

# **Hector City Council**

**6:00 pm Monday, January 13, 2020**

## **Hector Community Center**

### **Minutes**

The meeting called to order at 6:06 pm by Mayor Weikle, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Mayor Weikle, CM Doug Best, CM Jeff Heerdt, CM Amy Hollan, CM Penny Kandt

Others present: Administrator Aukrust, Chief Pierce, Deputy Clerk Beckler, Fire Chief Kramer, Jeremy Boots, Moore Engineering, County Commissioner Randy Kramer, Nathan Blad, and Jackie Edwards, RC Hospital and Clinics, Lowell Grimm and Makenna Runke.

Absent: Ken Rodmyre

#### **Agenda**

A motion made by CM Best, seconded by CM Hollan and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- Approve December 9, 2019, City Council Meeting Minutes
- Approve December 9, 2019, Emergency City Council Meeting Minutes to approve new Airport Advisory Committee Board Member—Steve Squibb
- Approve Payables and Additions

A motion made by CM Heerdt, and seconded by CM Kandt and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda.

#### **RC Hospital and Clinics: Nate Blad, Jackie Edwards, Randy Kramer (board member)**

Health Partners and RC Hospital and Clinics have signed a letter of intent to merge with Health Partners.

- This merger will provide affordable health care to the area.
- Satellite clinics will stay in Hector and Renville.
- All employees will keep employment and keep all current services, and they hope to expand more services into the satellite clinics, such as behavioral health.
- The merger will take place on March 31, 2020
- Hutchinson Health is with Health Partners.
- Park Nicollet is Health Partners' main anchor.

## **Engineering Report: Jeremy Boots; Moore Engineering**

### Seal coat options

- Each option presented does not include engineering fees.
- Engineering fees would be approximately \$9,000.
- Boots recommends the city going with Option B in 2020.

A motion made by CM Heerdt, seconded by CM Hollan and unanimously carried, to approve Option B presented by Jeremy Boots of Moore Engineering.

Boots discussed with the Council that he would like to go over the water line map with Rodmyre & Aukrust, and he stated that it would take about 3-4 hours.

- There are some issues with water main breaks and some zig-zag of lines.
- Notification from the state came out that infrastructure projects requesting funding have to be on the PPL in March.
- If the projects aren't on the list, then they will not fund it.
- The city has some 4-inch lines hooked to hydrants.

A motion by CM Heerdt, seconded by CM Kandt and unanimously carried, to approve engineering time to work with the city and submit city projects to the Project Priority List (PPL).

### **Administration:**

FEMA projects—Aukrust has followed up with FEMA to see if everything was submitted correctly. We are looking to go out for bids in March.

Aukrust presented the CDS audit proposal to the Council. The CDS agreement will go up slightly each year over the next three years.

The 2019 Audit will be the week of April 6.

A motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Hollan and unanimously carried, to approve the CDS proposal for the next three years, starting in 2020.

### **Police Department:**

Calls for service spreadsheet handed out—Chief Pierce went over the department's statistics from 2019 and stated that he plans to present this to the Council every year going forward.

Software—Lexipol policy manual.

- \$2500 a year will cover three full-time & eight part-time employees.
- Internet-based software.
- The software automatically updates as State Statute changes, so employees are following current up to date laws at all times.
- Lexipol sends out daily training bulletins that count towards continuing education credits.

- Both CM Kandt and CM Best stated that they currently work with the system at Renville County and that this is the software that most agencies use.
- Chief Pierce will look into the pricing of other comparable software available in Minnesota.

**Fire Department:**

Fire Chief Ryan Kramer—Presented Turnout gear quotes to the Council

- Quotes—Dinges Fire Company \$2,195 & Heiman \$2,266 per set of turnout gear (jacket and pants).
- Sheriff Hable has been in contact with the CEO of Dinges Fire Company.
- Chief Kramer suggests purchasing 5-8 sets per year.
- There are OSHA standards the city must meet. Turnout gear last purchased in 2003.
- There is a grant that FD used last time to get turnout gear. Kramer will see if the city can qualify again?
- To save funds, Chief Kramer stated that the department would clean up the helmets they currently have, use the same boots, and replace pieces only if needed.
- New turnout gear will be black instead of yellow.
- Kramer asked the city to fund a grant writer at the cost of no more than \$2,300.
- The city recently received a DNR grant for \$5000 to use towards turnout gear.
- Doug is requesting eight sets of turnout gear vs. five because groups work in sets of four.
- Dinges Fire Company will come to the fire department to do all the measuring.

There were three helmets, and a few sets of turnout gear melted at the last FD training. The insurance adjuster is coming to see the equipment.

A motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Hollan and unanimously carried, to approve \$2,300 for a grant writer who specializes in writing fire department grants.

CM Kandt made a motion to purchase five sets of turnout gear now and purchase the remaining three, depending on funds, in the summer of 2020. Motion seconded by CM Best and unanimously carried.

**EDA:** Meeting this coming Thursday at noon City Hall.

**Ordinances, Resolutions & Proclamations:**

**Ordinance 2019-241** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30; SECTION 30.1 MEETINGS (Second Reading)— A motion by CM Heerdt, seconded by CM Best and unanimously carried, to approve the Amendment to Ordinance 30.1 Meetings and permission given to publish the notification in the News Mirror on January 15, 2020.

**Resolution 2020-1** A RESOLUTION OF OFFICIAL DESIGNATIONS FOR 2020

A motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Hollan, unanimously carried.

**Resolution 2020-2** A RESOLUTION ALLOWING ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER TRANSACTIONS – A motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Hollan, unanimously carried.

**Resolution 2020-3** A RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR DESIGNATING A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FOR THE CITY OF HECTOR – A motion by CM Kandt, seconded by CM Heerdt, unanimously carried.

**Resolution 2020-4** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATIONS OF PLANS FOR THE CITY OF HECTOR 2020 SEAL-COATING PROJECT – A motion by CM Hollan, seconded by CM Best, unanimously carried.

**Residents address Council:**

Lowell Grimm addressed the Council, asking them to remove his water and sewer access fees at his business. Mayor Weikle asked Grimm if his services are turned off, and Grimm said that both the water and sewer are on. Grimm stated that he is trying to sell the business like a business, so he still wants his water on. Grimm said that he doesn't want to pay for both the water and sewer access. Grimm said he could see one but not the other. Grimm stated that he knows what the Ordinance says but he would like the Council to address this on a case by case basis. Administrator Aukrust explained to Grimm that when infrastructure is installed that all properties are put into the equations to be able to calculate the bond payments. All properties have to pay both water and sewer access fees as they are both separate enterprise funds that have their bonds to pay off. Revenues from both water & sewer enterprise funds are needed from all properties to make the payments and fund the services. The Council did not take any action on the request.

Next meeting: February 3, 2020, at 6 pm, and there is no workshop.

A motion by CM Heerdt, to adjourn the meeting and seconded by CM Kandt, unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Aukrust,  
Hector City Administrator