

**City Council Special Meeting Agenda
September 14, 2026**

1. Special meeting called to order at 6:00 PM
 2. Roll call
 3. Pledge to the flag
 - * 4. Approval of the agenda
 - * 5. Fourth (4th) Ward Councilmember Interviews:
 - A. Zackery Corey
 - B. Debra Hatfield
 - C. Cloe Oliver
 - D. Lee Zeidler
 6. Public Comment
 7. Council Questions/Deliberation
 8. Adjourn
- * Items with enclosures.
√ Motion under agenda heading requires roll call vote.

Guidelines for Public Comment

Public Comment is welcomed and appreciated. Please follow these simple guidelines to ensure all have an opportunity to be heard.

All comments and questions will be made through the chair. All comments will be made in a courteous and civil manner; profanity and personal attacks will not be tolerated. Please limit the length of your comments to 3 minutes. If you are a member of a group, please appoint a spokesperson to speak on behalf of the group (those speaking on behalf of a group may be provided additional time). Please state your name before offering comment.

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Fourth (4th) Ward Candidate Questions
September 14, 2026

1. Tell us a little about yourself.
2. Why are you interested in becoming a member of the Hastings City Council?
3. Please discuss your prior experience working with civic, community or governmental organizations.
4. What do you perceive your responsibilities to be as a member of the City Council?
5. Based on your knowledge of the City, what do you feel the top priorities should be?
6. Please name three qualities a Council member should have.

7. Tell us a little about what you know from research or experience about the City and its operations (for example: the departments, budget, regulations, services, etc.)
8. In your opinion, what is the most important service that the City of Hastings provides?
9. Give us some examples of group decision-making you have been involved with and how these experiences could be utilized on the Council.
10. Do you intend to run for this position during the 2026 election cycle?
11. The City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. At times, a workshop meeting is held at 6:00 PM on the same day. Council meetings last approximately 1-2 hours. There are occasional special meetings and other events on non-meeting nights. Do you envision any scheduling conflicts that would prevent you from regularly attending meetings?

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Name: Zackery Sean Corey
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Address: 1030 S Park St, Hastings, MI 49058 Telephone _____

Place of Employment: Stryker

Business Address: 1941 Stryker Way, Port Huron, MI 48062 Telephone # _____

E-Mail: _____ Fax #: _____

Title / Type of Work: Sr Project Manager, Product & Program Management for Medical Device Manufacturer

Length of Residence in City: 4 Years Own/Rent: Own US Citizen: Y X N _____

Educational Background:

Bachelor of Science, Grand Valley State, non profit and Public Administration [emphasis in Community Health]
Masters of Business Administration, University of Michigan Ross School of Business [In Progress]

Community Activities:
Veteran Activism, Youth Wrestling Coach

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 3) _____ 4) _____

Additional information on experience, qualifications, etc.:

Experienced leader in healthcare, government, and military operations with a background in public administration and community health. Managed large teams, budgets, and strategic initiatives while serving residents, patients and stakeholders. I am committed to thoughtful, data driven decisions for our community.

Please comment briefly on why you wish to serve on a particular board or commission. Be specific as to your goals and ideas regarding how you wish to contribute to the work of the board or commission:

I bring experience leading complex public & private sector operations, managing multi-million dollar budgets, and collaborating with diverse stakeholders. I hope to contribute practical, data driven decisions making that supports growth, fiscal stewardship, and a strong quality of life for Hastings residents.

Relationship to City Officials/Department Heads: Are you, your spouse, or other close family members related to any City Officials or Department Heads? If yes, please explain:

NO

Business relationship: Do you, your spouse, or any close family member currently have a business relationship with the City of Hastings? If yes, please explain: NO

Convictions: Have you ever been convicted of any criminal violation? Have you ever been convicted of a felony while holding public office or public employment? If yes, please explain:

NO

REFERENCES:

Name: Philip Joseph Relationship: Professional

Telephone #: _____

Name: Juan Gomez, USAF (Ret) Relationship: Military

Telephone #: _____

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I, Zackery Corey _____ certify that the information provided
(Please Print)

in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Date of Birth: _____

Signature: [Signature] _____ Date: 8 Sep 26

Debra A. Hatfield
936 West Walnut Street
Hastings, MI 49058

August 26, 2026

Re: City Council 4th Ward Representative

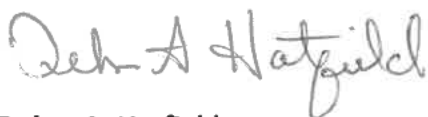
Dear Mayor Tossava and City Council Members,

I am very interested in applying for appointment to fill the vacant Fourth (4th) Ward seat on the Hastings City Council. I have attached a completed application and addendum detailing my qualifications to serve on the Council.

