

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Squibb, Jeff Heerdt, Ralph Bergsma, Penny Kandt, and Doug Best.

STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Blackwell, Brad Falteysek, Clifton Allen, and Jerome Schueller.

ALSO PRESENT: Amy Hollan, Marty Lawson, Greg Krueger, Marlys Hagstrom, Andy Wegscheid, Janis Weikle, Don Williamson, Mark Schwiderski, Ed Newberg, Connie Newberg, Natalie Nelson, Penny Macik, and Beate Reuber.

Mayor Squibb asked that the events of 9-11 be remembered on this anniversary and offered condolences to the Kozel family in the passing of Officer Kozel's father.

AGENDA – MOTION by Doug Best, seconded by Penny Kandt and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the following additions: Don Williamson and trash guidelines, Mark Schwiderski, Greg Krueger and Amy Hollan, and ordinance recodification. MOTION by Ralph Bergsma, seconded by Jeff Heerdt and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

PROJECT – City Engineer Clifton Allen gave a summary of upcoming activities. Work on overlays and patching streets will begin soon.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET/LEVY – Brad Falteysek reviewed the 2018 preliminary budget and proposed 2018 levy. MOTION by Doug Best, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and carried unanimously to certify a preliminary levy to the Renville County Auditor in the amount of \$695,250, a 3% increase.

2ND QUARTER 2017 – Falteysek presented the second quarter 2017 report.

TRASH – A revised ordinance and agreement are being reviewed by the city attorney. The dumpster ordinance will be reviewed also. Williamson and Blackwell presented “guidelines” that they worked on relating to the use of carts in Hector. The intent is to promote the proper disposal of all trash generated in Hector. MOTION by Ralph Bergsma, seconded by Penny Kandt and carried unanimously to approve the guidelines.

GREG KRUEGER – Krueger stated that he feels changes made to the alley behind the High Point and the Community Center/Library building will cause water drainage problems. Beate Rueber stated that drainage by the alley and bank should also be looked at. Janis Weikle stated that the alley behind the flower shop and Winter Insurance should also be looked at. Moore Engineering will look at these locations.

AMY HOLLAN – Hollan asked that the intersection of Ash Avenue and 5th Street West be leveled. Penny Macik asked about leveling Elm Avenue East and Main Street also. Moore Engineering will look at these locations.

BEATE RUEBER – The council and Rueber had another discussion on the work to be completed by Interstate Telcom. An estimate will be obtained for the work to be done yet this year.

MOTION by Doug Best, seconded by Penny Kandt and carried unanimously to cost share the replacement of curb and gutter at Mark Schwiderski's on a 70/30 city/property owner split.

AIRPORT – Councilor Bergsma reported that the fuel project is not complete yet. The committee is working on the minimum standards document.

EDA – Requests for proposals to purchase Prairie View will be advertised.

CEMETERY – Blackwell, Kenney and Johnson continue to work on verifying and updating records.

POLICE – Chief Best reported that part-time officers have been working to cover for Officer Kozel.

PUBLIC WORKS – The council had no questions on the reports from Mike Kenney and Jerome Schueller. Schueller reported that the computer went out at water plant and needs to be repaired.

ORDINANCE UPDATE – The council supported moving forward with having the ordinance code updated. Until the update is completed, the code will not be available on the city website. Funds in the 2017 budget for a document imaging project will be used for the recodification and funds for the document imaging project will be included in the 2018 budget.

MOTION by Ralph Bergsma and seconded by Doug Best and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm.


Kathy L. Blackwell, City Clerk