City of Hastings

COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2026

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, Edelman, Heuss, Jaquays, Jordan, Neil and Perin

3. Pledge to the flag

4. Approval of the agenda, with amendments to item 10G:

   Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Devroy, to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Approval of the minutes:

   A. Approval of the minutes of the June 22, 2026, workshop meeting as presented.

   Motion by McLean, with support from Resseguie, to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2026, workshop meeting as presented.

   All ayes. Motion carried.

   B. Approval of the minutes of the June 22, 2026, regular meeting as presented.

   Motion by Devroy, with support from McLean, to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2026, regular meeting as presented.

   All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Public Hearings: (None)

7. Public Comment:

   Comments from Dave Hatfield, citizen of Hastings, asking Council to consider adopting a Resolution recognizing Cotants Farm Market and all participants involved in the Adopt-A-Corner program. The price offered by Cotants was $2.00 less per flat than last year. They also replaced some plants that died. There is a total of 55 flowerbeds this year. All of the Adopt-A-Corner flowerbeds, the planters, and hanging baskets make the downtown area look beautiful.

8. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:

A. Presentation from Gino Lucci, Hastings/Barry County Airport Manager.

Provided updates on fiscal year-end statistics and current events and projects.

B. Presentation from David Hatfield, Barry County Commissioner.

1. County roads rated as "Best in the State."
2. Contract approved to digitize County Clerk's information and records.
3. Adopted a Resolution opposing the State House Bill on Housing that the City also opposed.
4. Preparations are proceeding for annual County audit, and last year's clean audit report was received.
5. Next steps are being taken in Jail Project with meeting in August with contractors to present their proposals.

9. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent:

A. Consider casting a ballot on behalf of the City of Hastings for Harry Burdett, Brad Gurski, and Jonathan Seyferth to serve 4-year terms on the MML Worker's Compensation Fund board.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Resseguie, to cast a ballot on behalf of the City of Hastings for Harry Burdett, Brad Gurski, and Jonathan Seyferth to serve 4-year terms on the MML Worker's Compensation Fund board.

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

B. Consider approving, under the direction of staff, the closure of West Center Street from Broadway to Park Street on **Friday, July 24, 2026, from 3:00 PM until 10:00 PM,** for the Emmanuel Episcopal Church to conduct a block party.

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to approve, under the direction of staff, the closure of West Center Street from Broadway to Park Street on **Friday, July 24, 2026, from 3:00 PM until 10:00 PM,** for the Emmanuel Episcopal Church to conduct a block party.

Rev. Alicia Hager was present to answer questions and explained the purpose of the Block Party is to build community ties.

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

C. Consider accepting the resignation of Jon Rocha and commence the appointment process for a new First Ward council member to fulfill the term.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Devroy, to accept the resignation of Jon Rocha and to commence the appointment process for a new First Ward council member to fulfill the term.

Mayor and Council expressed regrets at Rocha's resignation and thanked him for his contributions.

City Manager explained Appointment Schedule timeline.

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

10. Items of Business:

A. Conduct first reading of **Ordinance 639** pertaining to the rezoning of property located at 203 East High Street from A-O Apartment and Office District to R-2 Single Family Residential.

Discussion held.

B. Consider approving the purchase of two 2026 Ford Utility Interceptor patrol SUVs from Lunghammer Ford in the amount of **$91,062.**

Motion by Rocha, with support from McLean, to approve the purchase of two 2026 Ford Utility Interceptor patrol SUVs from Lunghammer Ford in the amount of **$91,062.**

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

C. Consider removal of old equipment and upfitting the new patrol vehicles by C-Comm of Kalamazoo for **$11,202.90.**

Motion by McLean, with support from Rocha, to remove old equipment and to upfit the new patrol vehicles by C-Comm of Kalamazoo for **$11,202.90.**

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

D. Consider approving the purchase of a 2018 Rosenbauer 101-foot aerial platform from T-Line EV LLC for **$948,000,** with the trade-in of the department's current 2000 Sutphen 100-foot aerial platform for **$100,00,** resulting in a net purchase cost of **$848,000.**

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to approve the purchase of a 2018 Rosenbauer 101-foot aerial platform from T-Line EV LLC for **$948,000,** with the trade-in of the department's current 2000 Sutphen 100-foot aerial platform for **$100,00,** resulting in a net purchase cost of **$848,000.**

Discussion held, with Chief Jordan sharing the video of the new truck.

