

City Council Meeting  
Hebron Community Center  
February 12<sup>th</sup> 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Members present at the meeting were; Mayor Grant Walth, Council members; Chester Brandt, Harvey Tibor, Steven Dittus, Michael Coots, Jim Staiger. Also present at the meeting; City Supervisor Jim Raaf, Building Inspector Joe Reinbold, Auditor Erin Brink, Deputy Auditor Roxane Walth, City Attorney Scott Solem, and City Engineer Adam Isakson, Deputy Krizan. Visitors included Donna Schneider. Not Present at the meeting was Council member Rebecca Heinle

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The January 8<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them.

Brandt/Dittus MCU

January vouchers were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Staiger/Tibor MCU

There were no building permits for the month of January.

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

The police report was reviewed.

There was no court report.

Hebron resident Donna Schneider was present to request the donation of the use of the City Hall for the Schaff Benefit on March 24<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made to approve the donation of the City Hall for the benefit, the deposit will be held in accordance to the rental agreement. Tibor/Staiger MCU

City Engineer Isakson discussed with Council different funding options for the water tower. He advised council that the best 3 options for funding would come from the State Water Commission, the USDA, or CDGB. Isakson stated that the application to the State Water Commission would merely put Hebron on a list for potential projects for funding from 2019 through 2021. Councilman Coots stated that he had spoken to the company that currently services Hebron's water tower as to possibly reinforcing the footings rather than total replacement. Coots stated that the information he received was that the footings can be encased to reinforce them, however that only increases the life span roughly 10 years, as the tower is 100 years old. Coots stated that a more detailed estimate of the cost of replacement should be reviewed before applying for consideration of the project. A motion was made by Councilman Dittus to allow Isakson to apply to be put on the list for consideration for grant money from the State Water Commission with a more detailed estimate of the cost of replacement of the water tower. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tibor, upon roll call vote; Dittus-aye, Tibor-aye, Brandt-aye, Staiger-aye, Coots-nay.

Hebron Public Library employee Jodiann Newton was present to request a raise in salary. Upon discussion the Council agreed to give her a raise of \$8.50 per hour. Brandt/Staiger MCU

The second reading for Ordinance 18-01 to increase water rates was read. Two changes were made to exclude the clause referring to certified mail as the form of notification for delinquent payments, as this method has not been used in some time. Also removing the MW surcharge from the billing was second change made to the ordinance. A motion was made to approve the second reading. Dittus/Coots MCU

A letter was received from Linda Morris Morton County Tax Director requesting the Board of Equalization meet on Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm as she would not be able to meet earlier as she will be at another meeting. A motion was made to approve the Board of Equalization Meeting to be held April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Brandt/Coots MCU

Two liquor license transfers were received from the Brick City Bar. The first transfer is for the Gathering of the Green event on March 10<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made to approve the transfer. Staiger/Tibor MCU

The second transfer is for the Schaff Benefit scheduled March 24<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made to approve the transfer. Dittus/Tibor MCU

The Auditor requested a 20% enterprise fund move to cover the deficit in the community hall fund and the library fund. The auditor explained that the enterprise funds are the water, sewer, garbage, and surcharge funds and the state allows up to 20% of these funds to be moved. A motion was made to approve the fund move. Brandt/Tibor MCU

Permission was requested to cut the check for \$900,000 to the Bank of North Dakota. A motion was made to allow payment. Brandt/Tibor MCU

The Auditor presented Council with the yearly financial statement ending on December 31, 2017. The statement will be published in the Hebron Herald. A motion was made to approve the yearly financial statement. Tibor Dittus MCU

The Auditor stated that there are four positions up for election which include the Mayor position and 3 council positions. She stated that the petition of nomination forms and the statement of interest forms are available for anyone to pick up at the Auditor's office.

Mayor Walth updated Council on the status of the warning siren as it has not been operational. He stated that he has received from Morton County Emergency Management a siren at no cost to the City, however, the city would be responsible for running power to the siren and the pole that the siren would be fixed to. Discussion was held concerning cracks on the pavement on Main Avenue. Councilman Tibor stated that he had seen cracks running from the concrete man holes. He asked Isakson if this is covered under warranty to have the cracks sealed. Isakson stated he would take a look at the cracks and that he believed this would be covered under warranty.

A motion was made to adjourn the regular Council meeting at 7:55 pm. Tibor/Staiger MCU.

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Grant Walth                      Mayor

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Erin Brink                      City  
Auditor