

HECTOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 8, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom
MINUTES

The meeting 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 Heerdt, CM Krueger, and Mayor Squibb

Also present: City Administrator Aukrust, Deputy Clerk Beckler, Chief Pierce, Airport Manager/PUW Schellenberg, PUW Deal, Fire Chief Kramer, City Attorney Griffin Leitch, Jeremy Boots of Moore Engineering, Karl Larsen of ARI, Michael Morris of MMS Environmental, Residents—Amy Hollan, Janis Weikle, and Nancy Fosland

1. Approval of the agenda and any agenda additions:

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

2. Consent agenda:

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. Karl Larsen: ARI, Principal Architectural Resources, Inc.—

- a) Proposal and scope of work: Do a pre-design study and do an onsite review

A motion by CM Heerdt, seconded by CM Ebbers, and unanimously carried to approve the proposal from ARI for \$12,000.

2. Jeremy Boots: Moore Engineering—

- a) 2021 Seal-Coating update: A Pre-Con meeting will be scheduled with the contractor and city staff shortly

1. Ordinances and Resolutions:

- **RESOLUTION 2021-8 CITY OF HECTOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZATION**

A motion by CM Ebbers, seconded by CM Best, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2121-8.

- **RESOLUTION 2021-9 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITY CHARGES AND FEES FOR CITY SERVICES AND PERMITS FOR 2021**

A motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2021-9, which includes the new tiered water rate pricing that will be implemented starting with June 2021 usage with bills due August 2, 2021, and from now on.

- **A RESOLUTION 2021-10 ACCEPTING DONATIONS AND DESIGNATING THEIR USE—HECTOR AMBULANCE**

A motion by CM Heerdt, seconded by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2121-10.

2. Reports of officers, boards, and committees:

1. Administration—City Administrator A. Aukrust
 - a) COVID-19 Update: County EOC meeting update:
Public Health is working very hard to get people vaccinated in the county as fast as possible
 - b) Auction update: Allen Henslin from Henslin Auctioneers will come to City Hall to see all the items to decide whether or not to do an online auction or in-person
 - c) FEMA funds came in today in the amount of \$82,754.09 for the 2019 flooding, which resulted in the 2020 street and fire hall projects
2. Public Utilities/Ambulance—Gayle Deal
 - a) Public Utility update from MMS Environmental:
Three main water breaks lately. The storm drain by First Lutheran Church was plugged and jetted. The pump valves that were installed in 1968 have cracked and are leaking. The check valves, which will be covered by insurance, are connected to the gate valves. Morris of MMS received four different quotes, and he recommends replacing the gate valves while the check valves are being replaced to save on labor. Insurance will cover approximately \$25,000, and the city will need to cover the \$13,000 for the gate valves. Well #3 has never been on, but it is on now. MMS got it up and running. Well #3 was not on due to high arsenic; MMS has gotten it lowered. Phosphorus has been under what is required for the last two months.

A motion by CM Krueger, seconded by CM Ebbers, and unanimously carried to fix the gate valves.

- b) Ambulance update:
Nine new runs from the last meeting. Three EMR's are currently working with the ambulance. One of the EMR's will be testing soon. There are some staffing issues
3. Police Department—Police Chief Z. Pierce
 - a) PD update:
SRO posting was open for three weeks, and the city only received two applications. We will reopen for another three weeks. We are hoping to get more applications. 4 part-time officers help when they can.
4. Fire Department—Fire Chief R. Kramer
 - a) FD update:
Contract for the painting for the FD with Mid-State Painting. The colors picked will be brown to match the trim. Our SBA's are starting to fail. The city will need to replace the ones that are have failed.
5. Airport—Airport Manager G. Schellenberg

a) AP update:

Grounding recoil had broke, and a new one was purchased and installed. Cutting edge and bolts are gone off the airport snowblower. Loftness will replace it till we get a new one in 2022. The blade is also in bad shape. Administrator Aukrust: The 2020 Airport Apron and Runway Project closeout grant report was submitted, and the city will receive \$147,229.74. The city's portion was entirely covered by airport CARES Act funds.

6. EDA—Working closely with Renville County EDA

a) Business Innovation grant:

Due April 1. Information has been sent to area businesses.

3. Unfinished business: Pool fundraising-Jeff Heerd

CM Heerd said, "There will be a fundraiser at The OP on April 24 with silent auction and meal. I spoke with Randy Sampson, and he said that the Sampson Family Foundation would donate \$150,000 for the pool." Nancy Fosland stated that Community Spirit received about \$4,000-\$5,000 in donations for the pool. CM Krueger said, "that if the pool does not open that these donations should be used for youth equipment and activities in Hector." Mayor Squibb stated City Hall would accept all donations by Resolution.

4. Miscellaneous: Amanda Ufkes—memorial tree:

6th-grade class to plant a tree and place a stone memorial at the pool in memory of Carsten Homan.

A motion by CM Best, and seconded by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve the planting of the memorial tree and placement of a stone memorial in the pool park area.

a) Residents addressing the Council-None

5. Adjournment:

A motion by CM Heerd, seconded by CM Ebbers, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.