

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Minutes
December 18, 2024

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

Councilmembers Present: Barlow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava.

City Staff and Appointees Present: Moyer-Cale, Boulter, Edelman, King, Perin and Tate.

Motion by Nesbitt, with support from Stenzelbarton, to excuse Councilmembers Bowers and Brehm.
All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Pledge to the flag
4. Approval of the agenda

Motion by Barlow, with support from Jarvis, to approve the agenda as presented.
All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Approval of the minutes of December 9, 2024 regular meeting

Motion by McLean, with support from Jarvis, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024 regular meeting

Ayes: Barlow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
Nays: None
Absent: Brehm and Bowers
Motion carried.

A. Approval of the minutes of the November 12, 2024, Closed Session meeting

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Nesbitt, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024, Closed Session meeting
All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Public Hearings: (None)
7. Public Comment:

Comments from Christina Bush, non-resident from Maple Grove Township, for planned Martin Luther King Jr. Day Remembrance Walk on January 20, 2025. Time for walk will

be 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM, and it will take place at the Barry County Circuit Court. Permit will not be required due to Remembrance Walk taking place only on the sidewalk area. An advertisement in the Reminder will be printed in January with a QR Code to help with registration headcount. If weather conditions prove adverse, Remembrance Walk will be cancelled and rescheduled for another date.

Comments from Ann Devroy, Hastings resident, to introduce herself as a candidate for the open Third Ward Council seat. Provided background of her familiarity and history with the Third Ward.

Comments from Joel Ibbotson, Rutland Township resident, recommending a book called "A Fire You Can't Put Out" by Andrew Manis, about Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth. Also mentioned confirmation with Mayor Tossava about shared information with the Third Ward vacancy.

8. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:

- A. Presentation from Dave Hatfield, Barry County Commissioner. (Absent)
- B. Presentation of draft annual financial audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, by Joe Verlin of Gabridge & Company. Clean opinion on financial statements, and the gold standard on statements.

9. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent:

- A. Request from Gina McMahon, Outreach & Recreation Director of the YMCA of Barry County, to use the Fish Hatchery Soccer Field, the Bob King Park Baseball Field, and a combination of the Bob King and Fish Hatchery Baseball Fields for events described in attachment.

Motion by McLean, with support from Barlow, to approve the request from Gina McMahon of the YMCA of Barry County to use the Fish Hatchery Soccer Field, the Bob King Park Baseball Field, and a combination of the Bob King and Fish Hatchery Baseball Fields for events described in attachment.

Ayes: Barlow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Bowers and Brehm

Motion carried.

- B. Request to schedule a workshop meeting on **Monday, January 27, 2025, at 6:00 PM** to interview for the Third Ward Councilmember position.

Motion by Nesbitt, with support from Resseguie, to schedule a workshop meeting on **Monday, January 27, 2025, at 6:00 PM** to interview for the Third Ward Councilmember position.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None
 Absent: Bowers and Brehm
 Motion carried.

10. Items of Business.

- A. Request to authorize the Hastings Public Library to install and maintain twenty-one signs for the Storybook Walk along the Riverwalk Trail under the direction and approval of City staff.

Discussion held.

Motion by McLean, with support from Resseguie, to authorize the Hastings Public Library to install and maintain twenty-one signs for the Storybook Walk along the Riverwalk Trail under the direction and approval of City staff.

Ayes: Barlow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie and Tossava
 Nays: Stenzelbarton
 Absent: Bowers and Brehm
 Motion carried.

- B. Request to approve the purchase of a replacement rotary broom from Greenmark Equipment for the sidewalk sweeper for the cost of **\$5,500.00**.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from McLean, to approve the purchase of a replacement rotary broom from Greenmark Equipment for the sidewalk sweeper for the cost of **\$5,500.00**.

Discussion held. Apply for reimbursement from DDA on January 16, 2025 meeting.

Ayes: Barlow, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie and Tossava
 Nays: Jarvis and Stenzelbarton
 Absent: Bowers and Brehm
 Motion carried.

- C. Request to approve costs of repairs by Murray's Asphalt in the amount of **\$5,900.00**.

Motion by Barlow, with support from Resseguie, to approve costs of repairs by Murray's Asphalt in the amount of **\$5,900.00**.

Ayes: Barlow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
 Nays: None
 Absent: Bowers and Brehm
 Motion carried.

- D. Request to approve VanDyken Mechanical, Inc. proposal to furnish and install a new humidifier in the City Hall second floor for the cost of **\$6,655.00**.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Barlow, to approve VanDyken Mechanical, Inc. proposal to furnish and install a new humidifier in the City Hall second floor for the cost of **\$6,655.00.**

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
 Nays: None
 Absent: Bowers and Brehm
 Motion carried.

- E. Request to approve Highpoint Tree Service LLC bid for the 2025 Tree Trimming, Removal, and Stump Grinding contract for the cost of **\$27,000.00.**

Motion by McLean, with support from Nesbitt, to approve Highpoint Tree Service LLC bid for the 2025 Tree Trimming, Removal, and Stump Grinding contract for the cost of **\$27,000.00.**

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
 Nays: None
 Absent: Bowers and Brehm
 Motion carried.

- F. Receive and place on file the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Motion by Barlow, with support from McLean, to receive and place on file the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Ayes: Barlow, Jarvis, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
 Nays: None
 Absent: Bowers and Brehm
 Motion carried.

11. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussions (None)

12. City Manager Report:

Motion to amend agenda to include item 10 F.

Motion by Barlow, with support from McLean, to amend agenda to include item 10 F. All ayes. Motion carried.

- A. Police Chief Boulter Monthly Report
 B. City Clerk/Treasurer Perin Monthly Financial Reports
 C. Community Development Director King Monthly Report.

D. Assessor Rashid Monthly Report

13. Reports and Communications:

- A. Capital Improvement Plan and Budget Calendar 2025-2026
- B. 2025 Observed City Holidays
- C. 2025 Payroll Calendar
- D. 2025 Airport Board Schedule

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Jarvis, to accept and place on file items 13 A-D.

All ayes. Motion carried.

14. Public Comments:

Comments from Joel Ibbotson, Rutland Township, to compliment choice of new Hastings/Barry County Airport Manager.

15. Mayor and Council comments:

Comments from Tossava, thanking Don Bowers, Peggy Hemerling, and Al Jarvis for their service for their last Council meeting. Shared email from Don Bowers.

Comments from Jarvis, about audit, pension funding, and complimenting future direction of the City of Hastings.

Comments from McLean and Barlow, sending Season's Greetings.

Comments from Resseguie, thanking Bowers and Jarvis for their service.

Comments from Stenzelbarton.

Comments from Nesbitt.

16. Adjourn:


Motion by Jarvis, with support from McLean, to adjourn meeting.

All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Read and Approved:



David J. Tossava, Mayor



Linda Perin, City Clerk