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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Keith Swenson; present were Council Members Steve Sellner, Crystal Thomas and Amy Hardel. Also present Tim Pautsch, City Attorney Jason Moran, Police Chief Eric Karels, City Engineers Chris Knutson, Rachel Pichelmann and Luke Johnson; Jerry Gilman and Beth Cornish.

Motion Sellner, seconded Hardel to approve of the minutes of the December 28, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Proposal from Jerry Gilman of Henderson Lawn Care-Motion Hardel, seconded Sellner to accept the Henderson Lawn Care proposal as presented for 2023. Motion carried.

Police Chief Karels provided a written monthly report. New full-time police officer Carl Martin has started work and Karels is working on hiring a part time person-Jake Schneider and getting the backup police car repaired.

Chris Knutson discussed changing the priority of the water improvement project to a waterline replacement, pressure reducing station, booster station and water quality project. He will present a plan at the next meeting.

City council discussed how to pay for these improvements and adjusting existing water rates. Motion Swenson, seconded Seller to increase water user charge rates by $10 per month effective January 1, 2023 and then another $10 per month effective January 1, 2024 for all metered water users in the City of Henderson. Motion carried.

Rachel Pichelmann who will be leaving S.E.H. on January 31 introduced Luke Johnson the new project manager for the Henderson Flood Control project. Rachel and Luke went over the current status of the project and revised plans, construction techniques and schedule. Moton Sellner, seconded Thomas to approve Amendment 1 for the MNDOT Flood Mitigation contract 1048033. Motion carried.

Motion Sellner, seconded Hardel to thank Rachel Pichelmann for a job well done in her work with the City of Henderson and particularly the flood mitigation projects. Without her efforts during the past decade if is unlikely any actions, work and projects on flood mitigation for the Henderson area would have been started. Motion carried.

City Attorney Moran went over potential ordinance and enforcement issues if new cannabis laws pass; discussed open meeting law issues that have developed and potential issues to be aware of and the status of a payment potentially due to the City of Henderson for the removal of the Prince statue from Henderson city limits. These matters will continue to be reviewed and addressed as appropriate.

Assistant Administrator Pautsch reported on a resolution for a Joint Powers agreement related to law enforcement with the State of Minnesota. Motion Hardel, seconded Thomas to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

City Administrator went over activity report including comparable worth study submittal due in January (approved as presented) and the 2023 sales tax legislative bill. Motion Hardel, seconded Sellner to approve resolution 2023-02 relating to legislation for a state sales tax. Motion carried.

Sellner went over potential DNR tree/ash bore grant in the $40,000 range. Motion Swenson, seconded Hardel to apply. Motion carried.

Sellner reported that Kyle Schultz would be the new President of the Henderson Fire Commission.

Swenson reported on Library Board activities.

Motion Swenson, seconded Hardel to approve the updated cash balances.

Motion Hardel, seconded Sellner to approve the following city bills-Motion carried:

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| BOND TRUST SERVICES CORPORATIO | $408,925.00 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION | $1,500.00 |
| HENDERSON POST OFFICE | $88.00 |
| ABDO | $5,900.00 |
| BRUCE GUSTOFSON | $219.44 |
| CENGAGE LEARNING INC / GALE | $51.73 |
| COLLABORATIVE SUMMER LIB PRGM | $14.95 |
| EXCEL ENERGY | $5,224.34 |
| HAWKINS INC. | $40.00 |
| HENDERSON AREA FIRE DISTRIC | $32,201.80 |
| INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES | $495.71 |
| KAREN ZIMNY | $510.26 |
| LEAGUE OF MINN CITIES | $700.00 |
| LUCKY LUKE, LLC | $176.24 |
| MATHESON TRI GAS INC. | $63.21 |
| MEI TOTAL ELEVATOR SOLUTIONS | $1,886.25 |
| Metro FiberNet LLC | $638.62 |
| METRO SALES, INC | $10.00 |
| MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 | $12.83 |
| Minnesota Department of revenu | $224.00 |
| MN DEPT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY | $7.00 |
| MN Valley Electric | $663.67 |
| NAPA AUTO PARTS OF LE SUEUR | $50.98 |
| NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS | $869.45 |
| SEH  | $11,890.14 |
| STREICHER'S | $270.94 |
| TOSHIBA AMERICA BUSINESS SOLUT | $25.05 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | $122.29 |
| HENDERSON POST OFFICE | $207.00 |
| MN DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES | $140.78 |

Motion Swenson, seconded Hadel to approve the application of Kaitlyn Steinborn to use Allanson’s Park for a wedding reception-Motion carried.

Review of 2023 Appointments. Motion Sellner, seconded Thomas to approve the appointments-Motion caried (attached).

Motion Sellner, seconded Thomas to approve the revised meeting schedule. Motion carried.

Mayor Swenson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

Lon Berberich

City Clerk