As I stated in my application, I have lived in the Hastings area since 1989 and in the Fourth (4th) Ward since 2005. Since moving to the Hastings area, I have been very involved in the community, including multiple appointments to City boards and committees. I have had the opportunity to work alongside many of you in those endeavors. I also was employed by the City of Hastings for three years as their Community Development Specialist. Collectively this extensive and long-standing service to the community provides an awareness and knowledge base that would enable me to serve effectively on the City Council.

I look forward to interviewing with you to discuss my interest and qualifications further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Hatfield". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Debra A. Hatfield



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Name: Debra (Deb) Ann Hatfield
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Address: 936 W. Walnut, Hastings Telephone #: _____

Place of Employment: Rehman

Business Address: 525 W. Apple, Hastings Telephone #: _____

E-Mail: _____ Fax #: none

Title / Type of Work: Regional Billing Analyst

Length of Residence in City: 37 years Own/Rent: Own US Citizen: Y ☒ N ☐

Educational Background:

See Addendum

Community Activities:

See Addendum

List Board or Commission on which you are interested in serving (see detailed descriptions on the City of Hastings website):

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Additional information on experience, qualifications, etc.:

See Addendum

Please comment briefly on why you wish to serve on a particular board or commission. Be specific as to your goals and ideas regarding how you wish to contribute to the work of the board or commission:

See Addendum

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See Addendum

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No

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No

REFERENCES:

Name: Carl Schoessel Relationship: friend, fellow volunteer
Telephone #: _____
Name: Patty Woods Relationship: friend, fellow volunteer
Telephone #: _____

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I certify that I can and will, upon request, substantiate all statements made by me on this application; that

falsifications or misrepresentation be discovered after I am sworn in to any Board or Commission.

I, Debra A. Hatfield certify that the information provided
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in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Date of Birth: _____

Signature: Debra A. Hatfield Date: 8/10/2026

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Addendum to Application for Membership on City Boards or Commissions

Community Activities – Current Service

City of Hastings Downtown Development Authority

Length of Service: Over 16 years

Currently Vice Chairman: 4 years

Marketing Committee Member

City of Hastings Adopt-A-Garden Program

Coordinator: 2 years

Barry Intermediate School District

Board Member: 11 years

Secretary: 11 years

Hastings Kiwanis Club

Member: 25 years

Past President

Current Board Member and Secretary

Community Activities – Past Service

Kellogg Community College Foundation

Board Member & Chairman

Thornapple Arts Council

Board Member & President

Hastings Public Library

Board Member

Barry County Chamber of Commerce

Board Member, Ambassador, Marketing & Membership Committees

Barry County United Way

Campaign Committee Member

St. Rose of Lima School

School Advisory Board Member

City of Hastings Comprehensive Community Plan Committee

Member

City of Hastings Local Development Finance Authority

Member & Past Chairman

City of Hastings Brownfield Development Board

Member & Past Chairman

City of Hastings Public Art Initiative Committee

Member

Hastings Jaycees

Board Member and Public Relations Chairman

Leadership Barry County

2001 graduate

Employment History

2009 – Present

Rehmann (Formerly Walker, Fluke and Sheldon, PLC)

Regional Billing Analyst

2006 – 2009

City of Hastings

Community Development Specialist

(Assistant to Daryl Benjamin-Forbes and John Hart)

1989-2005

MainStreet Savings Bank

Senior Vice President, Marketing and Branch Administration

Educational Background

Kellogg Community College, Battle Creek, Michigan

Associates Degree

Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan

General course of study, emphasis in business administration

Continued Professional Education

Human Resource Management

Security Training

Management Training

Marketing and Business Development

Sales Training and Supervision

Administration and Operations Training

Communications and Problem-Solving

Why I Am Interested in Serving on the Hastings City Council

I believe that my extensive and long-standing community involvement evidences my interest in serving my community and provides an awareness and knowledge base that will enable me to serve effectively on the City Council.

Relationships to City Officials/Department Heads

My spouse, David Hatfield, serves on the City's Planning Commission and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. He has also been appointed as one of the City's representatives on the City of Hastings/Rutland Township Joint Planning Commission. If any/all of these pose a conflict, he has indicated that he will resign in preference that I serve on the City Council.

