

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Minutes
January 13, 2025

1. Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
2. Oaths of Office:
 - A. Jon Rocha – City Council 1st Ward Councilmember
 - B. John Resseguie – City Council 2nd Ward Councilmember
 - C. Jordan Brehm – City Council 4th Ward Councilmember
3. Roll call

Council members Present: Barlow, Brehm, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava.

City Staff and Appointees Present: Moyer-Cale, Boulter, Edelman, Jordan, King, Perin and Tate.
4. Pledge to the flag
5. Approval of the agenda

Motion by Brehm, with support from McLean, to approve the agenda as presented.
All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Mayor's Address
7. Elect Mayor Pro Tem

Motion by Barlow, with support from Brehm, to nominate John Resseguie as Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion by Rocha, with support from McLean, to elect John Resseguie as Mayor Pro Tem.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
Nays: None
Motion carried.
8. Approval of the minutes of the December 18, 2024 regular meeting

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Barlow, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2024 regular meeting.

All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Public Hearings: (None)

10. Public Comment: (None)

11. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:

A. Presentation from Dave Hatfield, Barry County Commissioner.

B. Presentation from Justin Smith, Hammond Hill Disc Golf Update.

(Justin Smith unable to attend. Will reschedule presentation.)

12. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent:

A. Consider request from Justin Smith to approve Hammond Hills Disk Golf Tournaments as presented.

Motion by Nesbitt, with support from McLean, to approve Hammond Hills Disk Golf Tournaments as presented.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Motion carried.

B. Appoint Jessica Wood (and Dickinson Wright) as attorney for the City of Hastings and appoint Bloom Sluggett as attorneys for the City for code enforcement legal services.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Nesbitt, to appoint Jessica Wood (and Dickinson Wright) as attorney for the City of Hastings and appoint Bloom Sluggett as attorneys for the City for code enforcement legal services.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Motion carried.

C. Receive and place on file twenty (20) invoices totaling **\$247,969.53**.

Motion by McLean, with support from Resseguie, to receive and place on file twenty (20) invoices totaling **\$247,969.53**.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Motion carried.

13. Items of Business.

- A. Consider second reading and adoption of **Ordinance #627** amending the Woodlawn Meadows Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Motion by McLean, with support from Barlow, to table second reading and adoption of **Ordinance #627** amending the Woodlawn Meadows Planned Unit Development (PUD) until February 24, 2025 Council meeting.

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

- B. Consider the adoption of City Council Rules of Procedure for 2025.

Motion by Brehm, with support from McLean, to adopt the City Council Rules of Procedure for 2025.

Discussion held regarding Dress Code.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
 Nays: Nesbitt
 Motion carried.

- C. Consider 2025 Public Notice Calendar of regular Council meetings as the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Motion by Brehm, with support from Resseguie, to adopt 2025 Public Notice Calendar of regular Council meetings as the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

All ayes. Motion carried.

- D. Consider Mayor's 2025 Boards and Commissions recommendations for appointment with the consent of Council.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Resseguie, to approve Mayor's 2025 Boards and Commissions recommendations for appointment with the consent of Council.

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

- E. Consider request to accept and place on file the 2024 Planning Commission Annual Report.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from Nesbitt, to accept and place on file the 2024 Planning Commission Annual Report.

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

- F. Consider request to authorize City Staff to prepare a notice informing the public of the availability to purchase parcel #08-55-240-105-00 and authorize the City Manager to negotiate offers for the sale of the parcel.

Motion by Nesbitt, with support from Brehm, to authorize City Staff to prepare a notice informing the public of the availability to purchase parcel #08-55-240-105-00 and authorize the City Manager to negotiate offers for the sale of the parcel.

Discussion held.

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

- G. Consider request for funds to cover the cost of sponsoring one Employed Recruit for the Spring 2025 Kellogg Community College Regional Police Academy, for total amount of **\$12,902.59**.

Motion by McLean, with support from Nesbitt, to authorize funds to cover the cost of sponsoring one Employed Recruit for the Spring 2025 Kellogg Community College Regional Police Academy, for total amount of **\$12,902.59**.

Discussion held.

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

- H. Consider a motion to approve the Mannik Smith professional service fee for Michigan Avenue Bridge Repair project for the total amount of **\$27,000**.

Motion by Brehm, with support from Stenzelbarton, to approve the Mannik Smith professional service fee for Michigan Avenue Bridge Repair project for the total amount of **\$27,000**.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Brehm, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
 Nays: Barlow
 Motion carried.

- I. Consider a motion to authorize additional services from Civic Systems in an amount not to exceed **\$30,000**.

Motion by Resseguie, with support from McLean, to authorize additional services from Civic Systems in an amount not to exceed **\$30,000**.

Discussion held.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- J. Consider the request to approve Traffic Control Order #222.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Rocha, to approve Traffic Control Order #222.

Discussion held, with comments from Chelsey Foster, Senior Vice President at Highpoint Community Bank.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- K. Consider a motion to approve the City Manager and Fire Chief to execute a grant contract with the Department of Natural Resources to accept the 2025 Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Grant of **\$10,000** with a 50% match.

Motion by Nesbitt, with support from Brehm, to approve the City Manager and Fire Chief to execute a grant contract with the Department of Natural Resources to accept the 2025 Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Grant of **\$10,000** with a 50% match.

Ayes: Barlow, Brehm, McLean, Nesbitt, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Motion carried.

14. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussions (None)

15. City Manager Report:

Discussion held on MD7 merger with AT&T for leasing options on Communications Facility located at 107-A West Blair Street. Leasing Option #2 (Lump Sum Payment of **\$625,000** with fifty (50) year easement on property) was suggested for pursuit.

- A. Public Services Director Tate Annual Report
B. Fire Chief Jordan Monthly Report

Discussion held.

- C. Library Director Edelman Monthly Report

16. Reports and Communications:

A. Hastings Public Library Board of Trustees Draft Minutes – January 6, 2025.

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from McLean, to accept and place on file item A.

All ayes. Motion carried.

17. Public Comments:

Comments from Adam Heikkila, owner of iGeek Repair and Gaming Center, about dress code conversation, and on open Council position.

18. Mayor and Council comments:

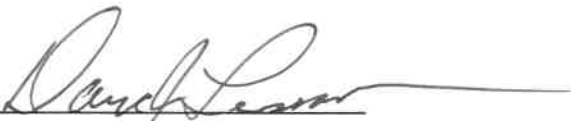
Comments shared by Rocha, Resseguie, McLean, Brehm, Barlow, Stenzelbarton and Nesbitt.


19. Adjourn:

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

All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Read and Approved:


David J. Tossava, Mayor


Linda Perin, City Clerk