

Equalization Meeting/City Council Meeting
Hebron Community Center
April 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Members present at the meeting were; Mayor Grant Walth, Council members; Chester Brandt, Harvey Tibor, Michael Coots, Jim Staiger. Also present at the meeting; City Supervisor Jim Raaf, Assistant Supervisor Ken Kastrow, Building Inspector Joe Reinbold, Auditor Erin Brink, Deputy Auditor Roxane Walth, City Attorney Scott Solem, City Engineer Adam Isakson, and Morton County Tax Director Linda Morris. Visitors included Rocky Brown of Wald Fencing and Supplies.

The City Board of Equalization meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Tax Director Morris presented the Council with the 2018 report for taxation. Morris reported that the 2018 assessment for Hebron came in at \$34,865,300, which is an increase from 2017's assessment of \$33,814,000 or a 3.1% increase. Morris presented a list of residents that received a notice of increase for new construction or reassessment and a list of building permits from 2017. A motion was made to approve the assessments as presented. Brandt/Tibor MCU

The Council received a letter of interest from resident Ken Rehling to fill the open position vacated by Rebecca Heinle. A motion was made to appoint Ken Rehling to fill the position. Tibor/Coots MCU

The March 12th regular council meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Tibor/Brandt MCU

March vouchers were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Coots/Tibor MCU

There was one building permits for the month of March.

Delinquent water bills were discussed and door tags will be sent out.

The police report was reviewed.

There was court held April 9th for a first appearance, a court date of May 14th was set for a trial.

Rocky Brown of Wald Fencing from Wishek was present to discuss with Council the findings of the building inspection for the possibility of leasing or purchasing the west side of the Bolke Memorial Complex. Councilman Brandt had received some estimates for roof repair and estimates for a new building to house the cities equipment if the complex were to be sold or leased. Brandt stated that just a 40x100 building would cost \$134,000, not including the cost of plumbing, electrical, heating and dirt work. The cement slab would be an additional \$26,000. He stated that with the sale of the complex the city would be looking at a price close to the cost of replacement. Brown stated that the company was currently looking at the Farmers Elevator as more of a turnkey operation as less work would need to be done to operate out of that facility, but would like to keep the complex as a viable option.

Councilman Brandt stated the estimates on the roof are between; \$13,000 to \$20,000 and the city will place an ad in the paper to receive more estimates.

Jane Brandt representing the Hebron Business Club stated that the road to Fort Sauerkraut has washouts and is in very poor shape. She requested that if the City has scoria that may be the best to lie on the road to avoid the deep ruts that are created by vehicles driving on the road when it is soft. The council stated that crushed brick would probably be the best option and that City Supervisor Raaf will speak with Hebron Brick about purchasing the crushed brick.

Adam from AE2S was present to discuss the cracks on Main Avenue; Isakson stated these are thermal cracks due to the weather. He spoke with Roger Hille from the county and stated that the county will do the crack sealing on Main Avenue. The question of the manholes was brought up as the one on the intersection of Park Street and Main Avenue shifted when the city's garbage truck drove over it. If the base is soft under the manhole this would fall under warranty. Councilman Coots stated he would like to inspect the manhole to see the amount of shifting the concrete does when a heavy vehicle is driven over it.

Isakson stated that he had put the application in to the State Water Commission to be put on the list of potential projects. Isakson stated that funding for the preliminary engineering report may be available through the USDA. The USDA could fund up to \$30,000 for the cost of preliminary engineering to determine the alternatives for what's needed

for the water tower. A motion was made by Brandt, seconded by Tibor to approve Isakson’s request to apply for funding for the Preliminary Engineering Report. Upon roll call vote Brandt-aye, Tibor-aye, Staiger-aye, Coots-nay. MC

Quotes for a city loader were reviewed; more quotes are expected so the decision will be tabled for the next council meeting.

Councilman Brandt read the estimates of the roof repair for the Bolke Memorial Complex. He received an estimate of approximately \$12,000 for coating the roof, and an estimate of \$20,600 for replacing tin on the roof. An ad will be placed in the Hebron Herald for bids on roof repair for the Complex.

Bids for the snowmobile were read. A motion was made to accept the highest bid of \$250 from Ken Kastrow for the snowmobile. Tibor/Coots MCU

A bid for crack sealing was reviewed from Hebron Asphalt for \$6500 for 15,853 linear feet of crack sealing. A motion was made to accept the bid. Coots/Tibor MCU

The city received a letter from Solem Law office stating that many cities are updating dog ordinances to have a graduated schedule of fines for dogs running at large. Previously the fines were at the discretion of the municipal judge, a new ordinance would read with a minimum of \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offence, and \$300 for the third offence. A motion was made to allow City Attorney Solem to draw up the new ordinance. Tibor/Brandt MCU

A motion was made to adjourn the regular Council meeting at 8:30 pm. Brandt/Tibor MCU.

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Grant Walth Mayor

Erin Brink City
Auditor