

**City Council Workshop Agenda
May 12, 2025**

1. Workshop called to order at 6:30 PM
2. Roll call
3. Pledge to the flag
- * 4. Approval of the agenda
- * 5. First (1st) Ward Councilmember Interviews:
 - A. Mike Bergeron
6. Council Questions
7. Open Public Discussion
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

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND/OR REAPPOINTMENT ON CITY BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS

Mail or Deliver Completed Application to: City Clerk
City of Hastings
201 E. State St.
Hastings, MI 49058

The information in this application is requested to assist the Mayor and/or City Council in selecting individuals to serve on City Boards & Commissions. Completion of the Application and Consent and Certification is mandatory for consideration of appointment.

Thank you for your interest in serving on a City of Hastings board or commission. The Hastings City Council requires that every member of a board or commission meet the following qualifications:

- Appointee is not in default to the City (appointee does not have unpaid water/sewer bills or property taxes).
- For most Boards & Commissions, appointee should be a resident of the City.

Name: Mike M Bergeron
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Address: 1745 Jacobs Circle, Hastings, MI. 49058 Telephone #: [REDACTED]

Place of Employment: Retired

Business Address: _____ Telephone #: _____

E-Mail: [REDACTED] Fax #: _____

Title / Type of Work: _____

Length of Residence in City: 1 year Own/Rent: Own US Citizen: Y X N _____

Educational Background:

University of WI Stevens Point

Community Activities:

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

- 1) **City Council** 2) _____
3) _____ 4) _____

Additional information on experience, qualifications, etc.:

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'm looking to help serve my community both long & short term.

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: **Bonnie Gettys** Relationship: **Friend**

Telephone #: **269-945-0526**

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone #: _____

The following information and consent is necessary in order to conduct a proper review of your application for appointment. This information will be kept confidential.

CONSENT AND CERTIFICATION

I consent to the release of information concerning my ability and fitness for the position to which I seek appointment by my employer(s), school(s), law enforcement agencies, and other individuals and organizations to the City of Hastings Office of the City Manager.

I hereby authorize the City of Hastings to verify all the information I have provided on my application. I also agree to execute any additional written authorizations necessary for the City to obtain access to and copies of records pertaining to this information. I release the City of Hastings and agencies who have released information from all liability arising from information given or received.

I certify that I can and will, upon request, substantiate all statements made by me on this application; that such statements are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge I understand that a false statement, dishonest answer, misrepresentation or omission to any question will be sufficient for rejection of my application, removal of my name from the eligible list or my immediate removal should such falsifications or misrepresentation be discovered after I am sworn in to any Board or Commission.

I, Mike Bergeron _____ certify that the information provided
(Please Print)

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

Date of Birth: 03/08/1957

Signature:  Date: 04/04/2025

MIKE BERGERON

EXPERIENCE

2018-2021 MWS Associates Sturgeon Bay, WI

Regional Sales Manager

- Managed direct sales.
- Responsible for 15 companies encompassing 20 different brands primarily dealing with archery, camping, and clothing.
- Acted as the General IT Coordinator which included Direct Email Content Composer,
- Excel Order Form Creator

1986-2018 Mike Wieck Sales Waupaca, WI

Vice President of Sales

- Managed direct sales.
- Responsible for 15 companies encompassing 20 different brands primarily dealing with archery, camping, and clothing.
- Acted as the General IT Coordinator which included Website Content Creator and Direct Email Content Composer,
- Excel Order Form Creator

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Office Skills

- Computer proficiency
- Internet, Microsoft Office
- Courteous customer relations
- Excellent phone etiquette
- Positive, proactive attitude
- Websites
- Advertising

Memberships

- Life Member of the National Rifle Association
- Life Member of the Safari Club.

Awards

- TenPoint Crossbows Salesman of the Year
- G5 Salesman of the year
- Darton Archery Million Dollar Sales Award
- Multiple Carbon Express Sales Awards

Sales Experience

- Archery
- Ammunition
- Firearms
- General Hunting
- Optics
- Clothing
- Foot ware
- Camping

REFERENCES

JJ Poet Clare, MI Owner/Buyer. Jay's Sporting Goods	(989) 386-1509 jjpoet@jayssportinggoods.com
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Bill Goodreau Lino Lakes, MN Co-Owner, MWS Associates	(651) 260-4109 Bill@mws-associates.com
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James McGovern Janesville, WI Owner, Rinehart Targets	(608) 295-8242 james@rinehart3d.com
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Kurt Bassuener Sturgeon Bay, WI Co-Owner, MWS Associates	800-583-9212 kurt@mws-associates.com
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Bill Hahn Clare, MI Buyer. Jay's Sporting Goods	(989) 386-1522 bhahn@jayssportinggoods.com
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City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

First (1st) Ward Candidate Questions
May 12, 2025

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?