

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Tim Nytes at the community meeting room. Present were council members George Scheffler, Kelly Braun and Les Mediger. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chester Aldrich, Financial Advisor Todd Hagen, Emergency Management Director Tom Phillips, approximately 35 additional local residents (list provided upon request) and James Brenno.

Motion Scheffler, seconded Braun to approve the minutes from the February 9 meeting and March 2 workshop/meeting. Motion carried.

There was a review of the police chief's monthly report.

Financial Advisor Todd Hagen from Ehlers and Associates presented information on 2011A \$450,000 general obligation tax anticipation certificates financing. Two bids were received.

Motion Braun, seconded Mediger to adopt Resolution 2011-04 approving the sale of the 2011A Tax Anticipation Certificate for \$450,000 to Profinium Financial of Fairmont, Minnesota with a net interest rate of 2.89%. Motion unanimously carried 4-0.

Emergency Management Director Tom Phillips provided an update to 2011 possible flooding scenarios. The next forecast is not due out until March 24. Depending on weather conditions the consensus was to move forward with any disaster declarations if and when the conditions made this declaration necessary. Mr. Phillips may be at the March 23 meeting if necessary.

City Administrator Berberich reported recommendations for approving the insurance liability coverage waiver; League of Cities Legislative conference on March 24 (attendance will be discussed at the March 23 meeting) and the status of funding for 2010 FEMA disaster declarations.

Motion Nytes, seconded Scheffler to approve the insurance liability waiver as presented. Motion carried.

Scheffler and Braun reported on the March 8 Minnesota River Valley Public Utilities Committee (MRVPUC) meeting.

The MRVPUC purchased flood insurance, the plant seems to be working all right, and daily operations are continuing to be monitored closely.

Braun discussed the recent (March 7) LS-H school board meeting and stated that the meeting was very well attended and Henderson residents did a great job. Doug Thomas provided his comments as well-various options are being discussed and an update will be provided by mostly March 23. Terry Bovee stated he felt the Henderson City Council should take a leadership role on this matter.

Mayor Nytes reported that he is taking the following actions:

He recommends removing Council Member Les Mediger from the Personnel Committee and replacing him with Tim Nytes

He recommends removing Kelly Braun from the Minnesota River Valley Public Utilities Commission and replacing him with Les Mediger.

Motion Nytes, seconded Mediger to approve the above recommendation. Motion carried.

Mayor Nytes then reported he is dismissing the previously submitted March 2 Personnel Committee recommendation related to changing work schedules and city office operations, freezing compensation and eliminating positions and that this item is subsequently removed from the March 23, 2011 meeting agenda.

Council Member Braun provided comments on the dismissed recommendation and explained the rationale for some of the language. Members of the audience attempted to voice their concerns related to Braun's comments but Mayor Nytes dismissed them as well.

Mayor Nytes reported that changing the official meeting date to the 3rd Wednesday of the month may be brought up as an ordinance change on March 23.

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

ABDO EICK & MEYERS	\$8,000.00
ALPHA WIRELESS COMM. CO.	\$127.27
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS	\$2,341.80
BUSINESS FORMS AND	\$172.65
CHESTER ALDRICH	\$775.40
CITY OF LE SUEUR	\$3,472.33
CITY OF LESUEUR-MRVPUC	\$4,061.89
CRYTEEL TRUCK EQUIPMENT	\$279.80
DICK COLLINS	\$90.00
DOUBLE K ENTERPRISES LLC	\$690.00
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	\$387.63
ETTERMAN ENTERPRISES	\$51.00
EVOLUTION MEDIA & DESIGN,	\$900.00
EXCEL ENERGY	\$4,382.66
FRONTIER COMM.	\$573.32
JAMES BAUMANN	\$270.00
LEAGUE OF MINN CITIES	\$30.00
MEYER AUTO REPAIR	\$199.28
MN DEPT OF HEALTH- WATER	\$651.00

MN Valley Electric	\$1,382.74
MES-MIDAM	\$392.47
NAPA AUTO PARTS ARLINGTON	\$224.39
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF LE SUEUR	\$58.59
NELSON & JONES LDT	\$781.25
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS	\$1,432.95
GOHPER STATE ONE CALL	\$100.00
P.O.S.T.	\$90.00
RED FEATHER PAPER CO.	\$105.36
TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$17.60
TOM FRAUENDIENST	\$175.00
TRUE VALUE	\$924.45
US BANK	\$862.50
VALLEY NATIONAL GASES	\$14.54
WAGARS RED OWL	\$1,595.54
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF	\$231.23
WELLS FARGO	

Motion carried.

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

Council Member Mediger asked about the draft of the 2010 audit and financial report (It should be available next week-the auditors are working on revisions after city staff comments have been made; additional information was still be provided as of March 10, 2011.).

The revised meeting schedule was distributed (it was later posted). 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 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lon Berberich
City Clerk