

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2026

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

2. Roll call

Councilmembers Present: Bergeron, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Shepler, Stenzelbarton and Tossava.

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

Councilmember Barlow was absent.

3. Pledge to the flag

4. Approval of the agenda.

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

5. Approval of the minutes of the August 24, 2026, regular meeting as presented.

Motion by McLean, with support from Stenzelbarton, to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2026, regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: Bergeron, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Shepler, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

6. Public Hearings: (None)

7. Public Comment: (None)

8. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:

A. Presentation from Dave Hatfield, Barry County Commissioner.

- Dave stated that he was very proud of the work the Barry County Health Department and County Emergency Manager did on the Tyden Lofts incident. City First Responders, City Manager and the Mayor performed excellently as well. This was a truly unprecedented event that everyone handled well.
- The Commission on Aging facility will hold a grand opening event on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, from 3:30 PM until 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to see the

beautiful new facility.

- Granger Construction has been hired to provide "preconstruction services" to move the Barry County Jail Project forward.
- The Barry County budget calendar has been approved, and there will be a public hearing scheduled for October.
- The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) policy has been reviewed.

B. Presentation from Rebekah Condon, Health Officer for Barry-Eaton District Health Department.

Opening comments from Patrick Janssen, Barry County Emergency Management Coordinator, explaining the Emergency Management Team meets regularly, and these planning meetings helped make sure the emergency response to the Tyden Lofts incident was handled professionally.

Health Officer Condon commented that the Health Department was called in because ricin is a neurotoxin and can sicken people very quickly. There was a lot of help from Federal and State partners with specific knowledge and experience in these situations.

As of 7:00 PM, September 14, 2026, Tyden Lofts residents of the second and third floors are moving back into their apartments. Levels two and three elevators and stairwells are also safe and open for use.

Level one of Tyden Lofts is still restricted for additional testing. FBI Victim Assistance and Barry County Community Mental Health are available to residents and others impacted by the incident, who want support and follow-up.

In total, 145 people, and 65 apartment units were affected.

Recognition was given to the hundreds of volunteers who came out to assist with the various agencies.

9. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent:

- A. Consider approving, under the direction of staff, the Hastings Business Connection request to hold the Fall Girls Night Out event on **Thursday, October 1, 2026**, and consent to the closure of South Jefferson between State Street and Court Street from **5:00 PM until 8:00 PM**.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Devroy, to approve, under the direction of staff, the Hastings Business Connection request to hold the Fall Girls Night Out event on **Thursday, October 1, 2026**, and consent to the closure of South Jefferson between State Street and Court Street from **5:00 PM until 8:00 PM**.

Ayes: Bergeron, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Shepler, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

- B. Consider approving the proposal from Lettinga Carriage Service for carriage service within city limits.

Motion by McLean, with support from Shepler, to approve proposal from Lettinga Carriage Service for carriage service within city limits.

Comments from Tiffany Lettinga, co-founder of Lettinga Carriage Service, to present her proposal, and added that State Farm is covering the insurance.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Bergeron, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Shepler, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

10. Items of Business:

- A. Deliberation and selection of Fourth Ward Councilmember.

First round of voting eliminated candidates Zackery Corey and Lee Zeidler.

Second round of voting did not secure a majority of five votes for candidates Debra Hatfield or Cloe Oliver.

Discussion held.

Third round of voting did not secure a majority of five votes for candidates Debra Hatfield or Cloe Oliver.

Comments from City Manager Moyer-Cale, providing options for electing a candidate, such as continuation of deliberation and voting, or evaluation of Council Rules of Procedure, particularly Section 19 in order to suspend Section 18 by a two-thirds majority vote. A referral for a Special Election was also offered.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Devroy, to suspend the rules and allow an amendment under Section 18 to eliminate the need for three days' prior notice of an amendment and to allow an amendment requiring four votes to approve an appointment.

Ayes: Bergeron, Devroy, McLean, Shepler and Stenzelbarton

Nays: Resseguie and Tossava

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

Fourth round of voting, under modified rules as approved by two-third majority vote, resulted in four votes for Debra Hatfield, earning her majority vote, and election to the vacant Fourth Ward Council seat.