August 19, 2026

Mayor and Members of the Hastings City Council
City of Hastings
201 East State Street
Hastings, MI 49058

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving on the Hastings City Council to fill the vacant 4th ward seat. Living in Hastings and staying involved in our local network has given me a deep appreciation for this town, and I would love the chance to step up and serve our community in this role.

In my day-to-day work at the Barry Intermediate School District, I spend most of my time juggling tight priorities, working through practical problems, and keeping our backend operations running smoothly. It has taught me how to show up prepared, ask the right questions, and most importantly, think through how big choices actually play out for everyday people once the ink is dry.

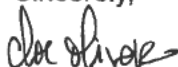
Outside of work, my board and volunteer roles have given me direct experience with local governance and group decision-making. Right now, I serve as President for both The Ability Collective of Barry County and the Thornapple Arts Council, Vice President of the Hastings Public Library Board, and a board member with the Barry Community Foundation and also the Rotary Club of Hastings. Working across these different groups has given me a realistic view of what makes our town thrive, as well as the real pressures our local organizations and neighbors face.

Joining the first-ever Hastings Citizens Academy this past year was also a turning point for me. Getting a look behind the curtain at our city departments and operational systems gave me a much deeper respect for the work it takes to keep Hastings running, and it solidified my desire to jump in and help out in a grounded, collaborative way.

If appointed, I will bring a steady work ethic, a habit of listening first, and a genuine commitment to doing what is right for Hastings. Complex issues rarely come with easy fixes, but I am more than ready to do the homework, weigh the trade-offs, and make decisions that put the whole community first.

Thank you for your time and consideration. It would be a true privilege to serve the people of Hastings on the City Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cloe Oliver', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cloe Oliver



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Name: Cloe Rose Oliver
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Address: 810 W. Green St. Telephone #: _____

Place of Employment: Barry ISD

Business Address: 535 W. Woodlawn Ave. Telephone #: _____

E-Mail: _____ Fax #: _____

Title / Type of Work: Admin Asst, HR Specialist

Length of Residence in City: ≈ 22 yr Own/Rent: rent US Citizen: Y X N _____

Educational Background:

Associate of Arts from KCC (2002)
currently enrolled in WGU bachelors program

Community Activities:

HPL board, TAC, BCF, Rotary boards, community
volunteer and Hastings "cheerleader". I'm also a

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two time Leadership Barry County graduate - 1998 and
2022.

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Additional information on experience, qualifications, etc.:

I was a member of the inaugural graduating class of the Hastings Citizens Academy, and my professional experience includes public-sector admin, finance, HR and IT.

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I bring practical experience in public-sector administration, non-profit governance and community collaboration. my goal is to provide steady and thoughtful leadership to the city.

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REFERENCES:

Name: Jordan Brehm Relationship: friend of 10+ years
Telephone #: _____

Name: Bonnie Gettys Relationship: mentor of 30+ years
Telephone #: _____

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I, Cloe Rose Oliver certify that the information provided
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Date of Birth: _____

Signature: Cloe Rose Oliver Date: 8/14/2020

Spoke with Mr. Zeidler 8/11/26 to inform him of 4th Ward opening. He is ~~is~~ interested. This application acceptable per City Mgr.

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7/31/26 Spoke to Mr. Zeidler and explained he lives in 4th Ward so is not eligible to serve the 1st Ward. JPerik

Name: Lee EDWARD ZEIDLER
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Address: 420 WEST MILL ST Telephone #:

Place of Employment: Covent Bridge - work at home

Business Address: JACKSONVILLE, FL. Telephone #:

E-Mail: _____ Fax #: _____

Title / Type of Work: CLAIMS CASE INVESTIGATION MANAGER

Length of Residence in City: 4 yrs Own/Rent: OWN US Citizen: YX N _____

Educational Background:

HIGH SCHOOL, U.S. NAVY ELECTRONICS

Community Activities:

NONE CURRENTLY

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I am a licensed P.F. and Security Guard Agency.

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NO

REFERENCES:

Name: Sandy Brown Relationship: Friend

Telephone #: _____

Name: Larry Balgobh Relationship: Friend

Telephone #: _____

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I, Lee E. Zepher certify that the information provided
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in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Date of Birth: _____

Signature: [Signature] Date: July 31, 2024