

Regular City Council Meeting
October, 12th 2015
Hebron Community Center

Present at the meeting were Mayor Grant Walth, Council President Ken Rehling, Councilman Chester Brandt, Councilman Harvey Tibor, Building Inspector Joe Reinbold, City Supervisor Jim Raaf, City Auditor Erin Brink, Jane Brandt of the Hebron Herald, City Engineer Kyle Manning, Mark Draeb and Terry Schafer. Not Present at the meeting was Councilman Jim Staiger, Councilman Jesse Zuroff, and Councilman Steven Dittus, and also City Attorney Scott Solem was unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

The September minutes were read and a motion to approve them was made. Brandt/Rehling
MCU.

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Building Inspector Joe Reinbold reported on the building permits. He stated that a permit to move a mobile home onto a property was approved and the owners will be tearing down the small house that currently sits on the property while living in the mobile home.

The police report was read.

Visitor Mark Draeb and Terry Schafer were present to ask of the levy increase notices that they received. It was explained that the levy increase notice was required by a new state law that requires the city to send out notices to any property that received a notice of increase on their property assessment, if the city is requesting an increase on the mill levy. Mr. Draeb inquired as to what the 8.03% increase meant, if it was an increase on the property tax as a whole. The Auditor reported that it is an increase over what the mill levy was last year, not on the property tax as a whole. Mr. Draeb asked how the 8.03% was derived and it was explained that the county had provided the city with a calculation as to calculate the percentage of increase.

City Engineer Kyle Manning was present to discuss the proposed survey of Main Street and Elm Street in order to look at the replacement of water and sewer lines and the repaving of these streets. Mr. Manning explained that the beginning step would be to determine the condition of the sewer lines. He presented the council with three proposals, two of which included the cost of cleaning the lines and then the cost of the video surveillance. City Supervisor Raaf stated that the city currently owns a Sewer Jetter that is capable of cleaning the lines. Mr. Manning stated that this would greatly decrease the cost of the project and that the city can have the option to either direct pay contractors or use the city engineers to serve on their behalf. On account of the City Attorney not present at the meeting the council tentatively approved the survey upon approval from City Attorney Scott Solem. Rehling/Tibor
MCU.

Councilman Rehling had a question regarding a letter received by the State Water Commission regarding a substantial amount of money being awarded to cities for water and sewer projects. He asked the City Engineer if this could be looked into to see if the City of Hebron may be eligible to receive a grant.

The City Engineer stated that the Drinking water SRF has a lower interest rate than initially reported at a rate of 2.5%.

The question was raised about the possibility of placing a fire hydrant on the block the Brick City Motel sits on. The purpose of this would be to allow flushing the line. City Supervisor Jim Raaf was instructed to contact Clay's Plumbing to give an estimate on the cost of placing a hydrant on that corner.

City Supervisor Raaf will be collecting estimates on the cost of a new skid steer as the current one is inoperable and it was reported that the replacement parts to repair the skid steer are extremely expensive. City Supervisor Raaf reported that 90% of the leaks in the roof at the Bolke Memorial

Complex have been repaired and he will continue to work on repairing the remainder of the leaks. Council spoke with Raaf inquiring as to whom some of the outside companies that are pulling water out of hydrants. He stated that the companies have been in contact with the Auditor's office and are being billed accordingly. The Council stated that a meter should be purchased to place on the hydrant to more accurately measure water usage. It was discussed that the cost of this meter should be passed on to those that will be utilizing it.

Supervisor Raaf presented a bill to the Council for the creek clean-up, and also stated that the city will clean out debris from the creek on city owned property.

The council reviewed three applications for the positions of janitor and laborer. Shalesa Erickson was chosen for the Janitor position and council requested that if she would be willing to accept the position vacant at the landfill and for meter reading that they would accept her application for all positions on a 60 day trial period. Brandt/Tibor MCU

Appointment of the City Assessor was needed. A motion to appoint Erin Brink as City Assessor was made. Rehling/Tibor MCU

It was asked that a garbage rate for the Hebron Wildlife and Gun Club. Pickup will be only as needed. It was decided that commercial rate for garbage is \$5 per week so the Gun Club will be charged \$5 per pickup.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm Tibor/Brandt MCU

Mayor Grant Walth

City Auditor Erin Brink