

HECTOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 8, 2021

6:00 pm.

Via Zoom

MINUTES

The meeting called to order at 6:02 pm by Mayor Squibb, followed by a Roll Call to determine a quorum.

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

Also present: Administrator Aukrust, Deputy Clerk Beckler, Chief of Police Pierce, Fire Chief Kramer, Ambulance Supervisor/PU Rodmyre, Airport Manager/PU Schellenberg, PU Deal, City Attorney Griffin Leitch, Brad Falteysek of AEM, Mike Morris of MMS Environmental, Jeremy Boots of Moore Engineering, Joy Skucius, Nancy Fosland, Amy Hollan, and Sam Heiderscheidt

1. Approval of the agenda and any agenda additions:

Add Brad Falteysek b) 4th Quarter report

Add Ryan Kramer b) Fire Hall painting quotes

A motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Heerdt, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with additions. (CM Krueger did not vote due to technical difficulties)

(CM Krueger rejoined the meeting)

2. Consent Agenda

1.01 Approve proposed Minutes from January 11, 2021, City Council Meeting

1.02 Approval of Payables & Payroll

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

3. Public Hearings: None

4. Petitions, requests, and communications:

1. Brad Falteysek and Aaron Gilbert: AEM—

a) AEM Rate Study follow up with Council

b) Council approved Administrator Aukrust to present a Resolution at the March meeting with the new rates

c) 4th Quarter Report: CARES Act Funds & Triple J funds were received

2. Jeremy Boots: Moore Engineering

a) 2021 Seal-Coating update: Received five bids. Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp was the lowest bid at \$90,314.60. The engineer's estimate was \$108,000.

A motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Ebbers and unanimously carried to accept the bid from Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp for \$90,314.60.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions:

6. Reports of officers, boards, and committees:

1. Administration—City Administrator A. Aukrust
 - a) COVID-19 Update: County EOC meeting update
 - b) Auction: Requested approval to set up an auction—to sell police forfeiture cars, street signs, old furniture, and other miscellaneous items. Council directed Aukrust to contact Henslin Auctions
2. Ambulance Supervisor/PU update: K. Rodmyre
 - a) Quotes-Michael Morris—MMS: Phosphorus limits are under where it needs to be. The beef Plant coming online has been going smoothly. Two quotes are for the UV system. The Vessco, Inc. bid is \$9,488.40, and the Xylem bid is \$9,643.00. Morris recommends accepting the Vessco, Inc. bid and working with staff to install and save on the labor costs

A motion by CM Heerdt, seconded by CM Krueger and unanimously carried to accept the Vessco, Inc. bid for \$9,488.40.

- b) Ambulance update: Since January 1, 2021, Hector has had 15 calls
 - c) EMT Refresher update: Every two years, the ambulance staff needs continuing education, and the crew decided to do one weekend instead of one evening a month.
3. Police Department—Police Chief Z. Pierce
 - a) PD update: Pierce: "It will be easier to find a patrol officer vs. an SRO, and having a new SRO all the time does no justice for the school or the kids." Chief Pierce will move to the SRO position.
 - b) Accept Ben Lacher's resignation: Pierce and Larson will cover the SRO position for the rest of the school year.

A motion by CM Heerdt, seconded by CM Ebbers, and unanimously carried to accept Ben Lacher's resignation.

- c) Patrol Officer posting approval:

A motion by CM Best motion, seconded by CM Ebbers and unanimously carried to post for a new patrol officer.

4. Fire Department—Fire Chief R. Kramer
 - a) FD update: There have been a few small repairs on the tanker truck.
 - b) Fire Hall Painting Quote: Received two bids. Mid-State Painting for \$5,500 and Jerome Peterson for \$7,500. Chief Kramer will bring paint samples to the FD meeting to choose a few color combinations to present to Council.

A motion by CM Krueger, seconded by CM Ebbers, and unanimously carried to accept the bid from Mid-State Painting for \$5,500.

5. Airport—Airport Manager G. Schellenberg
 - a) AP update: All is going well. MnDOT-Aero visited with AP Manager Schellenberg, went over operations, and introduced their new contact person for Hector at MNDOT-Aero. MPCA approved the AP stormwater permit.
6. EDA—Working closely with Renville County EDA
 - a) Emails sent to businesses in town regarding all available grants and programs offered

7. Unfinished business: Pool fundraising-CM Heerdt: The OP was contacted to do a fundraiser this summer, and we approached the Lions for the Fly-In Breakfast benefit. A mass email will be sent out as well as setting up a GoFund Me page. We are hoping to raise \$300,000 for phase I.

8. Miscellaneous:

a) Residents addressing the Council

1.) Nancy Fosland: Thank you to all the council members for supporting the pool.

9. Adjournment:

A motion by CM Heerdt, seconded by CM Best, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.