

MINUTES, HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 09, 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, Lamona Phillips, Dan Reiman and Julie Determan. Also present were Henderson Independent Newspaper Editor Garrett J. Brenno, Rod Schumacher, Brad Potter, Dan Stueber, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Amanda Brunner and Taylor Kahlow.

Motion Swenson, seconded Determan to approve the minutes of the December 26, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Police Chief Chester Aldrich reported on monthly activity including an incident where probation was violated and the suspect arrested on Christmas Eve. Also, he discussed a call to a party where 7 minors were cited for underage drinking on New Year's Eve. Traffic was run January 9 for five hours with seven tickets issued.

Rod Schumacher, Brad Potter and Don Stueber of I&S Engineers & Architects, Inc., gave an introductory presentation of their firm. They have two locations in Mankato and Faribault with over 90 employees and are a full service firm. Questions from the city council with responses from I&S staff followed.

City Administrator reported on employee contracts: revolving loans delinquencies (city attorney will handle), special assessment and utility delinquencies and Oak View Heights project (Middle Homes, LLC is now the owner of the vacant lots in this subdivision).

Motion Swenson, seconded Determan to approve 2008 city employment status as discussed for 2008 as discussed. Motion carried.

Motion Reiman, seconded Determan to approve Resolution 2008-1 relating to Police Officer Eric Karels being accepted in the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan. Motion carried.

Delinquent payments for fire department fire calls were reviewed; delinquent township charges will be forwarded to the appropriate jurisdictions.

Delinquencies utility bills with balances over \$250 were reviewed. They need to be paid by January 15, 2008 or subsequent action will be taken.

Motion Swenson, seconded Phillips to instruct the city administrator to certify unpaid utility and fire calls charges as presented and discussed to the Sibley County Auditor where appropriate. Motion carried.

Dan Reiman talked about MRVPUC contractors and payments (contractors would like to receive their checks sooner).

Determan asked about the status of installation of shutters in the Henderson Community Meeting room; Brunner will contact Diamond Custom Cabinetry on availability.

Discussion on activities at the sliding hill and flooding of the skating rink; city staff will monitor.

Motion Swenson, seconded Reiman to approve the following city bills:

CITY OF LE SUEUR	\$20,260.04
CITY OF LE SUEUR	\$254,030.47
CITY OF LE SUEUR	\$69,891.03
BELLE PLAINE COOP.	\$15.00
BRASS TOP RESTAURANT, INC.	\$250.00
BRIGGS AND MORGAN	\$7,000.00
CATV LE SUEUR HENDERSON	\$756.00
CHESTER ALDRICH	\$30.00
CHIEFS CHOICE	\$272.73
CITY OF LE SUEUR	\$309,766.95
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	\$231.31
DRANTTEL SALES & SERVICES	\$3.99
EXCEL ENERGY	\$4,657.61
FIRE SAFETY U.S.A., INC	\$9,458.00
HENDERSON INDEPENDENT	\$303.50
LES TRIMBO	\$17.80
LON BERBERICH	\$49.84
MINN VALLEY ELECTRIC	\$111.00
MINNESOTA DEPT OF REVENUE	\$1,541.00
MN DNR WATERS	\$101.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS ARLINGTON	\$300.58
NELSON & JONES LDT	\$411.49
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS	\$2,093.08
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC	\$4.35
SEH	\$761.17
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TRUE VALUE	\$480.85
UNIFORMS UNLIMITED	\$456.35
WAGAR'S RED OWL	\$2,126.86
WARREN FELIX	\$17.80
WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$5,536.98
Y-NOT PLUMBING & HEATING	\$75.50
BELLE PLAINE COOP.	\$607.64
FIRST FARMERS & MERCHANTS	\$4,761.61
HOLIDAY INN DULUTH	\$411.36
MINN STATE FIRE CHIEFS	\$165.00
MINNESOTA ELEVATOR INC.	\$1,542.62
MINNESOTA STATE FIRE	\$108.00
MN CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOC.	\$275.00
MVTL LABORATORIES, INC.	\$91.24
RANDALL TIEGS	\$137.51
SCHAEFFERS	\$1,597.02
WHITE BEAR RESCUE TRAINING	\$600.00

Motion carried.

Review of November 2007 financial information and end of month reports.

Motion Swenson, seconded Reiman to approve the November end of month and reconciliation reports as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion Reiman, seconded Determan to approve Fire Department Officers as presented for 2008. Motion carried.

Motion Determan, seconded Phillips to approve the following appointments:

LS Ambulance/EMS Commission: Lamona Phillips

Fire Commission: Dan Reiman (Chair) and Keith Swenson.

Acting Mayor: Dan Reiman

Library Board: Amy Hardel, Barb Conrad, Rosanne Tesch, Vivian Bender, Doris Wigand

Sibley County EDA: Lamona Phillips

Joseph R. Brown Heritage Society: Lon Berberich & Keith Swenson

Personnel Committee: Dan Reiman and Julie Determan

Street/Wastewater Improvements Committee: Keith Swenson and George Scheffler

Equipment Committee: Dan Reiman and Lamona Phillips

Emergency Management/Civil Defense Director: Tom Phillips

Scenic By-way: Pat Steckman

Parks Board: Julie Determan (chair), Don Bender, Terry Bovee, Mark Hardel, Ron Walters

LS-H Cable TV: Pat Steckman and George Scheffler

Community Education/Recreation: George Scheffler

Both the Community Bank and First State Bank of Henderson are designated as official depositories for city funds for 2008 with checking and/or investment accounts to be established in both banks at the discretion of the City Treasurer.

City Assessor: Sibley County Assessor

Insurance: Community Insurance of Henderson

Henderson Independent as official newspaper

City Assessor: Sibley County Auditor

City Auditor: Abdo, Eick & Meyers

Building Inspector: Metro West

Well and Tower Contracts: Thein and Water Tower Tank & Repair

Pump Maintenance: Braun Pump

Testing: Minnesota Valley Testing Laboratories

Chemicals: Hawkins Water Treatment

Financial Advisors: Ehlers and Associates

Planning Commission: Mayor and City Council

EDA: Mayor and City Council

Motion carried.

Motion Phillips, seconded Determan to appoint Nelson & Jones as city attorney per their proposal. Motion carried.

No action taken on changing future Henderson City Council compensation levels.

Mayor Swenson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted