

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

JULY 10, 2017

COUNCIL PRESENT – Acting Mayor Jeff Heerdt, Ralph Bergsma and Penny Kandt.

ABSENT – Mayor Steven Squibb and Doug Best.

STAFF PRESENT – Kathy Blackwell, Jon Saunders, Clifton Allen, Karl Koford, and Jerome Schueller.

ALSO PRESENT – Ben Adamich, Marty Lawson, Mike Jacoby, Steve Caulkins, Steve Karnik, Ed Newberg, Sam Heiderscheidt, Connie Newberg, Rex Hammarback, Todd Kramer, Marlys Hagstrom, Barbara Hoyhtya, Nic Heiderscheidt, Steve Clobes, Cory Heiderscheidt, Alex Portner, Mike Skucius, Dave Brateng, Andy Wegscheid, Dave Kienitz, Jill Schwiderski, Mark Schwiderski, Richard Scheel, Janis Weikle, Dave Nelson, Natalie Nelson, Jeff Broderius, Joan Kirgiss, Allan Kirgiss, Taylor Newberg, Don Williamson, Taylor Williamson, Beate Reuber, Penny Macik, Lowell Grimm, John Hubin, Cindy Christopherson, Reed Ahlbrecht, Chris Leske, Curt Sampson, Steven Swansen, Rick Broderius, Kurt Sandgren, Amy Hollan and other people that did not sign in.

AGENDA – MOTION by Ralph Bergsma, seconded by Penny Kandt and carried to approve the agenda with the following additions: report from Officer Koford and Ed Newberg. MOTION by Penny Kandt, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and carried to approve the consent agenda.

PROJECT – Clifton Allen stated that the projects have wrapped up until the final layer of wear coat is put down in fall. Warranty items will be addressed as they come up and rough, uneven patches will be fixed. The items needing council action include: Pay Request #15 from Quam in the amount of \$317,232.76 and final Pay Request #20 from Gridor in the amount of \$29,620.89.

MOTION by Penny Kandt, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and carried to approve the Pay Requests as underlined above, pending approval from Rural Development.

GERONIMO – Ben Adamich with Geronimo was present to explain that Geronimo has purchased the solar garden project in Hector. Construction will take place in 2017.

TRASH – Don Williamson, owner of West Central Sanitation (WCS), introduced Steve Clobes and stated that Clobes intends to retire in 2017. The crowd showed their appreciation to Clobes with a round of applause. Williamson presented a proposal for service in Hector beginning in October. WCS would provide residents with new trash carts that are available in three sizes. The council will review the proposal further and possibly approve an agreement in August.

POLICE – Officer Koford reported on blight concerns and recent vandalism in the park. Koford explained the process the police department and city staff will track and remedy blighted

properties. MOTION by Penny Kandt, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and carried to approve a 1.5% wage increase for Koford effective immediately.

NEWBERG – Acting Mayor Jeff Heerdt allowed Ed Newberg to address the council. Newberg turned the floor over to his attorney Rex Hammarback. Hammarback asked that the council drop the eviction notice that expires July 10, 2017. City Attorney Jon Saunders responded with his recommendation to the city council to extend the eviction notice to August 14, 2017, the date of the next city council meeting. Following an extended period of statements and questions from persons attending the meeting, MOTION by Ralph Bergsma, seconded by Penny Kandt and carried to extend the eviction notice to August 14, 2017. Acting Mayor Jeff Heerdt opposed the motion.

AIRPORT FUEL PROJECT – Committee Chair Dave Kienitz gave a report on fuel system project. The project is well beyond the substantial completion date and the engineer is working with the contractor on several punch list items.

EDA – It was noted that a public hearing is scheduled for July 17, 2017 to announce the intent to sell Prairie View Assisted Living.

CEMETERY – The meeting scheduled for July 18th will be postponed to a later date.

SIDEWALK REPAIR – MOTION by Penny Kandt, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and carried to pay 70% of the sidewalk repairs by Interstate Telecom, per the request from Beate Rueber. Acting Mayor Heerdt requested that the bill to repair the sidewalk in front of Hughes-Hantge be submitted to the city and the city will pay 70%.

LIBRARY COPIER – No decision was made on a quote for a new copier at the library.

CITY HALL – No decision was made on an estimate to replace the windows and doors at city hall.

VACANT LOTS – Clerk Blackwell was directed to proceed with advertising 211 Bryant Ave N and 530 Douglas Ave E for sale by sealed bids.

CLERK CONFERENCES – MOTION by Penny Kandt, seconded by Ralph Bergsma and carried to approve Clerk Blackwell's attendance at the Coalition of Greater MN Cities Conference and the Clerk's Advanced Academy.

CASEY'S – It was announced that the city was contacted by Casey's General Store regarding a proposed new store on the motel property. Casey's is in the process of obtaining permits for the project.

MOTION by Ralph Bergsma and seconded by Penny Kandt at 9:01 p.m.


Kathy L. Blackwell, City Clerk