

**HECTOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, August 8, 2022 • 6:00 p.m.**  
**HECTOR COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**MINUTES**

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

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

Staff present: Deputy Clerk Beckler, PW Deal, PW Bernardy and Chief Pierce

Residents/Visitors that signed in

1. Approval of the agenda and any agenda additions:

A motion by CM Best, second by CM Heerdt, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with zero additions

2. Consent Agenda – Consent Agenda – *The following are considered routine or non-controversial by the Council and approved with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member requests the mayor. In that event, the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its customary on the agenda.*

2.01 Approve proposed Minutes from July 11, 2022, City Council Meeting

2.02 Approval of Payables & Payroll

A motion by CM Ebbers, second by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda

3. **Public Hearings:**

Petitions, requests, and communications:

1. Vicki Holthaus: ABDO

a. Quarter 2 Report:

- Received the second half of ARPA funds
- Water and sewer similar to previous years

b. Budget Review:

- 12% preliminary budget

2. Jeremy Boots: Moore Engineering

a. 2021 & 2022 Seal Coating Projects:

- Seal coating completed
- Fog seal gives performance enhancement

b. Birch Avenue East:

- Estimates are more towards the high end due to inflation
- Moore Engineering to get geotechnical quotes
- Hector on the project priority list therefore meter replacement could be added

4. **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

- **Resolution 2022-28 A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR THE HECTOR METHODIST CHURCH CHICKEN PIE SUPPER DRIVE-THRU**

A motion by CM Heerdt, second by CM Ebbers, and unanimously carried to close the following streets for the Hector Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper Drive-Thru

- **Resolution 2022-29** A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTY TO BE PLACED ON PUBLIC AUCTION OR AUCTION TO ADJACENT OWNERS

A motion by CM Ebbers, second by CM Best, and unanimously carried to approve tax-forfeited property to be placed on the public auction or auction to adjacent owners

5. Reports of officers, boards, and committees:

1. Administration—Mayor Squibb & Deputy Clerk Beckler

a) Fall City Wide Clean-up Days:

- Thursday – Saturday, September 15-17, 2022
- Water treatment plant (Bryant Ave)

b) DC Beckler’s Remuneration Update:

- Personnel committee recommended \$8 an hour retro-pay back to January 1, 2022 till someone is hired for the administrator position

A motion by CM Heerdt, second by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve the \$8.00 retro-pay back to January 1, 2022

c) SCSC Administrator Search Update/Agreement:

- Several administrator/treasurer openings around the Hector area

A motion by CM Best, second by CM Ebbers, and unanimously carried to a hire SCSC in the administrator search

d) Water Tower Shop Repair:

- Council received engineer report
- East side is pushing out
- DC Beckler will talk to insurance adjustor regarding options

e) Holmgren Appraisal:

- Appraisal came in at \$43,000 for both building sites

2. Public Utilities— Gina Schellenberg/Gayle Deal/Josh Bernardy

a) PW Update:

- Good used street sweeper is between \$40,000 to \$60,000
- Vacuum style street sweeper is needed

A motion by CM Ebbers, second by CM Best, and unanimously carried to put the street sweeper on Fahey Auction and proceed with finding a new used street sweeper

- Arnolds of Willmar offered \$125,000 for the red tractor and blow
- Bottom of most manholes on the west side of town are gone
- One sanitary sewer line that goes to Parkview Lane is missing
- Lift pump #2 sucked up 8 feet of sump pump hose at wastewater
- Beef plant was down a few days but back up and operating
- Introduced Josh Bernardy to council and citizens

3. Police Department—Police Chief Z. Pierce

a) PD Update:

b) Hazardous Dwelling Inspection Report:

- City attorney directed to proceed with vacant letter to homeowner

c) Acting Chief:

- Recommendation that former interim chief of police Douglas Best be acting chief from August 12<sup>th</sup> to August 20<sup>th</sup>

A motion by CM Heerdt, second by CM Ebbers, and unanimously carried to approve Douglas Best as acting chief with CM Best abstained from voting

4. Fire Department—Fire Chief R. Kramer

a) FD Update:

- Received turn-out gear

5. Ambulance—Ken Rodmyre/Gayle Deal/Josh Bernardy

a) Ambulance Update:

- Replaced four injectors
- Six cab mounts holding frame of ambulance and two are rusted off
- Mounts have been ordered
- 20 calls since the last council meeting

6. Airport—Airport Manager Gina Schellenberg

a) AP Update:

- N/A

7. EDA—

a)

- N/A

6. Unfinished business:

a) Miscellaneous: Residents addressing the Council

1. Jason McNeil – Lawn Meter:

- Received a \$1,835.86 water bill for the month of July
- City staff did multiple readings throughout the month of July
- DC Beckler reached out to Core & Main with regards to this meter

A motion by CM Heerdt, second by CM Ebbers, and unanimously carried to do a twelve-month average

2. Marge Scholla – Hummingbird Apartment:

- Inquired about their security deposit
- CM Ebbers will reach out to property managers who will contact the tenants with regards to their security deposit

7. Adjournment:

A motion by CM Ebbers, second by CM Heerdt, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.