

MINUTES, HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Tim Nytes at the community meeting room. Present were council members Kelly Braun, Randall Tiegs, Paul Menne and Les Mediger. Also in attendance were Todd Hagen, James Brenno, Nick Pollack and Pat Nienaber.

Todd Hagen from Ehlers and Associates went over financing for the refunding bond (over a \$230,000 savings if this package is approved), Oak View Heights financing possibilities (issue a tax abatement bond and purchase the property), the public hearing on tax abatement and other financing and FMP related matters.

Motion Menne, seconded Mediger to approve resolution 2011-20 awarding the sale of \$3,030,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011B to Northland Securities, Inc. with a scheduled closing date of December 29, 2011. Motion unanimously carried,

Motion Tiegs, seconded Mediger to approve resolution 2011-19 calling for a hearing regarding Oak View Heights tax abatement. Motion carried.

Motion Tiegs, seconded Braun to approve resolution 2011-21 calling for a hearing regarding Oak View Heights tax abatement and defining benefitting property and establishing \$495,000 as the maximum tax abatement for a total of 15 years. Motion carried.

MRVPUC and franchise fee discussions will be held at the December 14 Henderson City Council workshop which is scheduled to start at 6:15 P.M.

Mayor Nytes presented the December 9, 2011 Henderson personnel committee report relating to the streets, parks, fire, general administration and police departments.

Motion Menne, seconded Tiegs to hire Nick Pollock for the City of Henderson Streets/Parks position effective December 16, 2011. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion Mediger, seconded Braun to hire/reappoint Robert Lawrence as the Assistant Fire Chief. Motion carried 4-0 with Tiegs abstaining.

Discussion on possibly creating a Fire Department Administrator type position; no consensus could be reached on establishment of this position. Discussion will be referred back to the Personnel Committee with input from the Henderson Fire Chief.

Motion Menne, seconded Tiegs to continue general administration operations (hours, compensation, duties, etc.) as is until June 30, 2011. Motion carried.

Extensive discussion on Henderson Police Department recommendations for operations; Pat Nienaber provided his input when requested as well.

Motion Tiegs, seconded Mediger to hire Pat Nienaber as Police Chief effective January 1, 2012 for 1 year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion Menne, seconded Braun to hire Eric Karels as Sergeant for the Henderson Police Department in a full time position effective January 1, 2012 with a starting wage of \$18.00 per hour and also authorize Police Chief Nienaber to hire an additional part time officer in the salary range of \$15-17 per hour.

Council Member Tiegs didn't think Mr. Karels should be offered a promotion and also asked if there was a job description for the Sergeant position (at this time there is not a job description). He also felt that it was not necessary to hire additional full time employees and that the City of Henderson could be providing the necessary law enforcement coverage by hiring part time officers.

Voting in favor Menne, Nytes, Braun; opposed Mediger and Tiegs-Motion carried 3-2.

Motion Menne, seconded Braun to adjourn-9:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lon Berberich, City Clerk