- B. Consider approving the purchase of a Super Vac battery-operated ventilation fan from

Moses Fire Equipment in the amount of **\$5,542.**

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Shepler, to approve the purchase of a Super Vac battery-operated ventilation fan from Moses Fire Equipment in the amount of **\$5,542.**

Ayes: Bergeron, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Shepler, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

- C. Consider approving the purchase of a FLIR 85 NFPA-compliant Thermal Imaging Camera from Moses Fire Equipment in the amount of **\$5,986.85.**

Motion by Devroy, with support from McLean, to approve the purchase of a FLIR 85 NFPA-compliant Thermal Imaging Camera from Moses Fire Equipment in the amount of **\$5,986.85.**

Discussion held.

Ayes: Bergeron, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Shepler, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

- D. Consider approving the purchase of two sets of Firefighting ensembles for structural and wildland firefighting from Axes and Irons in the amount of **\$10,487.30.**

Motion by Devroy, with support from Shepler, to approve the purchase of two sets of Firefighting ensembles for structural and wildland firefighting from Axes and Irons in the amount of **\$10,487.30.**

Ayes: Bergeron, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Shepler, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

- E. Consider approving the purchase of a new 125 HP Vertical Hollowshaft Motor and Well overhaul for Well #1 from Peerless Midwest Inc. for a total of **\$53,053.90.**

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from McLean, to approve the purchase of a new 125 HP Vertical Hollowshaft Motor and Well overhaul for Well #1 from Peerless Midwest Inc. for a total of **\$53,053.90.**

Discussion held.

Ayes: Bergeron, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Shepler, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

- F. Consider authorizing Copper Rock Construction to perform a 3-inch mill and fill and curb work on Mill Street from Boltwood to First Street and to amend the DDA budget for additional expenditures of up to **\$40,000**.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Bergeron, to authorize Copper Rock Construction to perform a 3-inch mill and fill and curb work on Mill Street from Boltwood to First Street and to amend the DDA budget for additional expenditures of up to **\$40,000**.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Bergeron, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Shepler, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

- G. Consider approving the demolition of the TangleTown playground and authorizing small apparatus to be released "as is" to donors as appropriate.

Motion by McLean, with support from Resseguie, to approve the demolition of the TangleTown playground and to authorize small apparatus to be released "as is" to donors as appropriate.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Bergeron, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Shepler, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

11. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussion: (None)

12. City Manager Report:

- Hastings Police Department held their Open House that evening, September 14, 2026.
- Gratitude was expressed to our First Responders and other agencies for getting the City through the events of this past weekend. A sincere thanks was given to Police Chief Boulter and Fire Chief Jordan.
- Mayor Tossava presented City Manager Moyer-Cale with a Five-Year Award of Service.

A. Fire Chief Jordan Monthly Report

- Comments from Chief Jordan to thank his team for their continuing work on the emergency event. He also thanked the Council for approving the Fire Department equipment requests.

B. Library Director Edelman Monthly Report

13. Reports and Communications:

- A. Hastings Public Library Board of Trustees DRAFT Minutes – August 31, 2026
- B. Hastings DPS Garage August 2026 Report

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from McLean, to approve and place on file items A-B.

14. Public Comment: (None)

15. Mayor and Council comments:

Mayor Tossava expressed thanks to Chiefs Boulter and Jordan.

Comments from McLean about the following:

- Apologized to Deb Hatfield and Cloe Oliver for the confusion over the voting situation, and suggested the Council determines how to make this a better and more understandable process.
- Offered thanks to the Elsie Sage Trust for helping to make it possible for the Fire Department to upgrade their equipment.
- Still requests the City staff to present additional educational material on how to navigate the roundabout.
- Asked if the City Council has revisited previous concerns about Professional Code Inspectors (PCI).

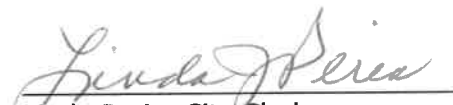
Comments from Councilmembers Bergeron, Devroy, Resseguie, Shepler and Stenzelbarton to offer sincere thanks to the City's First Responders.

16. Adjourn:

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to adjourn.
All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Read and Approved:


David J. Tossava, Mayor


Linda Perin, City Clerk