

**MINUTES
CITY OF HECTOR
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

AUGUST 14, 2017

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Steven Squibb, Doug Best and Ralph Bergsma.

ABSENT: Jeff Heerdt and Penny Kandt.

STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Blackwell, Mike Kenney and Jerome Schueller.

ALSO PRESENT: Don Williamson, Cyndi Washburn, Marty Lawson, Mike Jacoby, Natalie Nelson, Mark Schwiderski, Jill Schwiderski, Ed Newberg, Connie Newberg, Cindy Christopherson, Amy Hollan, Curt Hollan, Jay Anderson, Marlys Hagstrom, Andy Wegscheid, Charlie Melberg, Steve Clobes, Mike Skucius, Pam Macik, Mark Kramer, Brian Broderius, Penny Macik, Kurt Sandgren, Janis Weikle, Lori Carlson, Jeff Kramer, and Ruth Hamilton.

AGENDA – MOTION by Doug Best, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and carried to approve the agenda with the following additions: Resolution 2017-13, Geronimo Energy Estoppel Certificate, and Ed Newberg. MOTION by Doug Best, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and carried to approve the consent agenda.

PROJECT – Clifton Allen provided a written memo to the council. The only action item is a final balancing Change Order for the CSAH 34 project. Hjerpe Contracting has completed the project. This Change Order adjusts for actual quantities, but makes no actual dollar changes. The contract amount remains unchanged.

MOTION by Ralph Bergsma, seconded by Doug Best and carried to approve the final Change Order for Part 3, pending approval from Rural Development.

TRASH – Don Williamson presented a revised proposal for trash hauling in Hector. Williamson answered questions about the proposed collection system. MOTION by Doug Best, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and carried to approve the revised proposal with West Central Sanitation doing the billing and same pick up day for trash and recycling. It was noted that the garbage ordinance will need to be amended.

ED NEWBERG – Newberg stated that he feels it is beneficial to have a manager on the airport in the event of an accident, such as the recent accident and an accident that occurred in 2013.

MOTION by Ralph Bergsma, seconded by Doug Best and carried to approve Resolution 2017-13 approving the MnDOT airport maintenance and operations grant.

FUEL PROJECT – Councilor Bergsma reported that the contractor is working on punch list items.

EVICTON EXTENSION – Ed Newberg requested that the eviction be rescinded. Mayor Squibb stated that it is the recommendation of the city attorney to extend the eviction notice until September 11, 2017. After hearing several comments from those present, MOTION by Doug Best, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and carried to rescind the eviction notice.

EDA – A public hearing to announce the EDA’s intent to sell Prairie View was held on July 17, 2017. Mayor Squibb answered questions regarding the outstanding debt on the facility.

POLICE – Chief Best explained the blight process Officer Koford is using. Officer Kozel will be out for 60 days for a family emergency. MOTION by Ralph Bergsma, seconded by Steve Squibb and carried to pay Officer Koford over-time hours while covering extra shifts when Officer Kozel is out. Doug Best abstained from the motion. Chief Best thanked the Hector Community Spirit group for their help with the National Night Out event.

PUBLIC WORKS – The council had no questions on the reports from Jerome Schueller and Mike Kenney. The new tractor was delivered. Schueller reported a mixer at the waste water plant needs to be repaired at a cost of \$16,000 or replaced at a cost of \$21,000. MOTION by Doug Best, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and carried to replace the mixer. Schueller reported that the jetter truck has been repaired and can be picked up.

LIBRARY – MOTION by Doug Best, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and carried to accept the proposal from Bennett to lease a new copier at the library for \$44.69 per month.

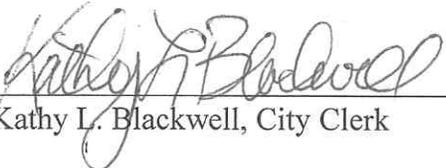
CITY HALL WINDOWS/DOORS – No decision was made on the project.

DEPUTY CLERK EVALUATION – MOTION by Ralph Bergsma, seconded by Doug Best and carried to approve Blackwell’s recommendation to increase Deputy Clerk Johnson’s wage from \$17.00 per hour to \$18.00 per hour, effective July 10, 2017.

SEALED BIDS – MOTION by Doug Best, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and carried to accept the bid of \$500 from Tanner Bos to purchase the property at 211 Bryant Avenue North. No bids were received on 530 Douglas Avenue East.

GERONIMO ENERGY – MOTION by Ralph Bergsma, seconded by Doug Best and carried to approve the estoppel certificate to transfer the subscription agreement from Novel Energy to Geronimo Energy, pending approval by the city attorney.

MOTION by Ralph Bergsma and seconded by Doug Best to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm.


Kathy L. Blackwell, City Clerk