

MINUTES, HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M. by Mayor Keith Swenson at the Henderson Community Meeting Room. Present were Council Members George Scheffler, Dan Reiman, Julie Determan, and Lamona Phillips. Also present were Henderson Independent Newspaper Editor Garrett J. Brenno, Les Mediger, Matt Brand and Taylor Kahlow.

Motion Swenson, seconded Scheffler to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Matt Brand from the I & S Group presented bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant demolition project. There were a total of 18 bids received with bid totals ranging from \$9850.00 to \$79,130.00. The engineer's estimated cost was \$77,000. Brand recommended the low bid from Dulas Excavating of Wells, Minnesota for \$9850.00 be accepted. The project is expected to be completed by February 15, 2009.

Motion Reiman seconded Phillips to approve the Dulas bid as recommended. Motion carried.

City Administrator reported that the chassis for the 2500 gallon tanker/pumper has been completed and the truck should be ready to be picked up in February of 2009. The final order for the 3500 gallon tanker will be placed in January of 2009 assuming financing can be secured. He also discussed the status of Oak View Heights Second Addition (no construction or planning activities going on, first TIF payments on full value of lots due in 2009 as well as repayment on assessments) project; a DNR inspection of the compost site; MRVPUC status and financing (rates to be set in January of 2009); delinquent loans and utilities and the revised audit services proposal.

Motion Swenson, seconded Reiman to accept the proposal from Abdo, Eick and Meyers as revised. Motion carried.

Motion Swenson, seconded Phillips to certify any delinquent utility accounts over 70 days past due and over \$150 to Sibley County for collection with the 2009 taxes. Motion carried.

No action on delinquent loans, they will be further reviewed in January of 2009.

Mayor Swenson reported on the legislative meeting in St. Paul related to local government aid cuts. The cuts to Henderson should be known shortly, any resulting changes in the 2009 budget will be reviewed in January.

Motion Reiman, seconded Phillips to approve the following city bills:

BOB KOTASEK SOD	\$550.00
CHESTER ALDRICH	\$30.00
DETERMAN MASONRY	\$400.00
FRONTIER COMM.	\$560.30
HENDERSON INDEPENDENT	\$230.00
LANO EQUIPMENT OF	\$38.10
LAWNPRO	\$273.75
LES TRIMBO	\$46.80
LON BERBERICH	\$215.32
M.A.A.C., INC	\$1,800.00
MVTL LABORATORIES, INC.	\$110.25
NAPA AUTO PARTS ARLINGTON	\$42.13
NELSON & JONES LDT	\$872.78
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS	\$874.09
OFFICE ETC...	\$78.79
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC	\$2.90
RANDALL TIEGS	\$74.88
SUNRAM CONSTRUCTION INC	\$2,883.55
TARPS	\$656.59
TOM FRAUENDIENST	\$175.00
WELLS FARGOBROKERAGE	\$20,047.08
BOYER FORD TRUCKS, INC	\$53.25
BUSINESS FORMS AND	\$68.69
CATV LE SUEUR HENDERSON	\$756.00
EXCEL ENERGY	\$4,239.56
HENDERSON FIRE RELIEF	\$10,287.00
LANO EQUIPMENT OF	\$831.13
METRO WEST INSPECTION	\$37.50
MINN DEPT OF HEALTH-MDH	\$578.00
MINNESOTA ELEVATOR INC.	\$406.01
MN VALLEY ELECTRIC	\$83.00
PAUL NELSON	\$145.35
RIVERVALLEY TRUCKING	\$1,085.00
SIBLEY COUNTY ASSESSOR	\$4,800.00
SOUTH CENTRAL TECH. COLLEGE	\$692.00
THE MASTER'S SERVANT	\$370.16 (Reiman abstained from voting on this bill)
TRUE VALUE	\$158.12
VALLEY NATIONAL GASES	\$153.34
WAGARS RED OWL 12/17/2008	\$527.22
WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$5,629.16
Y-NOT PLUMBING & HEATING	\$113.00

Motion carried.

Motion Swenson, seconded Scheffler to adopt Resolution 2008-11 authorizing paying for service from The Master's Servant for \$370.16. Motion carried 4-0 with Council Member Reiman abstaining.

Review of 2008 fund and cash balances. If all expected accounts receivable are realized by the end of the year the expected year end cash balance of all funds will be approximately \$55,000.

The mayor and city council reviewed the proposed 2009 budget and tax levy as presented by the city administrator.

Motion Determan, seconded Swenson to approve Resolution 2008-12 adopting the 2009 budget (A summary of salaries and benefits for full and part time employees was included as part of this budget approval. These compensation amounts may be adjusted as needed throughout the year as budget and cash flow needs change. Allocations for compensation paid in the utility accounts will be adjusted accordingly as budget, rates and needs are reviewed and possibly modified in 2009.). Motion carried.

Motion Scheffler, seconded Determan to approve Resolution 2008-13 adopting the 2009 tax levy. Motion carried.

Council Member Phillips asked whether there was a problem with the siren/whistle at the city garage. It has not consistently been blown at noon and 9 P.M. recently. The matter will be discussed with city staff and remedied if possible.

Mayor Swenson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lon Berberich
City Clerk