

Hector City Council Workshop
Monday, April 8, 2019
5:30 p.m.
Hector Community Center

Minutes

The workshop convened at approximately 5:40 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Weikle, CM Hollan, CM Best,

Members absent: CM Heerdt, CM Kandt

Others present: Admin. Aukrust, Chief Pierce, Supv. Ken Rodmyre

Scott Tedrick of Yellowstone Alliance of Western Minnesota presented by Scott Tedrick

- Cultural Heritage Partnership Grant submitted to the MN Historical Society. Pursuing
- Hector's agreement to be listed as a partner in the grant.
- Planning to have an Art History Food Escape immediately following Renville County Fair (Aug 7-9) to be held Friday-Sunday, August 9-11. Right To Remember motorcycle rally will travel Yellowstone Trail that Saturday and event will coincide with the Bechyn Czech Festival that weekend.
- Two more grants thru SW MN Arts Council are being pursued. One is for an Art Crawl being pursued by Jess Gorman. Also Legacy Grant up to \$25,000 to develop a walking theatre (will tell the story of Michael Dowling and his life) and involve four communities including Granite Falls, Renville, Olivia and Hector (Diane Draeger, Hector director). They are also working on a concert.
- Yellow Medicine East and Renville County School Districts received a grant for marketing equipment to promote the Yellowstone Trail.
- Looking at expanding to other communities.

Ken Rodmyre

Signage

- Information is being designed by M & R Signs in Fergus Falls
- Posts - galvanized round or u-channeled with holes
- Eighty-three intersections - Four intersections in town have no signs.
- Are there other colors? White, black, blue, green
- Requested 90 posts.
- One post in one corner of each intersection
- Ken will get color samples or pictures for us to look at. Black/white, blue/white, green/white.
- Suggested turning old signs over to Hector Community Spirits for fundraising efforts.

Man-Lift rental

- We are capable of trimming trees ourselves. Need fall protection.
- With the lowest price from Schweiss, if Mike using it, we can't use it.

- Suggest using Schweiss or Schultz, whichever is available.

Kohl's painting of curbs/crosswalk/parking

- Because of removing crosswalk signs, the city is liable if a pedestrian gets hit.
- Need to get crosswalks and signs back in place.
- Downtown handicap stenciling, three crosswalks bid just under \$5K. Initial blocking is more expensive. Retouch later will be less costly.
- Concentrate by school, crosswalks, and fire hydrants.
- No parking signs put up near the school, by the school cannot be enforced by the city.

Ambulance

- In Redwood Falls having turbo installed.
- Just had run number 61.

Derek Borth

- Property Tax (homestead) on home \$338K new build would be \$7,500/yr not including street assessment.
- Bird Island similar home is \$4,363
- Olivia similar home is \$5,500
- It is the city portion that is the highest portion.
- County-wide, we compare in the middle of other county communities.
- Current city tax rebate program is only for three years.

Options suggested by Marc Iverson: suggests extending rebate program.

Discussion Items: Possibly do rebate year 2-8; restrict not including special assessments; would need to be new construction; from property bought from city or just EDA lots; rebate of 50% of city portion; do a new program for new construction only; homesteaded property; just start from the get-go for 10 year.

Council should be able to create a program to help. Need to expedite this program, preferably within a month. May require a special meeting for action.

Schedule

- Mayor would like to try a 30-minute workshop over the next three summer months.
- Suggested 6:00 workshop and 6:30 council meeting.

Jeremy Boots, Moore Engineering

- Ads are in the paper for bids for Sampson 3rd Addition street/curb project.
- Geo-technical information says 9-12" of good material.
- Edges will still require some correction.
- Road Inventory Study will begin next week.
- Next month Jeremy will give some information on GIS and water main break/weakness under the railroad tracks. May need some Rural Development funding.

Hector City Council Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.
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Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Weikle, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: CM Best, CM Hollan, Mayor Weikle

Members absent: CM Heerdt, CM Kandt

Also present: Admin. Andrea Aukrust, Police Chief Zach Pierce, Dept. Supv. Ken Rodmyre

(BLHS Government class members were in attendance)

Agenda changes and additions

- Consent Agenda - Add 5.03 February 27th, 2019 Workshop & Council Minutes
- Residents Addressing Council - move Steve Squibb from Unfinished Business
- Miscellaneous Business - #1 May City Council Schedule
- New Business - #1 Take action on Yellowstone Alliance Grant inclusion
- Airport - #4 Documents will be tabled to May meeting

On a motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Hollan and unanimously carried, agenda was approved with changes/additions.

