City of Hastings

COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Meeting Minutes October 27, 2025

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

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

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

3. Motion by Brehm, with support from Devroy, to excuse Councilmember McLean from the October 27, 2025, regular meeting.

All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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

6. Approval of the minutes of the October 13, 2025, regular meeting

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Barlow, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2025, regular meeting.

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

Nays: None Absent: McLean Motion carried.

- 7. Public Hearings: (None)
- 8. Public Comment:

Comments from Zach Corey, City resident, speaking against recent approved public events in the City of Hastings that he feels are divisive.

Comments from Travis Alden, Middleville resident, who works with SME on Brownfield Redevelopment plans, wanting to introduce himself to the City Council.

- 9. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:
 - A. Presentation from Dave Hatfield, Barry County Commissioner. (Absent)
- 10. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent:
 - A. Consider approval, under direction of staff, the American Legion Post 45 to conduct the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial in Tyden Park on Tuesday **November 11**, **2025**, **from 10:30 AM until 12:00 PM**.

Motion by Rocha, with support from Brehm, to approve, under direction of staff, the American Legion Post 45 to conduct the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial in Tyden Park on Tuesday **November 11**, **2025**, **from 10:30 AM until 12:00 PM**.

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

Tossava Nays: None Absent: McLean Motion carried.

B. Consider approval, under direction of staff, the request from Gail Lowe to utilize a designated tree at the Thornapple Plaza as the first annual Barry County Memorial Tree.

Motion by Rocha, with support from Barlow, to approve, under direction of staff, the request from Gail Lowe to utilize a designated tree at the Thornapple Plaza as the first annual Barry County Memorial Tree.

Comments from Gail Lowe, sharing plans she previously brought to Council, along with her discussions with Dan King. Gail also answered Council questions.

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

Tossava Nays: None Absent: McLean Motion carried.

C. Receive and place on file nine (9) invoices totaling \$427,307.17.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Devroy, to receive and place on file nine (9) invoices totaling **\$427,307.17**.

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

Tossava Nays: None Absent: McLean Motion carried.

11. Items of Business:

A. Conduct second reading and consider adoption of **Ordinance 633** regarding text amendment to Chapter 90, Article 90-VI to add Division 90-VI-6A, Sections 90-350 through 90-357 pertaining to a 3-4 Family Overlay District as recommended by the Planning Commission on October 6, 2025.

Motion by Brehm, with support from Barlow, to adopt **Ordinance 633** regarding text amendment to Chapter 90, Article 90-VI to add Division 90-VI-6A, Sections 90-350 through 90-357 pertaining to a 3-4 Family Overlay District as recommended by the Planning Commission on October 6, 2025.

Discussion held, with Dan King providing details and answering Council questions.

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

Tossava Nays: None Absent: McLean Motion carried.

B. Consider authorizing the City Clerk to execute the Billing Services Agreement and Business Associate Addendum with EMS Management and Consultants, Inc. as presented.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Brehm, to authorize the City Clerk to execute the Billing Services Agreement and Business Associate Addendum with EMS Management and Consultants, Inc. as presented.

Discussion held.

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

Tossava Nays: None Absent: McLean Motion carried.

C. Consider adoption of **Resolution 2025-25** to amend the fee schedule for the City of Hastings, effective November 1, 2025.

Motion by Rocha, with support from Devroy, to adopt **Resolution 2025-25** to amend the fee schedule for the City of Hastings, effective November 1, 2025.

Discussion held.

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

Tossava Nays: None Absent: McLean Motion carried.

D. Consider approval of the purchase of two complete sets of firefighting protective clothing from Axes and Irons in the amount of **\$9,090**.

Motion by Devroy, with support from Resseguie, to approve the purchase of two complete sets of firefighting protective clothing from Axes and Irons in the amount of \$9,090.

Discussion held.

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

Tossava Nays: None Absent: McLean Motion carried.

E. Consider scheduling a Joint City Council/Brownfield Authority Board Workshop Meeting for **Wednesday**, **November 5**, **2025 at 6:30 PM**.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Brehm, to schedule a Joint City Council/Brownfield Authority Board Workshop Meeting for **Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 6:30 PM.**

Discussion held.

All ayes. Motion carried.

- 12. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussions:
 - A. Citizen's Academy Update

Comments from Sarah Moyer-Cale, providing updates on the Citizen's Academy, and answering questions from Council.

- 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. Street Superintendent Neil Monthly Report
- 14. Reports and Communications:
 - A. City of Hastings Downtown Development Authority DRAFT Meeting Minutes October 16, 2025

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Devroy, to accept and place on file item A.

All ayes. Motion carried.

15. Public Comment:

Comments from Gail Lowe, City resident, expressing curiosity why there is no discussion between Council and the Public in attendance in Council Meetings.

Sarah Moyer-Cale provided her with a business card for contact.

16. Mayor and Council comment:

Comments from Mayor Tossava, speaking about the new Hastings City/Barry County Airport Terminal dedication. Also commented to Gail Lowe that the Council Packet is available on the City website, and explained the Open Meetings Act in regards to her discussion question.

Comments from Rocha, noting that the 250th Marine Corp Anniversary is coming up.

17. Adjourn:

Motion by Rocha, with support from Resseguie, to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Read and Approved:

David J. Tossaya, Mayor

Amy Hubbell, Deputy City Clerk