**MINUTES, HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL Wednesday, August 18, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Keith Swenson; present were council members Randy Tiegs, Steve Sellner, Janet Boese, and Amy Hardel. Also present were Police Chief Dimitri Ikonitski, Beth Cornish, Deb Ganz, Rachel Miller, Rachel Pichelmann, Chase Boehne and Chris Knutson

Motion Tiegs, seconded Boese to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Deb Gatz and Joe Kane representing Republic Services appeared before the council to review their proposed revisions to contract/rates for MSW collection. Lots of compliments on the level of service provided and that the company was doing a great job. Motion Boese, seconded Hardel to approve the revised MSW rate as submitted. Motion carried

Beth Cornish appeared before the council to ask if city property could be used for a plastic recycle project. Authorization for the container sponsored and monitored by the Henderson Lions Club and Ladies Tourist Club be placed at the Henderson Library grounds

Rachel Pichelmann presented information on the revised scope of work for the MNDOT state bond funded Joint Powers Agreement with fees in the $350,000 plus total range. Final agreement should be submitted by the October city council meeting (A special meeting to approve the agreement would be called if necessary).

Rachel Miller provided a prepared statement in support of the Henderson Police Department as a concerned business for the hiring of a second full time person funded 75% from the city General Fund and emphasized the support the city council should show for hiring staff. The statement can be viewed in the Henderson Independent newspaper August 26 edition

City Attorney Jason Moran recommended via email that the agreement previously discussed and presented/reviewed with Northwest Gas be approved. Motion Tiegs, seconded Boese to approve this agreement as emailed. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ikonitski presented the department monthly report. He recommended Michael Nunan be hired full time with the appropriate comparable health and dental benefits for a fulltime employee and a monthly salary of $3500 to be paid 75% from the police general fund and 25% from the utility funds effective September 1, 2021. Motion Sellner, seconded Hardel to accept this recommendation. Motion carried 3-2-Yes, Swenson, Hardel, Sellner and No, Boese, Tiegs.

Chris Knutson reported on the sanitary sewer project. Discussion on performance and communication issues related to the project and what to do with the damaged curb. After the blacktop is installed, he will mark to panels for removal/repair.

He also provided an update on the pilot water study being done at the water plant.

City Administrator went over activity report, ARP projects (funding for approximately $96,000 approved) and financial.

Discussion on making blacktop repairs with Chase Boehne. Motion Tiegs, seconded Boese to accept the proposal submitted by Boehne and save costs related to concrete and bituminous removal if possible (approximately $85,000), to be paid out of the 2020 sanitary/storm sewer infiltration bond. Motion carried

Utility committee provided an updated report-going to start a collection process for delinquent customers effective July 30, 2021. Shutoff and assessment procedures are in the process of being started.

Sellner discussed raising funds and looking into enacting a local sales tax.

Swenson reported on trail project as part of the Sibley County 6 flood mitigation project.

Swenson reported Keely Brenno resigned from Henderson Historic Preservation and appointed Julie Determan in her place. Motion Hardel, seconded Sellner to approve the appointment. Motion carried.

Motion Boese, seconded Tiegs to approve the following city bills-motion carried

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| ABDO EICK & MEYERS, LLP | $4,750.00 |
| ARAMARK | $18.44 |
| BLUE CROSS BLUESHIELD OF MINN | $1,558.50 |
| BRUCE GUSTOFSON | $45.00 |
| BUESGENS TRUCKING | $750.00 |
| CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION | $389.05 |
| CHRISTIAN, KEOGH, MORAN & KING | $1,680.00 |
| CONSTRUCTION TREE SERVICE | $371.00 |
| DENNIS GRAHAM | $100.00 |
| DIANE FRAUENDIENST | $2,000.00 |
| EHLERS & ASSOCIATES | $750.00 |
| EXCEL ENERGY | $4,891.86 |
| HAWKINS INC. | $1,393.95 |
| HENDERSON INDEPENDENT | $2,174.11 |
| HENDERSON LAWN CARE | $3,131.00 |
| HIGH ISLAND CONTRACTING LLC | $476.00 |
| JAGUAR | $476.22 |
| JAMES BAUMANN | $2,187.00 |
| JASON LENERTZ | $110.01 |
| LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INS. TRUST | $16,086.00 |
| MATHESON TRI GAS INC. | $31.60 |
| MEDIACOM | $176.90 |
| MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 | $25.66 |
| MINNESOTA DEPT OF REVENUE | $456.45 |
| MN DEPT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY | $239.00 |
| MN Valley Electric | $1,398.80 |
| NAPA OF BELLE PLAINE | $26.07 |
| NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS | $11.00 |
| GOHPER STATE ONE CALL | $54.00 |
| QUILL LLC | $117.54 |
| REPUBLIC SERVICES | $111.94 |
| LON BERBERICH | $625.02 |

Berberich went over updated preliminary updated budget and financial information based on the completed 2020 audit and approved journal entries. Also, current and projected fund balances and the tax levy were looked at. The preliminary budget will include a 2-3% tax levy increase.

He also reported on Ehlers correspondence and FMP, rate, and bonds review information. Looking at Hagen attending the November meeting.

 Motion Tiegs seconded Sellner to approve the revised meeting schedule-motion carried.

Motion Tiegs, seconded Sellner to adjourn the meeting-adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted Lon Berberich, City Clerk.