

MINUTES, HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Keith Swenson at the Henderson Community Meeting Room (meeting was shown live on the cable tv access channel for the first time). Present were Council Members George Scheffler, Lamona Phillips, Dan Reiman and Julie Determan. Also present were Henderson Independent Newspaper Editor Garrett J. Brenno, Police Chief Chester Aldrich, Rod Schumacher, Cathy Johnson and Taylor Kahlow.

Motion Reiman, seconded Scheffler to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Police Chief reported on monthly activities.

Review of proposals for providing architectural services for the fire hall expansion project.

Motion Reiman, seconded Phillips to appoint a committee composed of 3 representatives selected by the Henderson Fire Chief, the Chair of the Henderson Area Fire Commission, one member of the Henderson Area Fire Commission and one member of the Henderson Heritage Preservation Commission. The Mayor, Fire Chief and Administrator would be ex officio members of this committee. Tasks of the committee include developing a short and long term plan for improvements, expansion and financing for the fire hall and recommending selecting an architectural firm and other necessary professionals as needed. Motion carried.

Reiman presented information and options as developed by the Henderson Fire Department for the purchase of a new pumper fire truck. These options were recently presented to the Henderson fire district township boards at their annual meetings.

After discussion the consensus of the city council was that developing a finance plan for purchase of the fire pumper truck should take priority over fire hall expansion and would be looked at for the 2009 budget year. Financing for expansion to the fire hall may not be able to be included in the budget until 2010 pending the findings of the committee established above.

City Administrator reported on employee staffing (Bruner will continue as full time employee); Department of Revenue correspondence (Determan and Scheffler will look at attending assessment training sessions in Mankato March 17); liquor license status at 514 Main street (application pending); I & S mapping project; sesquicentennial meeting on March 13 in Gaylord and city audit updates (presentation March 26).

MRVPUC members reported on recent activities including project schedule and finances. City staff should look at closing 4th and Oak Streets until later in the year.

Motion Swenson, seconded Determan to approve the following city bills

A & N RADIATOR REPAIR	\$278.25
ABDO EICK & MEYERS	\$11,000.00
ALBERT LEA TRIBUNE	\$130.00
ALPHA WIRELES COMM. CO.	\$68.00
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS	\$2,340.03
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	\$358.64
BUSINESS FORMS AND	\$158.44
CHESTER ALDRICH	\$30.00
DIAMOND CUSTOM CABINETRY,	\$2,560.00
DISTEL GRAIN SYSTEMS, INC	\$7.03
DVORAK EXCAVATING INC.	\$520.00
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	\$575.66
ETTERMAN ENTERPRISES	\$32.78
EXCEL ENERGY	\$6,070.78
FRONTIER COMM.	\$1,073.36
HEIMAN INC	\$74.12
HENDERSON INDEPENDENT	\$43.13
HENDERSON SAUERKRAUT	\$25.00
J.R. BRUENDER CONST. INC.	\$102.65
LES MEDIGAR	\$27.56
MARYS FLOWERS	\$26.58
MIDWEST FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$6.30
MN VALLEY ELECTRIC	\$105.00
MVTL LABORATORIES, INC.	\$82.50
NAPA AUTO PARTS ARLINGTON	\$246.70
NELSON & JONES LDT	\$1,562.45
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS	\$4,932.01
OFFICE ETC...	\$64.93
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC	\$1.45
PRAIRIE TRAIL ELECTRIC	\$487.75
REYNOLDS WELDING SUPPLY	\$33.11
SCHRADER'S LAW ENFORC.	\$150.00
SOUTH CENTRAL TECH. COLLEGE	\$1,478.60
TOM FRAUENDIENST	\$175.00
TRUE VALUE	\$1,026.89

WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$5,420.23
WELLS FARGOBROKERAGE	\$11,214.30
WERNER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	\$185.56
CITY OF LE SUEUR	\$256,639.46
CITY OF LE SUEUR	\$58,519.68

Motion carried.

Determan discussed setting a clean-up date/week at the next meeting.

Mayor Swenson reported on the SEDCO meeting held in Henderson on March 11.

Phillips asked about what was being done with our old meters and if there was any salvage value; city staff will report back.

Swenson noted to remind city staff to keep the streets clear of ice.

Mayor Swenson adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lon Berberich
City Clerk