

**HECTOR CITY COUNCIL**  
**Monday, May 8, 2023**  
**5:00 p.m. Workshop**  
**6:00 p.m. Council Meeting**  
**HECTOR COMMUNITY CENTER**

**MINUTES**

The Hector City Council convened a workshop at 5:00 p.m. to update the public on the community pool, and to discuss options going forward.

Olivia and Renville pools are through the school district. Olivia is still under repair. An indoor facility would be more beneficial 12 months out of the year rather than an outdoor facility used two months of the year. Unfortunately, it has been recommended by more than one pool company that putting money into our facility is not advised nor is it financially feasible.

Burbach Inc. has confirmed what the other companies previously reported. Mayor expressed a concern that swimming lessons are not being provided.

- Would like to look at a collaborative effort to get Hector area kids to swimming lessons at area facilities. Maybe need to have a bus scheduled to assist getting kids to lessons or open swimming over the summer months. Suggested we consult with the community ed staff at the school to see what the possibilities are.
- Burbach would assist with future design, referendums, fundraising and grant guidance.
- A standalone facility would not be as feasible as a recreation center that offers more opportunities.
- Would be helpful if a pool was associated with Prairie View. Would benefit physical therapy.
- Another suggested option is for EDA to seek out a company to build a small motel on Hwy 212 that would consider installing a pool.
- Right now the facility is a liability and the city needs to look into obtaining demolition bids.
- If the facility were replaced, the cost to operate a pool would still remain to be a financial burden on the city.
- CM Luke Krueger thought many care centers are moving away from pools due to cost of upkeep, staff shortages, and additional regulations.
- The funds raised for repair to the pool will be refunded to the individuals. The non reimbursable funds raised from silent auctions are held by Hector Community Spirit.
- Would like further research into making the tennis court into a pickleball court. It may be a “phase” within sports, but it does benefit all ages and is a less impact sport than tennis. Will reach out to the Renville County Pickleball Assn/League for suggestions. Court probably needs crack-seal and seal it rather than resurfacing. Color options are also available in epoxy form. Can paint or epoxy.
- Would also like to look into upgrades to the baseball field by the city park including handicap accessible restrooms, foodstand, and additional seating. Also upgrades to the

**RESOLUTION 2023-16 - A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A \$2,600 DONATION TO THE HECTOR POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DESIGNATING ITS USE: ELECTRIC PATROL BIKE**

Motion made by CM Ebbers and seconded by CM Hollan to approve Resolution 2023-16. MC

**RESOLUTION 2023-17 - A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A \$2,422.63 DONATION TO THE HECTOR FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DESIGNATING ITS USE: EQUIPMENT**

Motion made by CM Hollan and seconded by CM Ebbers to approve Resolution 2023-17. MC

Administration—Mayor Weikle

- We have had three new employees that began working: Deacon Carter in Public Works, Amy Klawitter as Administrative Assistant and Axel Zaragoza as F/T Police Officer.
- Spring City Wide Clean-up Days for branches will be May 22-24 from 8am to 3:30pm. Branches should be piled up in front of their property.
- Hector Corn Chaff Days organization- Katie Rudeen is now overseeing the event and is looking for funding avenues to process money coming in and going out. Wondering if funding can go through the city account. Hector does not currently have a civic or chamber of commerce.

CM Luke Krueger suggested that we follow the recommendations of ABDO and the city attorney if using a city account is an option. We will notify them and get back to Katie ASAP. CM Greg Krueger thanked the Hector Community Spirit group for the work they have put into the event for the past several years, and thank you to Katie for taking on this event.

The employee handbook is ready for approval pending final review by the city attorney. Motion made by CM Luke Krueger and seconded by CM Hollan to approve the Employee Personnel Handbook effective May 8, 2023, pending one final runthrough by the city attorney. MC

Gina S. and Josh B. next reported on the public works:

- The new streetsweeper will be delivered this Wednesday.
- The city received a Wastewater Plant Award from the MN Pollution Control - recipient facilities must demonstrate consistent compliance of monitoring, operations and maintenance requirements; submit accurate on-time reports to the MPCA; and employ staff certified by the MPCA in the wastewater operations. Of 1,600 facilities, we were one of 248 chosen for the award.
- Josh presented an updated payloader quote including payloader kit and snowplow. Also switched to a rear-mount side plow which would allow swapping the plow and bucket out without taking the wing off every time. Old quote was \$52,331 and financing would be \$14,368/year for 5 years. New quote is approximately \$99,000. and could take 9 months to obtain. Asked Josh to obtain additional information on how we would proceed and if

the sidewalk was dug up to do the repair. (City paid for the water line to be moved.) Houston is asking for assistance from the city to help pay for the sidewalk replacement. Materials alone will be \$3K-\$4K. 15-20 feet of sidewalk was destroyed. Need to look into the files to see if there is any precedence that has been set or if there is anything defined in the city ordinance. Action tabled.

Motion made by CM Hollan and seconded by CM Luke Krueger to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. MC