

City Council Meeting  
Hebron Community Center  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Members present at the meeting were; Mayor Grant Walth, council members; Chester Brandt, Harvey Tibor, Ray Torres, and Pat Mischel. Also present at the meeting; Assistant Supervisor Mike Jensen, Jane Brandt of the Hebron Herald, City Auditor Erin Brink, City Attorney Scott Solem, and Morton County Deputy Jason Krizan. Not present Councilman Steve Dittus. Visitors present; Doug Rebel

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

The February 11th regular council meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them.  
Coots/Torres MCU

February vouchers were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the vouchers. Coots/Tibor MCU

There was one building permit for the month of February which was reviewed by council. A motion was made to approve the building permit. Coots/Tibor MCU

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

The police report from February was reviewed.

There was no court report.

Doug Rebel was present to discuss the concrete driveway apron that is to the large overhead door on the Rebel Repair building. Rebel stated that the concrete was not replaced properly and a large gap is present that allows snow and water to run under the overhead door. Council stated that they had been aware, according to the City Engineer that multiple attempts had been made to coordinate a time for the contractors to replace the concrete, as no one had been there to open the door the first time the concrete was poured. The engineer had stated that the concrete had been replaced and was replaced correctly. The council will be looking into the matter further. The second item discussed was the curb just to the east of the Rebel Repair building. Rebel stated that before the street project a driveway was at the location and once completed the driveway had been removed and sidewalk and high back curb in its place. Rebel stated that it has been a year since the issue had been brought to council and he would like to see it resolved. Council stated that they do not recall agreeing to have a driveway put back in the location but will have Auditor Brink look back in the minutes and recordings from prior meetings. Councilman Coots asked as to why such a length of time had passed without bringing this to Council. Rebel stated that he thought the repairs had been done over the last summer and were not. Council stated that the auditor will look through the minutes to find if there was an agreement made to replace the driveway apron. Council tabled the discussion until it can be looked into further.

Assistant Supervisor Mike Jensen was present to discuss the recent water break. Currently the water is shut off at the property where the break occurred. Jensen stated that due to the curb stop being frozen roughly a two block area had to be shut off which included the Hebron School. Jensen stated that when the plumber is able to get to the property to fix the pipes the same area including the school will need to be shut off if the curb stop at the property is still frozen and cannot be turned off. Jensen stated that the city would try and work out with the plumber a weekend day to shut the water off as to not disrupt the school.

Southwest water rates were discussed. Councilman Coots stated that he had looked into different rates and concluded that the city would need to increase the rate to match the increase of \$0.80 from Southwest Water. Coots stated that the increase would raise the minimum water fee from \$18.00 to \$19.60 and \$9.80 per thousand gallons after the minimum of 2000 gallons. The first reading of ordinance 19-01 to increase the water rates was heard. A motion was made to approve the first reading. Coots/Torres MCU

Two interested parties had applied for the City Building Inspector position. A motion was made to appoint Michael Jensen as the city building inspector. Torres/Coots

Auditor Brink stated that a liquor transfer for the Gathering of the Green event had been approved for March 9<sup>th</sup>; however, the event was rescheduled due to weather. Auditor Brink asked that the council approve the transfer for the new date of March 16<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made to approve the liquor transfer for March 16<sup>th</sup>. Mischel/Tibor MCU. Brink stated that a question had been brought to her about a property. The previous owners of the property had a shed that appears to be on city property; the current owners would like to replace the shed and were looking at the possibility of buying the property from the city. Brink stated that upon researching she found that the property in question is a platted city street. Council stated that a formal request to vacate the street would be needed.

The question was brought to Assistant Supervisor Jensen as to if anything can be done with the Community Center's kitchen door, as it has been increasingly difficult to get the door open. Jensen stated that he will remove the threshold and once the weather warms up will replace the broken concrete.

A motion was made to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:47 pm. Torres/Coots MCU.  
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Grant Walth

Mayor

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Erin Brink

City Auditor