

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2025

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

2. Roll call

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

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

3. Pledge to the flag

4. Approval of the agenda

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Rocha, to approve of the agenda as amended, to move Unanimous Consent Item 9A to Item 8B.

All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Approval of the minutes:

A. Consider approval of the minutes of the November 24, 2025, workshop meeting.

Motion by Devroy, with support from McLean, to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2025, workshop meeting.

All ayes. Motion carried

B. Consider approval of the minutes of the November 24, 2025, regular meeting.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from McLean, to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2025, regular meeting.

All ayes. Motion carried

6. Public Hearings: (None)

7. Public Comment: (None)

8. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:

A. Presentation from Peggy Hemerling of the Jingle and Mingle Prince and Princess.

Prince and Princess were not present. Peggy Hemerling read the essays the Prince and Princess submitted. They originally read their essays at the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting, and rode with Santa in the Christmas Parade as part of Jingle & Mingle.

B. Consider approval, under direction of staff, the request from Carl Schoessel to hold the annual New Year's Eve Ball drop event in downtown Hastings from **5:00 PM until 1:00 AM on December 31, 2025, and January 1, 2026.**

Motion by Ressegueie, with support from Devroy, to approve the request from Carl Schoessel to hold the annual New Year's Eve Ball drop event in downtown Hastings from **5:00 PM until 1:00 AM on December 31, 2025, and January 1, 2026.**

Comments from Carl Schoessel explaining the format of the evening. The Council positively commented about previous New Year's Eve celebrations.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Ressegueie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

C. Presentation from James Gilmore & Christopher Zull, from Progressive Companies, "State of the West State Street Corridor."

In 2028, MDOT will be reconstructing State Street (M-43/M-37). Design work starts in 2026. MDOT plans to rip out entire roadway – this project will help to determine what is put back in place. Project Open House for public will happen in March 2026.

After presentation, discussion held with council comments and questions.

9. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent: (None)

10. Items of Business:

A. Conduct second reading of, and consider adoption of, **Ordinance 634**, to amend Division 2-III-66, Article II, of Chapter 2 of the Hastings Code of 1970 to establish modify the appointive City Officers.

Motion by Rocha, with support from McLean, to adopt **Ordinance 634**, to amend Division 2-III-66, Article II, of Chapter 2 of the Hastings Code of 1970 to establish modify the appointive City Officers.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Ressegueie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

- B. Conduct first reading of **Ordinance 635**, to amend Hastings-Rutland Joint Planning Commission Zoning Ordinance.
- C. Consider approval of **Resolution 2025-29**, to amend Resolution 1997-29 by modifying the membership of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board.

Motion by Devroy, with support from Ressegueie, to approve **Resolution 2025-29** to amend Resolution 1997-29 by modifying the membership of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board.

Discussion held, regarding number of BRA Board members. Council agreed to seven (7) members.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Ressegueie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

- D. Consider authorizing the submission of a letter of support for the MDARD ALIGN program grant as presented.

Motion by Barlow, with support from Ressegueie, to authorize the submission of a letter of support for the MDARD ALIGN program grant as presented.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Ressegueie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

- E. Consider scheduling a public hearing on **January 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM** to accept comment on the North Ridge Estates Condominium PUD.

Motion by McLean, with support from Brehm, to schedule a public hearing on **January 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM** to accept comment on the North Ridge Estates Condominium PUD.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Ressegueie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

F. Consider approval of the purchase of a three-camera DVR system for the exterior of the Fire Department from Riverside Electronics, for the cost of **\$5,961**.

Motion by Brehm, with support from Barlow, to approve the purchase of a three-camera DVR system for the exterior of the Fire Department from Riverside Electronics, for the cost of **\$5,961**.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Ressegue, Rocha and Tossava

Nays: Stenzelbarton

Absent: None

Motion carried.

11. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussions:

A. Pedestrian Island Design Review

Discussion held, with consensus decision to move forward with the plan as presented and to start talks with the State about the project. Grants for the project will also be sought.

12. City Manager Report:

A. Fire Chief Jordan Monthly Report

Due to an emergency call, Chief Jordon was away from the meeting. Presenting in his place was Mark Meijer, President of Life EMS Ambulance. Mark noted that next week marks ninety days of service to the City of Hastings and Barry County. There are two paramedic ambulances in the City, with fifteen permanent employees. There has been good feedback from Pennock Hospital on condition of patients and care that has been administered by the time they reach the hospital.

B. Library Director Edelman Monthly Report

13. Reports and Communications:

- A. Rutland Charter Township/City of Hastings Joint Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2025
- B. City of Hastings Downtown Development Authority DRAFT Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2025
- C. Hastings Public Library Board of Trustees DRAFT Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2025

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to accept and place on file items A-C. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. Public Comment: (None)

15. Mayor and Council comment:

Comments from Rocha, asking if a blinker light at West State Road and Broadway could be changed to a full traffic signal. Chief Boulter will contact MDOT, as this is a State road.

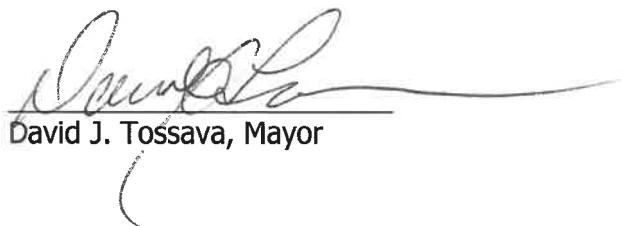
Comments from Devroy, noting how many ornaments and the beautiful signage were present for the Memorial Tree at Thornapple Plaza.

Comments from the Council as a whole for a great 2025 Hastings Jingle & Mingle event.

16. Adjourn:

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to adjourn.
All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Read and Approved:



David J. Tossava, Mayor



Linda Perin, City Clerk