

MINUTES, HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Tim Nytes at the community meeting room. Present were council members Randall Tiegs, George Scheffler, Kelly Braun and Les Mediger. Also in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Rannow Jr. and Cameron; Rod Schumacher, Troy Koester and James Brenno

Motion Scheffler, seconded Braun to approve the minutes from the January 12 meeting and February 2 workshop/meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Nytes had previously proclaimed the week of February 7 to be Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week in the City of Henderson and presented a proclamation relating to this Cameron Rannow

Rod Schumacher from I & S Engineering went over their proposal for doing a study relating to the interconnection of the water system with the City of Le Sueur. He answered questions and indicated the numbers provided in the proposal were good for about 3 months. Grant funding opportunities/legislative research will be explored to pay for this study.

Motion Nytes, seconded Mediger to table the proposal. Voting in favor Braun, Scheffler, Nytes and Mediger; opposed Tiegs-motion carried 4-1.

City Administrator Berberich reported on cable tv consent resolution; ambulance agreement (contact changes will be discussed at an upcoming Ambulance Commission meeting), Sibley/Renville fiber project (there appears to be no interest in continuing to pursue entering into a joint powers agreement at this time-Mark Erickson will be notified of this by email); League of Cities updated legislative information and updated flood information (NWS reports due out on February 17 and March 3; Henderson Emergency Management Director Tom Phillips will be at the March 9 city council meeting to provide an update.).

Motion Scheffler, seconded Tiegs to approve the consent resolution related to cable tv (resolution 2011-3). Motion carried.

Scheffler reported on the meeting on MRVPUC February 8 meeting and that there have been meetings with the CEO of Bolton and Menk relating to the project. The plant appears to be running well. They are working on identifying any problems throughout the system and coming up with comprehensive solutions. Also, there will be an open house scheduled in the near future.

Mayor Nytes discussed the Hilltop MNCS charter status with Troy Koester making comments as well. Nytes also reported on the status of the solar sign that MNDOT will install on Highway 19 on the east edge of Henderson.

Bills with descriptions and the end of January financial report were reviewed. Motion Tiegs, seconded Nytes to approve the following city bills:

ABDO EICK & MEYERS		LON BERBERICH	
\$4,000.00		\$44.88	
AGRI-FLEET		MENARDS-MANKATO	
\$141.48		\$71.47	
ARLINGTON ANIMAL CLINIC		MINN DEPT OF HEALTH-LICENSE	
\$166.50		\$129.80	
CATV LE SUEUR HENDERSON		MINNESOTA DNR-OMB	
\$1,993.93		\$188.00	
CHESTER ALDRICH		MN PUBLIC FACILITIES	
\$941.09		\$25,665.25	
CITY OF LE SUEUR		MN RURAL WATER ASSOC.	
\$1,500.00		\$175.00	
CITY OF LESUEUR-MRVPUC		MN Valley Electric	
\$4,000.00		\$1,499.22	
CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIPMENT		NAPA AUTO PARTS OF LE SUEUR	
\$111.90		\$59.28	
DENZER'S VALLEY AG.	\$38.63	NELSON & JONES LDT	\$2,057.38
DISTEL GRAIN SYSTEMS, INC		NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS	
\$13.36		\$1,867.85	
EHLERS & ASSOCIATES	\$47.50	OFFICE ETC .	
EMERGENCY APPARATUS		\$80.87	
\$755.72		SCHAEFFERS	
EXCEL ENERGY		\$376.03	
\$4,501.25		SEH	
FRONTIER COMM.		\$338.90	
\$549.74		SIBLEY COUNTY TREASURER	
GRAINGER		\$3,853.65	
\$74.55		TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	
GREG MEYER		\$33.29	
\$75.00		TOM FRAUENDIENST	
HAWKINS INC.		\$175.00	
\$4,187.41		TRUE VALUE	
HENDERSON FIRE RELIEF		\$651.01	
\$918.00		VALLEY NATIONAL GASES	
HENDERSON INDEPENDENT		\$141.53	
\$360.54		WACONIA FARM SUPPLY	
KNUJ		\$393.99	
\$88.00		WAGARS RED OWL	
CORNER DRUG		\$1,400.06	
\$527.07		WASTE MANAGEMENT OF	\$263.23

Motion carried.

Motion Braun, seconded Scheffler to approve the January end of month financial report as submitted. Motion carried.

Council Member Tiegs talked about reducing spending and that with his position on the budget/finance/audit committee it was difficult to do anything about reducing expenses while reviewing bills because the expense had already been made and a payment due. He asked that departments go through their budgets and make reductions where possible and have them submitted by the March 2 workshop/meeting. Council Member Braun indicated these reductions should be looked at in all departments and that no one has a position for sure. At the March workshop/meeting Mayor Nytes asked city council members to present and be prepared to discuss their goals. Mayor Nytes indicated he will do research into human resource related things though League of Minnesota Cities staff/website.

The revised meeting schedule was distributed (it was later posted and sent out via email). The April 6 workshop will include an inspection of city lands and building and will begin after the Board of Equalization meeting (scheduled to begin at 1:00 P.M. that day). No official business is expected to be transacted.

Mayor Nytes adjourned the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lon Berberich
City Clerk