City of Hastings

COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2026

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

2. Roll call

   Councilmembers Present: Barlow, Bergeron, Hatfield, McLean, Resseguie, Shepler, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

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

3. Consider excusing Councilmember Devroy from the October 12, 2026, regular meeting.

   Motion by Bergeron, with support from Stenzelbarton, to excuse Councilmember Devroy from the October 12, 2026, regular meeting.
   All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Pledge to the flag

5. Approval of the agenda.

   Mayor Tossava added item **7A,** presentation from Barry County Commissioner David Hatfield.

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

6. Approval of the minutes:

   A. Approval of the minutes of the September 28, 2026, regular meeting as presented.

      Motion by Resseguie, with support from Barlow, to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2026, regular meeting as presented.
      All ayes. Motion carried.

   B. Approval of the minutes of the September 28, 2026, closed session meeting as presented.

      Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Hatfield, to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2026, closed session meeting as presented.
      All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Public Hearings:

A. Presentation from David Hatfield, Barry County Commissioner.

- The new Commission on Aging facility open house was on September 26, 2026, and recommends that any interested person should stop out for a tour.

- Tyden Lofts After Action Reports: We can all be grateful for the professional response from all our emergency responders. After reviewing After Action Reports, the goal is to improve emergency response as needed for potential events of this magnitude.

- All Barry County Sheriff Deputies are now equipped with body cameras.

- Public Hearing date for the Barry County Budget meeting is set on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

- County Meeting that took place last Tuesday, October 6, 2026, featured a discussion on better use of the Friend of the Court facility, and the Tyden Center. There will be a potential contest for renaming the Friend of the Court facility.

- The County will work with the City on disposition of the former Commission on Aging building.

- Improvements are also being made on the Barry County Courthouse, with cybersecurity and staff safety being the next steps.

- Barry County Zoning Ordinance will be reviewed at next meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026. The Hastings City/Barry County asphalt repairs will also be discussed.

8. Public Comment: (None)

9. Formal Recognitions and Presentations: (None)

10. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent:

A. Consider the appointment of Russ Hammond to the Parks and Recreation Committee for a partial term ending December 31, 2026.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Barlow, to appoint Russ Hammond to the Parks and Recreation Committee for a partial term ending December 31, 2026.

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

11. Items of Business:

A. Consider approving City Manager's compensation.

Mayor Tossava explained the process of City Manager Moyer-Cale's evaluation. The City Manager will be at step 9 of annual wage and salary scale, and her new wage is recommended as $142,689.64 and her vehicle allowance be adjusted from $450 to $550 monthly.

Motion by McLean, with support from Shepler, to approve City Manager's compensation at $142,689.64 annually and to increase the vehicle allowance to $550 per month.

Discussion was held.

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

B. Consider approving **$10,000** in TAP Grant match funds for the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail Wayfinding Sign Project.

Motion by McLean, with support from Barlow, to approve **$10,000** in TAP Grant match funds for the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail Wayfinding Sign Project.

Comments from Jennifer Antel, West Michigan Trails, providing details on the Wayfinding Sign Project, and answering Council questions.
Discussion was held.

Ayes: Barlow, Hatfield, McLean, Resseguie, Shepler, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
Nays: Bergeron
Absent: Devroy
Motion carried.

C. Consider approving the proposal from Life EMS, with the cost shared among participating municipalities by population, for an amount not to exceed **$131,123,** with an annual increase of 5.5% in 2028 and 4.5% in 2029.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from McLean, to approve the proposal from Life EMS, with the cost shared among participating municipalities by population, for an amount not to exceed **$131,123,** with an annual increase of 5.5% in 2028 and 4.5% in 2029.

Comments from Fire Chief Jordan, explaining the current ambulance coverage across townships and the City. The final contract cost won't be known until individual municipalities opt in or out of the Life EMS proposal.

Discussion was held.

Ayes: Barlow, Hatfield, McLean, Resseguie, Shepler, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
Nays: Bergeron
Absent: Devroy

Motion carried.

D. Consider approving design engineering services from Moore and Bruggink for Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF) project items in an amount not to exceed **$180,500.**

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Shepler, to approve design engineering services from Moore and Bruggink for Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF) project items in an amount not to exceed **$180,500.**

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

E. Consider approving the purchase of factory-direct playground items from Playgrounds by Leathers in the amount of **$265,091.05.**

Motion by McLean, with support from Shepler, to approve the purchase of factory direct playground items from Playgrounds by Leathers in the amount of **$265,091.05.**

Discussion held.

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

12. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussion: (None)

13. City Manager Report:

- Congratulations to Rob Neil, Streets Superintendent, on Michigan Public Services Institute (MPSI) graduation.

- Congratulations to Hana Jaquays, Assistant City Manager, for finishing the Chicago Marathon this past weekend.

- TangleTown demolition has started, with Highpoint Community Bank employees on-site today to begin.

- Green and Market Street paving is coming along, with Phase 4 starting the last week of October.

- Consider accepting the requested signage near Thornapple Plaza near the Riverwalk Trail for a QR Code public survey for the MDOT Grand Region Active Transport Plan.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Barlow, to accept the requested signage near Thornapple Plaza near the Riverwalk Trail for a QR Code public survey for the MDOT Grand Region Active Transport Plan.
All ayes. Motion carried.

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

14. Reports and Communications:

A. Hastings Public Library Board of Trustees DRAFT Minutes – October 5, 2026
B. General Capital "Thank You" Letter for City and County Response to Tyden Lofts Incident.

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

15. Public Comment: (None)

16. Mayor and Council comments:

Comments from Shepler, thanking the City Council for the opportunity to attend the MML Conference, which she found very informative and helpful.

Comments from Mayor Tossava, sharing some details from the MML Conference.

Comments from McLean, who also appreciated attending the MML Conference.

Comments from Barlow, thanking City Manager Moyer-Cale for providing ready answers to Council questions.

17. Adjourn:

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

Read and Approved:

David J. Tossava, Mayor

Linda Perin, City Clerk