

Regular City Council Meeting
Hebron Community Center
July 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Members of Council present were; Mayor Grant Walth, Council members; Chester Brandt, Harvey Tibor, Steven Dittus, Michael Coots, Pat Mischel, and Auditor Erin McCutchan. Visitors present; Russ Staiger, Lester Mutchelknaus, Bob Birkmaier, Allen Sayler, Chris Staiger, Mark Draeb, Verda Draeb, Joe Wanner, Jerry Chase, Lee Reinbold, Connie Scott, Darlene Schreiner, Mike Jensen, Jason Gerving, Scott Solem, and Jane Brandt. The public hearing for the Strategic Planning through Lewis and Clark was opened at 7:00 pm.

Russ Staiger representing the Hebron EDC began with explaining the purpose of the 3 year strategic plan and the grant that was applied for through The Lewis and Clark Regional Development Committee. He stated that the grant money received would help pay for a consultant that would gather data and research the needs for the community. Staiger explained that there would be a series of public meetings and possibly surveys that would be sent to Hebron residents to fill out and return with information that may help identify community needs. Once completed the consultant would compile the data and present a report. Discussion was held concerning the hope that there would be a lot of community involvement in order to better identify the needs of the community. A motion was made to adjourn the public hearing at 7:44 pm. Tibor/Torres MCU

Members present at the meeting were; Mayor Grant Walth, Council members; Chester Brandt, Harvey Tibor, Steven Dittus, Michael Coots, and Pat Mischel. Also present at the meeting; City Supervisor Jim Raaf, Assistant City Supervisor and Building Inspector Mike Jensen, Jane Brandt of the Hebron Herald, Auditor Erin McCutchan, and City Attorney Scott Solem. Visitors present; Jason Gerving of AE2S, Chris Staiger, and Darlene Schreiner.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:46 pm.

The June 10th regular council meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Tibor/Dittus MCU

June vouchers were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Torres/Coots MCU.

Six building permits were reviewed. Building Inspector Jensen stated that most permits were for small items such as decks and fences, however one permit Inspector Jensen stated that he had stopped construction as the owner was building within the setbacks and a variance must be applied for before construction can continue.

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

The police report was reviewed.

Resident Darlene Schreiner was present to voice concerns over her meter reading stating that she disagreed with the amount of water the meter stated was being used. Schreiner stated that she did not understand how her and her husband could be using 6000 gallons of water and do not have any leaks. She asked as to the possibility of the meter being faulty. City Supervisor Raaf stated that a meter cannot move without water flowing through it and if a meter is broken it does not read at all, so the meter readings would remain the same. Raaf presented the meter book to council stating that he believes the readings are accurate. Auditor McCutchan stated that she would inform Schreiner as to the date the meter is going to be read so she can read her meter on the same day as well to check any discrepancies.

City Engineer Jason Gerving was present. Gerving stated that he was working with Auditor McCutchan on the USDA grant. Gerving also stated that a contractor from Dickinson would be coming in to fix the cement around the manhole cover on Park Street and to fix the low lying area in front of the Brick City Bar. Gerving will be meeting with Supervisor Raaf to discuss water lines on the south side of Hebron to look into applying for a surge grant.

Supervisor Raaf stated that a permit for the fire hydrant was sent off for approval from the Morton County Highway Department to allow a water line to be dug through the county right of way just south of the Brick City Motel to install a fire hydrant. Raaf is waiting for the approval from the County. Raaf also stated that he had spoken with Glasser Welding and Excavation about cutting the concrete retaining wall by Leutz Dental office to move the driveway. Raaf stated that an 8 foot section would be removed and he is waiting to hear the cost estimate.

Discussion was held concerning what the cost of having the lots surveyed at the clinic building would be to indicate exactly where the property line is. City Engineer Gerving stated he had spoken to Todd Norton of AE2S and

Norton stated that he would charge hourly to survey the property not exceeding \$1650. Gerving stated that if any property close by had been recently surveyed the cost would most likely decrease as it would be less time to locate survey points to work off of. A motion was made by Councilman Tibor, seconded by Councilman Brandt, to approve the survey of the lots at the clinic building. Upon roll call vote; Tibor-aye, Brandt-aye, Torres-aye, Mischel-aye, Dittus-aye, Coots-nay. MC

Discussion was held concerning the old lumber yard building on Main Street. Assistant Supervisor Jensen had met with the contractors that were hired by the owner to secure the roof. The contractors pinned down the metal sheets on the roof so they are now secure and will not pose a threat.

Auditor McCutchan presented council with the preliminary budget. McCutchan stated that the budget portfolio members had met and gone through the budget the only item left in question was employee raises. McCutchan presented a proposal stating current wages for each employee and what the wages would be with a 3% increase or a 5% increase. Councilman Dittus asked as to what the employees received last year, McCutchan stated that employees received a 3% cost of living increase last year. Dittus stated that he believed employees should receive the same this year as well. A motion was made to approve the preliminary budget for the year 2020. Coots/Mischel MCU

A motion was made to approve the Brick City Bar's liquor transfer for the Saddle Club Bull Riding event. Torres/Tibor MCU

A motion was made to approve the Brick City Bar's liquor transfer for the Jason Tibor wedding reception. Mischel/Tibor MCU

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm Torres/Tibor MCU.

These minutes are being published subject to review and revision of the governing board.

Grant Walth

Mayor

Erin McCutchan

City Auditor