

MINUTES, HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Keith Swenson at the Henderson Community Meeting Room. Present were Council Members George Scheffler, Dan Reiman, Les Mediger and Lamona Phillips. Also present were Henderson Independent Newspaper Editor Garrett J. Brenno, Police Chief Chester Aldrich, Randy Tiegs, Brandon Phillips, Robert Lawrence, Greg Graham, Tim Nytes and Taylor Kahlow.

Motion Swenson, seconded Phillips to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Police Chief reported on monthly activities including traffic stops, domestic cases and altercation at Charlie's with multiple arrests.

Review of pick-up for new fire truck, fire call collection procedure, township fire service agreements and local ordinance enforcement with members of the Henderson Fire Department.

City Administrator reported on MNDOT landscape agreement; utility rate increase cost projections; next meeting with financial presentations; League of Minnesota Cities correspondence and information; Office of Energy correspondence; workers compensation proposals (city council decided not to participate in worker's compensation for themselves); Municipal Street District establishment and Clean Water Act workshop (March 6) in Mankato.

Motion Phillips, seconded Reiman to approve the Landscape grant agreement as presented with the State of Minnesota. Motion carried.

Motion Phillips, seconded Mediger to approve Resolution 2009-02 requesting state authority to establish a street improvement district.

Scheffler reported that the City of Le Sueur will be keeping ½ of the cable franchise fees (the City of Henderson plans to do the same).

People have reported they have trouble hearing at the Henderson City Council meetings. This will be reported to Kathy Johnson.

Mayor Swenson reported on attendance of his first meeting of the Le Sueur-Henderson Community Education committee. Outgoing Henderson representative George Scheffler was recognized with a plaque for his years of service.

Mediger reported that community members have expressed interest in donating \$200 to repair the timer for the siren at the city garage. Further discussions will be held after it is found out whether the donation will still be provided if the timer is set for only 12 P.M. rather than 12 P.M. and 9 P.M.

Mediger also asked about what the plans are for repairing Oak Street (PUC members will try to get clarifications at their next meeting) and when leveling will be done at the treatment plant and who will do it (city staff are scheduled to complete the work which will be done later in the spring-Swenson suggested that it be roughed in while the ground is frozen).

Review of financial information including past interest payments of warrants and fund balances.

Motion Swenson, seconded Reiman to start the March 11, 2009 meeting at 5:45 P.M. to view the new fire vehicle (The city auditor will make his presentation at the March 11 meeting and the Ehlers will make their presentations later in the meeting.). Motion carried.

Mayor Swenson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lon Berberich
City Clerk