

MINUTES, HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Acting Mayor Paul Menne at the community meeting room. Present were council members Randall Tiegs, Kelly Braun and Les Mediger. Also in attendance were Police Chief Pat Nienaber, Nick Pollack, Jeff Steinborn, Terry Bovee and Troy Koester.

Motion Tiegs, seconded Mediger to approve minutes from the August 15, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Police Chief Pat Nienaber provided the August monthly report, an update on the part time officer hiring process, submitted his resignation and recommended the Henderson City Council consider hiring Henderson Police Officer Randall Haken as his replacement.

Motion Tiegs, seconded Mediger to accept the resignation of Police Chief Nienaber with regret; motion carried.

Terry Bovee, President of the Joseph R. Brown Heritage Society invited the Henderson City Council to the upcoming Joseph R. Brown bust unveiling scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2012.

City Administrator Berberich provided RS Fiber memos, I & S project updates, FEMA project updates with Parrott quote, radio grant, monthly activities report, League of Cities report, election filing update, Hickorytech updates with a Corps of Engineers letter and Midwest Wireless/Verizon information.

Motion Mediger, seconded Braun to accept the proposal of Parrott Contracting to perform blacktop and storm drainage associated work in Westridge Development. Motion carried.

Motion Tiegs, seconded Braun to send a letter to the Corps of Engineers requesting a permit per the parameters as provided by Hickorytech for crossing the City of Henderson levee for a fiber project. Motion carried.

Motion Mediger, seconded Braun to enter an amended agreement with Midwest Wireless/Verizon that would include a \$250 monthly charge, 3% annual increase and ensure that the amendment is in compliance with the original agreement per the review and recommendation of the Henderson City Attorney. Motion carried.

Braun reported on recent Personnel Committee meetings and memo.

The consensus was to have the Personnel Committee meet with Henderson Police Officer Haken and discuss whether or not he would be interested in the Henderson Police Chief position provided he successfully completed training at the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Academy and the Chief of Police mentoring program.

Motion Tiegs, seconded Mediger to approve increasing hourly rates of pay for Nick Pollack (\$17.00 per hour) and Lindsey Dhaene (\$15.50 per hour) effective September 1, 2012. Motion carried.

There was discussion on changing the leave policy and reclassifying all leave to personal leave or personal time (PT). The Personnel Committee will continue to review recommended changes and revise information.

Tiegs and Menne reported on the Henderson Park Board meeting held earlier in the evening.

No quorum so no Henderson Fire Commission meeting on August 20.

Menne and Mediger reported on the most recent MRVPUC meeting.

Motion Tiegs, seconded Braun to approve the August end of month financial report.

Review of preliminary September bills.

Review of 2013 preliminary budget and tax levy; if the proposed budget and tax levy were adopted it would equal an approximate 3% tax levy increase in 2013.

Motion Mediger, seconded Tiegs to adopt Resolution 2012-14 approving the 2013 proposed property tax levy. Motion carried.

Motion Mediger, seconded Braun to adopt Resolution 2015-15 approving the 2013 proposed budget. Motion carried.

Acting Mayor Menne adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lon Berberich, City Clerk