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

E. Consider approving the proposal from Moore and Bruggink for design and construction engineering services for repairs to East State Street as presented for an amount not to exceed **$123,000.**

Motion by McLean, with support from Barlow, to approve the proposal from Moore and Bruggink for design and construction engineering services for repairs to East State Street as presented for an amount not to exceed **$123,000.**

Discussion held.

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

F. Consider approving the Airport Board request to purchase an SRE broom in the amount of **$12,375.**

Motion by Barlow, with support from Brehm, to approve the Airport Board request to purchase an SRE broom in the amount of **$12,375.**

Discussion held.

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

G. (1) Consider approving the Milling and Resurfacing of 600′ on East North Street between Hannah Lane and North East Street from Lakeland Asphalt for **$47,900.**

Motion by Brehm, with support from Rocha, to approve the Milling and Resurfacing of 600′ on East North Street between Hannah Lane and North East Street from Lakeland Asphalt for **$47,900.**

Discussion held.

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

(2) Consider approving the 3" Milling and Resurfacing of 1,200′ of East Barfield Drive from Star School Road to just west of Bearberry Drive from Lakeland Asphalt for **$129,500.**

Motion by McLean, with support from Brehm, to approve the 3" Milling and Resurfacing of 1,200′ of East Barfield Drive from Star School Road to just west of Bearberry Drive from Lakeland Asphalt for **$129,500.**

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

H. Consider approving Progressive Companies to provide transportation support for the West State Street improvement project in an amount not to exceed **$10,000.**

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from McLean, to approve Progressive Companies to provide transportation support for the West State Street improvement project in an amount not to exceed **$10,000.**

Discussion held.

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

I. Consider the request by Hastings Manufacturing for a waiver of additional sewer fees in the amount of **$6,513** due to a water leak.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Barlow, to approve the request by Hastings Manufacturing for a waiver of additional sewer fees in the amount of **$6,513** due to a water leak.

Discussion held.

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

11. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussion: (None)

12. City Manager Report:

- Held discussion on Pedestrian Island on North Broadway Avenue.
- Explained mitigation procedure on chip sealing in the city.

A. Fire Chief Jordan Monthly Report
B. Library Director Edelman Monthly Report

13. Reports and Communications:

A. Hastings Public Library Board of Trustees DRAFT Minutes – July 6, 2026
B. Hastings Public Library Strategic Plan Q2 2026 Action Plan Update
C. Rutland Charter Township/City of Hastings Joint Planning Commission DRAFT Minutes – June 17, 2026

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

14. Public Comment: (None)

15. Mayor and Council comments:

Mayor Tossava congratulated Jacob Heuss on his promotion to Utility Superintendent.

Councilmember Rocha thanked Council for their support and all of the big projects they have achieved. He also suggested items for Council consideration:

- Still thinks a pedestrian bridge over Broadway at Tyden Park is a good idea.
- The Holly Trolley should run year-round to transport people to parks and events.
- Suggested a Veteran's Monument for recent wars.
- The residents in the northeast side of Ward 1 state their water smells of chlorine and they have to boil water.
- Pursue small business grants or abatements.

Councilmember Devroy congratulated Jacob Heuss on his promotion as well and asked if the Holly Trolley could be used to bring people downtown for events.

16. Adjourn:

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to adjourn.
All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Read and Approved:

David J. Tossava, Mayor

Linda Perin, City Clerk