sarah Robins, City resident, concerned about the safety of the Lifegate Church fireworks displays, in relation to her proximity and the well-being of her neighbors. Also showcased a year's-worth of spent fireworks casings.

Comments from Joyce Fryling, City resident, echoing Sarah's concerns about Lifegate Church and their fireworks displays.

9. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:

- A. Presentation from Dave Hatfield, Barry County Commissioner (Absent).
- B. Presentation from Gino Lucci, Hastings City/Barry County Airport Manager.

Shared Powerpoint presentation on Airport activities, and answered Council questions.

10. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent:

- A. Consider casting a ballot for Michelle LaVoy and Josh Meringa to serve three-year terms on the MML Liability & Property Pool Board.

Motion by Rocha, with support from Devroy, to cast a ballot for Michelle LaVoy and Josh Meringa to serve three-year terms on the MML Liability & Property Pool Board.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Bergeron

Motion carried.

11. Items of Business:

- A. Consider approval of, under direction of staff, the Downtown Business Connection request to hold the Fall Girls Night Out event on **Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM** and consent to the closure of South Jefferson Street between State Street and Court Street, and allow food trucks.

Motion by McLean, with support from Barlow, to approve, under direction of staff, the Downtown Business Connection request to hold the Fall Girls Night Out event on **Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM** and consent to the closure of South Jefferson Street between State Street and Court Street, and allow food trucks.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Bergeron

Motion carried.

- B. Consider approval of, under direction of staff, the Hastings Student Council's request to conduct the annual Homecoming Parade on city streets located near Hastings High School on **Friday, October 10, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM.**

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from McLean, to approve, under direction of staff, the Hastings Student Council's request to conduct the annual Homecoming

Parade on city streets located near Hastings High School on **Friday, October 10, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Bergeron

Motion carried.

- C. Consider approval of, under direction of staff, St. Rose of Lima's request to hold the annual 5K Fun Run to be held on **May 2, 2026, from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM.**

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to approve, under direction of staff, St. Rose of Lima's request to hold the annual 5K Fun Run to be held on **May 2, 2026, from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM.**

Discussion held to adjust initial typo in agenda and minutes, to be corrected.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Bergeron

Motion carried.

- D. Consider approval of the replacement of storm sewer on S. Boltwood St. from Baker Excavating for **\$17,300.**

Motion by Barlow, with support from McLean, to approve of the replacement of storm sewer on S. Boltwood St. from Baker Excavating for **\$17,300.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Bergeron

Motion carried.

- E. Consider approval of the shared purchase of a PortaCount Model 8048 Respirator Fit Tester for the shared cost of **\$5,800.**

Motion by Brehm, with support from McLean, to approve the shared purchase of a PortaCount Model 8048 Respirator Fit Tester for the shared cost of **\$5,800.**

Discussion held.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Bergeron

Motion carried.

- F. Consider authorization of the purchase of a new radar trailer, along with a portable radar sign, from All Traffic Solutions, Inc. for the total amount of **\$17,132.12.**

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Devroy, to authorize the purchase of a new radar trailer, along with a portable radar sign, from All Traffic Solutions, Inc. for the total amount of **\$17,132.12.**

Discussion held.

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

Nays: Stenzelbarton

Absent: Bergeron

Motion carried.

- G. Consider authorization of the purchase of four new Taser Model 10 devices, and sign contract with Axon Enterprise for the next five years of service, in the total amount of **\$40,780.**

Motion by McLean, with support from Brehm, to authorize the purchase of four new Taser Model 10 devices, and sign contract with Axon Enterprise for the next five years of service, in the total amount of **\$40,780.**

Discussion held.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Bergeron

Motion carried.

- H. Consider accepting the proposal by Progressive Companies for the W. State Street Corridor Plan in the amount of **\$48,450.**

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to accept the proposal by Progressive Companies for the W. State Street Corridor Plan in the amount of **\$48,450.**

Discussion held, providing added details, such as MDOT planning a Cook to Broadway reconstruction in 2028, that this item has been shared with the DDA because it is within their district, that this proposal is not budgeted, but the General Fund balance can be used to pay, and the DDA may contribute with added funds.

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

Nays: Stenzelbarton

Absent: Bergeron

Motion carried.

12. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussions:

A. Pedestrian Crossing Survey Results

Discussion held, with Chief Boulter providing future feedback on crash incidents at the Pedestrian Island, and suggesting no left turn onto Thorn Street off of Southbound Broadway.

13. City Manager Report:

- 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 Services Street Superintendent Neil Report

14. Reports and Communications:

A. Downtown Development Authority DRAFT Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2025

Motion by Brehm, with support from Rocha, to place on file item A.
All ayes. Motion carried.

15. Public Comment:

Comments from Gino Lucci, Nashville resident, suggesting a full traffic light at the intersection of Broadway and West State Road to help slow traffic at pedestrian crossing.

16. Mayor and Council comment:

Comments from Mayor Tossava, sharing his experiences at the MML Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, last week.

17. Closed Session:

- A. Consider recessing to closed session at the conclusion of regular business as permitted under Section 8 (1)(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the periodic personnel evaluation of the City Manager, at the Manager's request.

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to recess to closed session at the conclusion of regular business as permitted under Section 8 (1)(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the periodic personnel evaluation of the City Manager, at the Manager's request.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Bergeron

All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:20 PM

18. Return to Open Session:

Council returned to open session at 8:37 PM.

- A. Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Devroy, to approve increase in City Manager Compensation to **Grade 11, Step 8 at \$135,464.75.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Bergeron

Motion carried.

19. Adjourn:

Motion by Rocha, with support from McLean, to adjourn.

All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Read and Approved:


David J. Tossava, Mayor


Linda Perin, City Clerk