



2016 Council Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Hastings City Council by filing an Affidavit of Candidacy. Please be aware that once filings close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, candidates have 48 hours (until **Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 5 p.m.**) to withdraw from consideration. After that deadline, Minnesota Statutes do not permit affidavits of withdrawal to be filed.

**To provide candidates with some additional information on the City of Hastings' governance structure, Council roles and responsibilities, and to provide you an opportunity to ask questions, we will be holding a Candidate Informational Meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 from 5:30 – 6:30 at City Hall.**

### **General Council Information**

This seven-member body is elected to make decisions on a community-wide basis. They adopt and oversee the City's annual budget and set the annual property tax levy as one of the funding sources for the budget. The Mayor and Council also are responsible for policy decisions ranging from land use and subdivision applications to program development and awards of contracts.

The City of Hastings is divided into four wards. A Council Member is elected to represent each ward, with two At Large members and the Mayor representing the entire community. Each member of the City Council is elected to an alternating four year term. Members are also appointed by the Mayor to Council committees to address specific issues that need extra attention.

### **Council Meetings**

The Hastings City Council meets in regular session to conduct City business on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Agendas for the City Council meetings are available on our website and you can sign up to receive the agendas when they are completed.

### **Council Process**

Information on the City Council and organizational structure can be found on our website under Chapter 30; Council-specific information is within Chapter 31.01.

### **Council/Staff Structure**

Hastings operates with the Council-Administrator form of government. In this format, the City Administrator is responsible for carrying out the directions of the Council majority. In this way, the Mayor and Council can focus on "big picture" issues while they oversee the Administrator who manages the day-to-day operations of the City.

There are many on-line resources available from the State, Dakota County and City.

### **Election Resources**

MN Secretary of State

[www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us)

Minnesota Statutes 211A & 211B

[www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/](http://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/)

Dakota County

[www.co.dakota.mn.us/government/votingelections/pages](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/government/votingelections/pages)

### **City Resources**

City of Hastings website

[www.hastingsmn.gov](http://www.hastingsmn.gov)

City Hall

651-480-2350