**MINUTES, HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Keith Swenson; present were Council Members Amy Hardel, Steve Sellner, and Crystal Thomas. Also present Police Chief Eric Karels, Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership CEO Chad Adams, Ehler’s Municipal Advisor Todd Hagen, Representative Bobbie Harder, SEH Project Engineer Chris Knutson, Tim Nytes, Beth Cornish, and City Administrator Lon Berberich.

Motion Swenson, seconded Sellner to approve minutes of September 27, 2023, meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Chad Adams and Tim Nytes presented information and plans on a 4-unit workforce housing townhome project located at 704 Minnesota Street. Adams also discussed the League of Minnesota Cities Grant Navigator Application that the City may apply for to help assess government grant programs and local needs.

Motion Swenson, seconded Thomas, to approve Resolution 2023-20 authorizing the application for grant navigation support for the city. Motion carried 4-0.

Todd Hagen reported on the results of the 2023A bond sale.

Motion Swenson, seconded Sellner to adopt Resolution 2023-18 awarding the $6,150,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023A bond sale to BOK Financial Securities, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Motion carried 4-0.

Representative Harder updated council on the 2023 Minnesota legislative session. Councilmembers, Representative Harder and city staff discussed potential courses of action regarding the need for a water filtration plant to improve water quality in the City of Henderson.

SEH Project Engineer Chris Knutson provided updates on the 2023-2024 Street and Utilities Improvement Project and the Highway 93 project.

Police Chief Karels provided a written monthly report. Chief Karels notified council that police officer Dan Koski will begin full-time employment on November 1, 2023.

Assistant Administrator Pautsch updated the council on tree grant progress, compost site camera, the ways in which other cities are using public safety aid, and designating a polling place location.

Motion Hardel, seconded Thomas to adopt Resolution 2023-19 related to designating a polling place location for all elections in 2024 and forward. The City of Hendeson, as an election precinct within Sibley County, will hold all future elections at the Henderson Community Building, 600 Main Street, Henderson, MN 56044. Motion carried, 4-0.

City Administrator Lon Berberich reported on activity report, flood control, water and street projects and parks and trails grant.

Mayor Swenson and Councilmember Hardel updated the city council on personnel committee employee reviews.

Discussion followed with the Mayor, City Council, and city staff regarding the installation of stop signs along north 6th street.

Motion Sellner, seconded Thomas, to direct city staff to remove yield signs and install stop signs at Market Street, Oak Street, Cedar Street, Walnut Street, and Locust Street intersecting with 6th Street. An additional stop sign located at Ridge Road and South Street is to be installed. Motion carried, 4-0.

Motion Swenson, seconded Hardel, to approve of the September 30, 2023, cash balances. Motion carried, 4-0.

Motion Swenson, seconded Hardel, to approve the following city bills. Motion carried, 4-0

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| MN POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY | $310.00 |
| AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING | $76.05 |
| BADGER METER INC. | $10.68 |
| BRUCE GUSTOFSON | $45.00 |
| BUREAU OF CRIM. APPREHENSON | $600.00 |
| CEMSTONE PRODUCTS COMPANY | $529.90 |
| DELTA DENTAL | $115.26 |
| G AND H READY MIX, LLC | $431.50 |
| HAWKINS INC. | $20.00 |
| HENDERSON FIRE & RESCUE | $800.00 |
| HENDERSON FIRE RELIEF ASSOC. | $16,066.02 |
| HENDERSON INDEPENDENT | $52.00 |
| HENDERSON LAWN CARE | $4,815.00 |
| HENDERSON POST OFFICE | $270.00 |
| HJERPE CONTRACTING, INC. | $108,768.94 |
| JAMES BAUMANN | $863.94 |
| JENNIFER CUMMINS | $124.00 |
| KAREN ZIMNY | $1,121.89 |
| METRONET | $586.60 |
| MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 | $12.83 |
| Minnesota Department of revenue | $1,035.00 |
| MN DEPT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY | $239.50 |
| MN Valley Electric | $919.87 |
| NAPA AUTO PARTS OF LE SUEUR | $312.38 |
| GOPHER STATE ONE CALL | $32.40 |
| SEH | $37,432.89 |
| TOSHIBA AMERICA BUSINESS SOLUT | $23.37 |
| UC LABORATORY | $835.45 |
| UNITED FARMERS COOPERATIVE | $80.29 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | $122.47 |
| WAGARS GROCERY | $575.00 |
| XCEL ENERGY | $2,783.04 |

Motion Swenson, seconded Hardel to approve of the revised meeting schedule. Motion carried, 4-0.

Mayor Swenson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Timothy Pautsch

City Clerk