Consent Agenda

- 5.01 Approve Workshop & Council Minutes of March 11, 2019
- 5.02 Approve payables and additions.
- 5.03 Approve Workshop & Council Minutes of February 27, 2019

On a motion by CM Hollan, seconded by CM Best and unanimously carried, consent agenda was approved.

Residents Addressing the Council

- Steve Squibb - Discuss easement and cost estimates. Have spoken with all other parties and consensus is to cap expense at \$1,500 each. If the cost is more, will return to the council with additional information.

On a motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Hollan and unanimously carried, to approve the city enter into the requested easement up to \$1,500 expense.

Ordinance, Resolution, Proclamation

- Nothing to act on

Streets/Water/Sewer

- Curb & crosswalk painting - As soon as we can get MnDOT to give us a go ahead, work will be done.
- New street signs are at the draft department; waiting on quotes; once ordered, 6-week turnaround. Also to get a quote on square posts (look at Hutchinson). Round and U-channel were very close in cost.
- Probably don't need curbs painted professionally. Would like a quote on parking lines on the main street, crosswalks, fire hydrants. May need MnDOT approval to have state highway parking painted. The state won't contribute to the cost of painting on a state highway.
- Sidewalks - sinking sidewalk in residential area removal was requested.

Administration

- City Financial Audit starts April 22nd.

Airport

- Bollig is putting on a presentation/grill-out on May 10th for ALP input

Cemetery

- We are considering eliminating the Cemetery Committee and turning the cemetery over to the city departments. It was suggested to keep one or two committee members as liaisons.

EDA

- Still working on criteria for EDA lot sales.
- Would need to be rezoned if multiple housing units were to be built.
- Need to look into Ploeger Addn lot to see if part of a program.

Emergency Services

- Buffalo Lake not interested in working together on an SRO position. Will explore other avenues.
- A party wants to contest two snow parking tickets received. Did not attend mtg.
- Internet is a problem between the police department and city office. Firewall box is also outdated. Currently, have Frontier for phones (\$160/mo) and Nuvera for the Internet (\$55/mo). Can bundle phone and internet with Frontier for \$115/mo. Have to get a static IP address at \$10/mo. The additional cost to replace the firewall box will cost \$3K-\$4K.

On a motion by CM Hollan, seconded by CM Best and unanimously carried, to authorize city office/police dept to bundle phone and internet services with Frontier, and the purchase of a firewall box up to \$4,000.00. (Suggest looking at Frontier Business.)

Fire

- Have a couple of new members.

- Now have three members that have joined the Renville County Technical Rescue Team.

Ambulance

- Have two new members finishing in May.
- Have had 61 calls year-to-date.
- Heart attack gold standard is to have a suspected heart attack patient have their 12-lead taken within 12 minutes from the time you arrive on the scene. From the time the family called 911 until Mr. Squibb took the 12-lead and sent it to the physician was 14 minutes. Congrats to our local ambulance crew!

Tree trimming lift rental

- We have received the following quotes for lift rental:
- Lowest is from Schweiss Doors of Fairfax at \$350/week. However, if unavailable, the second lowest is from Schultz Electric at \$100/day.

On a motion by Mayor Weikle, seconded by CM Hollan and unanimously carried, to authorize the Public Works Supv. to utilize the lift rental from Schweiss when available, otherwise Schultz Electric, depending on necessity and at Public Works Supv. discretion.

Pool Pumps

- Need to purchase a pump for the baby pool to be independent of a large pool.
- Updated quotes provided:

Andrea to get more information on project status and what yet needs to be done.

Unfinished Business

- Kirgiss tiling project waiting on weather.
- Colfax Alley - draining okay so far. Need to follow up with Hjerpe.

New Business

On a motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Hollan and unanimously carried, to include the city of Hector in the Yellowstone Trail Alliance Grant Application.

Miscellaneous Business

On a motion by CM Best, seconded by CM Hollan and unanimously carried, the Hector City Council will hold their workshops at 6:00 p.m. followed by City Council meeting the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. during May, June and July 2019.

On a motion by CM Hollan, seconded by CM Best and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: 
Andrea Aukrust, City Administrator