

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

**City Council Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2025**

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

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

City Staff and Appointees Present: Moyer-Cale, Boulter, Jordan, King, Neil, Perin and Robins
3. Motion by Brehm, with support from McLean, to excuse Councilmember Rocha from the November 11, 2025, regular meeting.

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

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

All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Approval of the minutes:
 - A. Consider approval of the minutes of the October 27, 2025, regular meeting.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Resseguie, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2025, regular meeting.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
Nays: None
Absent: Rocha
Motion carried.
 - B. Consider approval of the minutes of the November 5, 2025, special council meeting.

Motion by Devroy, with support from McLean, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2025, special council meeting.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
 Nays: None
 Absent: Rocha
 Motion carried.

7. Public Hearings: (None)

8. Public Comment:

Comments from Ed Szumowski and Mary Beth Adyniec, co-leaders of MI Barry County Indivisible, thanking the City Council and sharing details on the peaceful and non-violent rallies held throughout Barry County this year, and also thanking the Police Department and former Events Director Steve Hoke.

Comments from Summer Robertson, City resident, noting that the keeping of animals was on November 10, 2025 Council Agenda, and spoke in favor of amending the local Ordinance.

Comments from Rachel Gross, from Portland, MI, currently running for State Representative for 78th District, which includes Hastings, wanting to introduce herself and provided her social media and website contact information.

9. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:

A. Presentation from Dave Hatfield, Barry County Commissioner. (Absent)

10. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent:

A. Consider approval of the appointment of Hana Jaquays as Assistant City Manager.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from McLean, to approve the appointment of Hana Jaquays as Assistant City Manager.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
 Nays: None
 Absent: Rocha
 Motion carried.

11. Items of Business:

A. Consider approval, under direction of staff, a request from Linda Robinson, DVM, to conduct an annual Santa Paws event at Bob King Park from **10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 6, 2025, or Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM**, and adoption of **Resolution 2025-26** staying Section 58-38 (g)(m) of the Municipal Code.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Brehm, to approve under direction of

staff, a request from Linda Robinson, DVM, to conduct an annual Santa Paws event at Bob King Park from **10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 6, 2025, or Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM**, and adopt **Resolution 2025-26** staying Section 58-38 (g)(m) of the Municipal Code.

Discussion was held.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
Nays: None
Absent: Rocha
Motion carried.

- B. Consider approval of a memorandum of understanding with the YMCA of Barry County for administration and programming for the Hammond Hill Disc Golf Course.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Devroy, to approve a memorandum of understanding with the YMCA of Barry County for administration and programming for the Hammond Hill Disc Golf Course.

Comments from Jon Sporer, CEO/Executive Director of YMCA of Barry County, about the memorandum of understanding.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
Nays: None
Absent: Rocha
Motion carried.

- C. Consider approval of the purchase of a K65 NFPA Compliant replacement Thermal Imaging Camera from Moses Fire Equipment Inc for **\$5,710**.

Motion by McLean, with support from Barlow, to approve the purchase of a K65 NFPA Compliant replacement Thermal Imaging Camera from Moses Fire Equipment Inc for **\$5,710**.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
Nays: None
Absent: Rocha
Motion carried.

- D. Consider approving removal of two (2) trees at 226 N Washington St from Top Notch Tree Care in the amount of **\$8,120**.

Motion by Barlow, with support from Stenzelbarton, to approve removal of two (2) trees at 226 N Washington St from Top Notch Tree Care in the amount of **\$8,120**.

Discussion held.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rocha

Motion carried.

- E. Consider authorizing the division of the Deputy Treasurer and Utility Billing Clerk positions and to approve the necessary budget amendments to support the position.

Motion by McLean, with support from Resseguie, to authorize the division of the Deputy Treasurer and Utility Billing Clerk positions and to approve the necessary budget amendments to support the position.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rocha

Motion carried.

- F. Consider approval of the revised contract for the airport manager as presented.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from McLean, to approve the revised contract for the airport manager as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rocha

Motion carried.

- G. Consider scheduling a special workshop session of the City Council and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board for **November 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM.**

Motion by McLean, with support from Resseguie, to schedule a special workshop session of the City Council and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board for **November 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM.**

Discussion held, with Mayor Tossava noting this will take place before the next regular council meeting.

All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussions:

A. Information Regarding Keeping Chickens

Discussion held, with McLean asking about the comparisons between parcels, with Moyer-Cale and King presenting the City Zoning Map to view where Rural-Residential

zones are located.

Motion by McLean, with support from Resseguie, to refer the keeping of animals ordinance back to the Planning Commission.

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

Nays: Tossava

Absent: Rocha

Motion carried.

Moyer-Cale requested clarification from the council regarding an expected result and timeline from the Planning Commission's consideration. The consensus was for the Planning Commission to present a recommendation to allow additional hens based on lot size.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rocha.

Motion carried.

B. State Budget Impacts on City of Hastings' Revenue

Discussion held.

13. City Manager Report:

A. Fire Chief Jordan Monthly Report

B. Library Director Edelman Monthly Report

14. Reports and Communications:

A. Hastings Public Library Board of Trustees DRAFT Minutes – November 3, 2025

B. Barry Intermediate School District Regional Enhancement Millage Request Results Breakdown – November 4, 2025

Motion by Barlow, with support from Resseguie, to place on file items A and B. All ayes. Motion carried.

15. Public Comment:

Comments from Trevor, non-resident, local business owner planning on making an investment in his businesses in the near future, and wanting to learn how to have dialogue with local officials.

16. Mayor and Council comment:

Comments from Tossava stating that City Council members have contact information on the City website. Also welcomed Rachel Gross to come as often as she can to Council meetings.

Comments from Stenzelbarton, acknowledging Veteran's Day on Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

Comments from McLean, clarifying her interaction with Summer Robinson.

Comments from Devroy, expressing interest in further developments with chicken keeping.

17. Closed Session:

- A. Consider entering into closed session Section 8 (d) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained.

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to enter into closed session Section 8 (d) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rocha

All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:53 PM.

18. Return to Open Session:


Council returned to open session at 8:13 PM


19. Adjourn:

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

All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Read and Approved:


David J. Tossava, Mayor


Linda Perin, City Clerk