

HECTOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 8, 2021
HECTOR COMMUNITY CENTER
MINUTES

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

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

Members absent: CM Best

Staff present: Deputy Clerk Beckler, Airport Manager/PW Schellenberg, PW Deal, Ambulance Supervisor/PW Rodmyre, Mike Morris—MMS Environmental, and Jeremy Boots—Moore Engineering

Residents/Visitors that did not identify themselves

1. Approval of the agenda and any agenda additions:

Add: 7.2a—Sander box quote

Add: 7.2e—Hector/Buffalo Lake Ambulance agreement

Add: 7.2e—City shop/CWL

A motion by CM Heerdt, second by CM Ebbers, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with changes.

2. Consent Agenda –

2.01 Approve proposed Minutes from October 12, 2021, City Council Meeting

2.02 Approval of Payables & Payroll

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

3. Public Hearings:

Petitions, requests, and communications: Ebbers motion Krueger 2nd MC

1. Peter Ploumidis: Hector U.S. Holding LLC/ Communications Systems Inc.—

a) Special Use Applications-Rezoning of a property request: The Public Hearing is scheduled for November 22. Letters go out to all properties within 350 feet of the buildings, and notification is posted in the newspaper.

2. Jeremy Boots: Moore Engineering—

a) 2022 seal coat planning: Council reviewed information to plan for 2022 seal coating. 5th & Douglas Ave E has lots of bad patches. It will be removed from the bid to get it done correctly. It would be \$145,000 to \$150,000 or more depending on what alternate is chosen. Boots recommends adding a drain tile on Douglas.

A motion by CM Ebbers, second by CM Heerdt, and unanimously carried to direct Jeremy Boots of Moore Engineering to move forward with the bidding process.

6. Ordinances and Resolutions:

- **RESOLUTION 2021—35 A RESOLUTION APPROVING EXEMPT 2022 PERMIT FOR HECTOR LIONS CLUB TO CONDUCT LAWFUL GAMBLING**

A motion by CM Ebbers, second by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve the resolution.

- **RESOLUTION 2021—36** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF UNPAID UTILITY, REFUSE, AND LAWN MAINTENANCE CHARGES TO THE RENVILLE COUNTY AUDITOR

A motion by CM Ebbers, second by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve the resolution.

- **RESOLUTION 2021—37** AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AIRPORT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION GRANT CONTRACT

A motion by CM Ebbers, second by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve the resolution.

- **RESOLUTION 2021—38** A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MUNICIPAL POLLING PLACE FOR 2022

A motion by CM Ebbers, second by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve the resolution.

- **RESOLUTION 2021—39** A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION AND DESIGNATE ITS USE-AMBULANCE FUND

A motion by CM Ebbers, second by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve the resolution.

- **RESOLUTION 2021—40** MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT—TOWARDS ZERO DEATHS (TZD)

A motion by CM Ebbers, second by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve the resolution.

- **RESOLUTION 2021—41** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2021-2022 SNOW HAULING BID FOR THE CITY OF HECTOR

A motion by CM Ebbers, second by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve the resolution.

7. Reports of officers, boards, and committees:

1. Administration—Mayor Squibb
 - a) City Attorney Griffin Leitch
 - b) Snow hauling bid review- Nathan Rath of Buffalo Lake was the only bid received. The rate will be \$150 per hour, with a minimum of two hours, per truck, per city, per time requested by the city.
2. Public Works—Gina Schellenberg & Gayle Deal
 - a) Public Utility update: Michael Morris—MMS Environmental: The ras pump is running continuously. Three have burnt up in the past four months. The pumps are original and are not built to run horizontally or constantly. We do not have a quote yet, but we can estimate that each pump will be \$10,000 to \$15,000 per pump. That would include labor for installation. Currently, the city does not have a backup pump. Morris suggested to Council that the city purchase pumps that are designed for

what is needed. A new agreement with US 212 Beef is in the works, increasing rates to meet the cities' increased costs. Everything is going well despite the maintenance breakdowns.

- b) BLHS/Birch Street parking issues: Parking on both sides turns the street into a single lane in the winter months. Deal would like to eliminate parking on the south side of the street during the winter months. A sign can be erected. There are a lot of cars that could be utilizing the parking lot at the school, and they are not. Deal would like Council's permission to discuss this issue with the BLHS Principal. The Council informed Deal that they have no objection to him speaking to school personnel regarding this issue. If a sign is posted, staff would recommend the sign stating No parking from November 1 to April 1. If the school doesn't address this issue, then Council will take further action.
- c) Sander box quote: Schellenberg stated that the box is rusted out, and the sander does not work anymore. J&L looked at it and said it keeps blowing the circuit board and cost over \$2,000 per board. A new box and sander are in the 2022 budget. Crysteel has one on hand. It could be installed at the beginning of January.

The quotes were reviewed. Crysteel--\$23,261 and Towmaster--\$29,456.

A motion by CM Heerdt, second by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to approve the Crysteel quote.

3. City Shop building/CWL: The city is still waiting for an appraisal update/timeline from Craig Holmgren. CM Krueger asked PW what size of a shop they will need if the city ends up with no local police and a place for confiscated vehicles is no longer required or when the street sweeper's end of life comes? Is it possible to add on to the OP shop or sewer/water treatment plants?

3. Police Department—

- a) No update

4. Fire Department—

- a) No update

5. Ambulance—Ken Rodmyre/Gayle Deal: Agreement for Hector & Buffalo Lake ambulance working together within the two towns. The current one presented to the Council is a little more detailed than the standard/mutual aid one that has been in place for many years.

A motion by CM Krueger, second by CM Ebbers, and unanimously carried to approve the Hector & Buffalo Lake ambulance agreement.

5. Airport—Airport Manager G. Schellenberg

- a) AP update- Schellenberg: Working on tractor, blower & blade quotes for the airport.

6. EDA— Mayor Squibb

- a) Hummingbird Court: Hummingbird is on the MLS. There was immediate interest just from word of mouth.

8. Unfinished business:

- a) Miscellaneous: Residents addressing the Council: CM Ebbers again brought up the complaint from Karen Neuman regarding the noise nuisance coming from the former church that adjoins her property. Mayor Squibb stated that he would reach out to City Attorney Leitch again to see what he has found as options for Ms. Newman.

9. Adjournment:

A motion by CM Heerdt, second by CM Krueger, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.