

**HECTOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, August 9, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Squibb, followed by a Roll Call to determine a quorum.

Members present: CM Best, CM Ebbers, CM Krueger, and Mayor Squibb

Members absent: CM Heerd

Also present: City Administrator Aukrust, Deputy Clerk Beckler, Chief Pierce, Fire Chief Kramer, Ambulance Supervisor/PW Rodmyre, PW Deal, and Jeremy Boots of Moore Engineering.

1. Approval of the agenda and any agenda additions:

Remove: Brad Falteysek from Petition, requests, and communications #1.

Add: Resolution 2021-30 A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR THE HECTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHICKEN PIE SUPPER DRIVE-THRU

Add: Dominic and Vicky Knutson—Boy Scout project to Petition, requests, and communications #1.

A motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Ebbers, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with changes.

2. Consent Agenda

1. Approve proposed Minutes from July 12, 2021

2. Approve proposed Minutes from July 26, 2021

3. Approval of the payables and payroll

A motion by CM Ebbers, seconded by CM Best, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda.

3. Public Hearing: Ashawa Holdings LLC—411 6<sup>th</sup> Street E. Variance request to extend a new deck two feet into the 25' setback area.

A motion by CM Ebbers, seconded by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve the Variance request with the condition that the work has to be completed twelve months from today's date or the Variance will be revoked.

4. Petitions, requests, and communications:

1.) Dominic and Vicky Knutson: Boy Scout project discussion—

Council asked the Knutson's to submit a detailed plan to City Hall for the Council to review and discuss.

2.) Jeremy Boots: Moore Engineering—

a) 2021 seal coat update; added additional patching to the list

5. Ordinances and Resolutions:

- **RESOLUTION 2021-28 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A RESIGNATION AND DECLARING A VACANCY:**

A motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Councilmember Jeff Heerd from the Hector City Council.

THANK YOU, JEFF HEERDT, FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF SERVING ON THE HECTOR CITY COUNCIL!

There is no Statute guiding the timeline or process to fill a vacancy in the State of Minnesota. CM Krueger stated he would like to table this now, and Council verbally agreed to discuss it at the September meeting.

- **AMEND RESOLUTION 2021-3 A RESOLUTION OF OFFICIAL DESIGNATIONS FOR 2021:**

A motion by CM Krueger, seconded by CM Best, and unanimously carried to amend Resolution 2021-3.

- **AMEND RESOLUTION 2021-6 CITY AUTHORIZATION FOR 2021:**

A motion by CM Krueger, seconded by CM Best, and unanimously carried to amend Resolution 2021-6.

- **RESOLUTION 2021-29 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AND DESIGNATING THEIR USE—FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

A motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Ebbers, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2021-29

- **Resolution 2021-30 – A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR THE HECTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHICKEN PIE SUPPER DRIVE-THRU:**

A motion by CM Ebbers, seconded by CM Best, Mayor Squibb abstaining, Motion carried to approve Resolution 2021-30.

6. Department Reports:

1. Administration—City Administrator A. Aukrust

- a) The city is waiting to hear back from court administration on a court date for a blighted home.
- b) A substantial amount of blight letters have been sent out to homeowners. There has been some progress with property owners cleaning up their blight issues. City Hall will continue to address blight through all legal channels available.
- c.) Property parking draft Ordinance review: Council has decided to allow a combination of five licensed—vehicles/trailers/boats and campers on an improved surface consisting of concrete, asphalt, pavers, or class five gravel on each property. Semi-trailers or storage containers on a trailer are NOT allowed on properties. Weeds under or around vehicles will not be tolerated. Parking will NOT be permitted on vacant properties. The first reading of the Ordinance will take place at the September 2021 meeting.

2. Public Utilities/Ambulance—Ken Rodmyre

- a.) Meter update: Jen Beckler and Ken Rodmyre—most of the meters in town are past their life cycle and need to be replaced. Residents are NOT being overcharged. The city is being shorted revenue because of the age of the devices. Kirk Peterson from Core and Main will present information to Council on what is needed in Hector.

3. Police Department—

a.) We have made an offer to an individual pending a physical and background check. The Hector PD has an additional spot open that we are looking to fill with the right candidate.

4. Fire Department—

a.) At the next FD meeting, a name for the softball field will be voted on. Chief Kramer will bring the chosen name to the Council to discuss.

5. Airport—Administrator Aukrust

a.) The city has been informed by the FAA that it must make mandatory safety changes to the airport very shortly to remain operational. The needed projects total approximately \$6 million. The city would need to cover 5% of the total cost, which is \$300,000. The city has applied for a 100% coverage grant through Senator Tina Smith's office. So far, the city has made it through several rounds, and we are still in the running for a 100% cost coverage grant!

6. EDA—Administrator Aukrust

a.) Meeting on August 19. Hummingbird Court appraisal will be in mid-September.

7. Residents addressing the Council—

1. Janis Weikle—requested waving 2/3 of her sewer bill after a broken pipe. Per Weikle, most of the water did not go down her sewer during cleanup and the drying out process. Weikle requested a \$360.64 credit on her account, not a cash refund.

A motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve the credit request.

***\*Council addresses special situations such as Weikle's on a case-by-case basis. City Hall cannot make adjustments on accounts. All adjustments must meet an undue hardship threshold to be considered by Council.***

A motion by CM Ebbers, seconded by CM Best, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.