

Regular Council Meeting  
January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7:00pm  
Hebron Community Center

Present at the meeting were; Mayor Grant Walth, Council members; Ken Rehling, Chester Brandt, Harvey Tibor, Jesse Zuroff, Jim Staiger, Steven Dittus, Building Inspector Joe Reinbold, City Supervisor Jim Raaf, City Attorney Scott Solem, and City Auditor Erin Brink. Also present was Jane Brandt of the Hebron Herald, Attorney Jonathan Freidler of Solem Law Office, and City Engineer Kyle Manning.

A motion to approve the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was made. Brandt/Tibor MCU

A motion was made to approve the December vouchers. Rehling/Staiger MCU

There were no building permits for the month of December.

The delinquent water bill list was read. The city auditor stated that a resident had asked that a rental property with an account that had been duplicated and had a balance due be added to the property in which the resident lives. The council stated that this could not be done, only the duplicate account could be deleted and the balance added to the original account. The auditor stated that due to the time frame the delinquencies had four more days to pay their bills before the shut offs become effective.

The police report was read.

Attorney Scott Solem stated that court had been canceled as the only pending case had reached a plea agreement. The first appearance that had also been scheduled for that day had not taken place as the papers had not been served, despite numerous attempts from officers.

City Engineer Kyle Manning presented the city with a preliminary map of the proposed Main and Elm Street project. He then discussed that despite that application for SRF Funding Hebron did not make the list for funding. Mr. Manning stated that the Morton County Commission Meeting will be held and the proposed additional \$226,000 for Hebron will be discussed and voted on at that time. The money received from the county can only be spent on the resurfacing of the streets. It was discussed that Councilman Rehling along with the City Engineer had looked at the sidewalks on Main Street. Councilman Rehling stated that he did not see the need for the sidewalks to be replaced as it would add cost onto the businesses and residents on Main Street. The city is not committed to replacing the sidewalks; however the city engineer suggested that collecting estimates to allow homeowners and business owners to make the decision on the replacement of sidewalks on their properties. The city engineer then informed the council that AE2S would like to hold public information meetings in which residents can come and ask questions about the project. Attorney Scott Solem stated that notice will be published in the paper for the informational meetings and for the project itself. It was discussed that the informational meeting should be held before the next regular council. Attorney Solem will draft several resolutions in preparation for the meetings. The informational meeting and protest will be held and once complete a three person committee will be appointed to complete the assessment district. Solem stated that he had spoken with another attorney regarding various bonding and loan options and will come back with recommendations.

City Supervisor Raaf stated the need for an increase in the cities bulk water rates. The current rate is \$8.45 per 1000 gallons, and the suggested rate would increase to \$12.00 per 1000 gallons. The motion was made to accept the proposed change. Brandt/Staiger MCU. The City Attorney will draft the first reading of the proposed increase to be read at the next meeting. City Supervisor Raaf asked council to decide what will be done with the old city skid steer. An ad will be placed in the Hebron Herald for anyone interested to put in a bid. The skid steer will be sold as is and bids can be dropped off at the auditor's office.

The council then discussed the condition of the Sherriff's Department office in the Bolke Memorial Complex. The auditor had contacted Custer District Health and was informed that most likely the replacement of insulation and sheetrock will need to take place. She informed the auditor that the leaks in the roof will need to be repaired before any of the replacement can take place. Council asked that she inspect the current office and the proposed office site in the lower level of the complex and give recommendations at that time.

Attorney Solem asked that the council appoint Jonathan Freidler as the assistant city attorney. A motion was made to accept this proposal. Rehling/ Brandt MCU

The annual police contract was reviewed and an increase of \$120 per month was acceptable. A motion to approve the contract was made. Rehling/Tibor MCU

The auditor asked that the council approve the annual 20% enterprise fund move. A motion was made to accept this request. Tibor/Rehling MCU

An abatement for property tax was reviewed and a motion to approve the decrease in value was made. Rehling/Tibor MCU

City Attorney Solem discussed with council the Planning and Zoning Committee. The committee has received an application for a cell phone tower. The City Attorney will look into the regulations for cell phone towers and will also contact the City Engineers to look into any specific information that will be needed along with the application. It was then discussed that the Planning and Zoning Committee will compile a list of projects and estimated costs to bring to council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm. Rehling/Brandt MCU.

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Grant Walth

Mayor

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Erin Brink

City Auditor