

MINUTES, HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008

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, Lamona Phillips and Julie Determan. Also present was Henderson Independent Newspaper Editor Garrett J. Brenno, Rod Schumacher, Robert Lawrence, Brandon Phillips, Mike and Cheryl Chaves and Taylor Kahlow.

Motion Reiman, seconded Determan to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Police Chief reported on monthly activities including continuance granted on day care center case, discussions with skate borders and use of private property and status of current investigations.

Meeting called to order on alley vacation in Block 73. Review of area map and characteristics and comparison made to similar properties and prior requests followed by a discussion on actions. Motion Determan, seconded Scheffler to grant the vacation. Voting for: Scheffler, Determan; against Phillips, Reiman; abstain Swenson. Motion did not carry.

Mike and Cheryl Chaves appeared before the council to discuss the status of their existing lease in Block 80 in a current flowage easement area owned by the city. They have cleaned up the area and the only vehicles parked in the area belong to Mike Chaves per the agreement. No action taken, but monitoring will continue.

Rod Schumacher from I & S Engineering Group went over their revised public space needs study and change in scope of the project.

Motion Swenson, seconded Phillips to approve the revised scope of work for the public building space needs plan and enter into a contract for services with I & S Group. Motion carried.

Robert Lawrence and Brandon Phillips representing the Henderson Fire Department presented information regarding personnel. Motion Swenson, seconded Reiman to accept the retirement letter from James Kroehler effective immediately. Motion carried.

Motion Swenson, seconded Scheffler to approve the application of Timothy Nytes as submitted and appoint him as a new member of the Henderson Fire Department effective as soon as he satisfactorily completes all the requirements per the policy. Motion carried.

There are now 20 total members of the Henderson Fire Department.

Within the next month the representatives from the Henderson Fire Department will present specifications for a new vehicle.

City Administrator reported on Planscape workshop May 28 from 4-9 P.M.; utility penalty and late charge adjustments from January 1 of 2008; I & S mapping project; treatment plant decommissioning status (sub contract to Braun Intertec to do Hazardous Material Inspection); employee reviews to be held May 21; pumping station inspections and repair quotation from Braun Pump; CapX2020 correspondence; Ehlers correspondence; Frontier customer appreciation day; LMCIT report, internal controls and bond refinance things (postpone until later).

Motion Swenson, seconded Reiman to approve the property declaration relating to the MRVPUC water water treatment plant and collection system project. Motion carried.

Motion Reiman, seconded Scheffler to not charge the 1% late penalty on utility accounts from January 20-April 20 2008. The 1% late charge for overdue accounts will go into effect with the bills due in May of 2008. Motion carried.

Motion Swenson, seconded Phillips to accept the proposal from Braun Pump and Control to make repairs/improvements to the north and south station civil defense pump stations. Motion carried.

Motion Swenson, seconded Phillips to approve the internal controls general accounting policies and practices document as presented. Motion carried.

Motion Determan, seconded Phillips to approve the application of Kristine Knoll to use Allanson's Park on June 7, 2008 for a graduation. Motion carried.

Determan discussed delinquent Hoff loan, Swenson will report on this matter at a later meeting.

Mayor Swenson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lon Berberich
City Clerk