

Meeting/workshop called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Tim Nytes at the community meeting room. Present were Council Members Randall Tiegs, Kelly Braun, George Scheffler and Les Mediger; also present were James Brenno, Paul Menne, Lindsey Dhaene, Scott Hornaman, Les Trimbo and Police Chief Chester Aldrich.

The Personnel Committee provided written recommendations that current Henderson Fire Chief Brandon Phillips be reappointed to the position and 5 new members be appointed to the Henderson Fire Department.

Motion Scheffler, seconded Braun to reappoint Brandon Phillips as the Chief of the Henderson Fire Department. Motion carried 3-0 with Braun, Mediger and Scheffler voting yes and Tiegs and Nytes abstaining.

Motion Braun, seconded Mediger to appoint Joe Dzelak, Eric Helgerson, Dan Nytes, Dana Bauman and Justin Bittner as members to the Henderson Fire Department per the criteria, procedures and qualifications as described in the Henderson City Code. Motion carried 3-0 with Braun, Mediger and Scheffler voting yes and Tiegs and Nytes abstaining.

The Personnel Committee also reported on other discussions it has had at 3 recent meetings and presented information relating to future items to consider on March 23 (second meeting needed in March due to the 2010 audit presentation) including changing the scheduled work weeks and city office operations, freezing compensation and eliminating positions.

Motion Nytes, seconded Mediger to schedule a meeting for March 23, 2011 starting at 7 P.M. for presentation of the 2010 audit and discussion on Hilltop issues, Henderson Fire Department officer appointments and the items presented in the Personnel Committee memorandum including changing the scheduled work weeks and city office operations, freezing compensation and eliminating positions. Voting in favor Nytes, Scheffler, Braun, and Mediger; opposed Tiegs; Motion carried 4-1.

Council Member Tiegs reported that the revised Ambulance Agreement was being discussed tonight at a commission meeting.

The Utility Committee presented a list of 15 delinquent accounts they are recommending to be disconnected. They also reported on 2 applications for discontinuance of service from the water and sanitary sewer system.

Motion Nytes, seconded Mediger to begin the disconnection process for the 15 delinquent City of Henderson utility accounts. Motion carried.

Mayor Nytes reported on the fiber project; status of Hilltop (Paul Menne added his comments- There is a 2011 Le Sueur-Henderson School Board meeting (LS-H) Monday, March 7 that all are urged to attend; a notice will be posted that a quorum of the Henderson City Council may be present at the March 7 LS-H school board meeting.); safety update; and a request for a Henderson City Council member to attend Henderson Chamber of Commerce meetings (Council Member Randall Tiegs volunteered).

Motion Nytes, seconded Braun to not enter into the joint powers agreement for the Sibley/Renville fiber project. Motion carried.

Berberich presented updated NWS flood information, League of Cities worker's compensation information and a lease application for the use of Bender Park submitted by the Henderson Fire Department Relief Association.

Motion Tiegs, seconded Scheffler to continue contracting with the League of Minnesota Cities for worker's compensation insurance coverage at the \$0 deductible rate. Motion carried.

Motion Scheffler, seconded Braun to approve the application of the Henderson Fire Department Relief Association to lease Bender Park for a bingo event. Motion carried 3-0 with Mediger, Scheffler and Braun voting yes and Tiegs and Nytes abstaining.

Scott Hornaman (recommended no changes in Street Department) and Chester Aldrich provided input on the 2011 budget, insight into how their departments operate, answered questions and reviewed possible reductions. The full expenditure budget except for debt service was reviewed.

Mayor Nytes and members of the city council presented and discussed current and future goals with additional discussion on various items following. No action was taken.

The meeting schedule was reviewed and revised where needed. In the future it is hoped meetings the first Wednesday of each month will be workshop only with no voting actions taken.

Mayor Nytes adjourned the meeting at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lon Berberich  
City Clerk