**MINUTES, HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL Wednesday, July 21, 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, City Attorney Jason Moran, Beth Cornish, Mike Gorham and Chris Knutson

Motion Tiegs, seconded Hardel to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Mike Gorham representing Northwest Natural Gas the city supplier discussed that their franchise agreement needs to be updated and discussed the status of pending cases with the Minnesota PUC relating to limiting the number of connections the company is allowed. The company will continue to provide updates on the case as it progresses. Rates were also discussed as part of the franchise agreement. The new agreement will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

Tiegs asked about odor and Gorman indicated the cause of those issues and that they have been corrected.

Police Chief Ikonitski presented the department monthly report. Jason Lehnardt will switch from full time to part time. Another candidate was interviewed to fill the full-time position, but no action was taken on hiring until the personnel committee can review the process and applicant. They will report back at the next meeting.

Chris Knutson reported on the sanitary sewer project. He recommended approving payment number 9. Discussion on performance and communication issues related to the project. Motion Boese, seconded Sellner to pay $40,875.43. Motion carried 4-1 with Tiegs voting no.

Knutson presented information on doing the water quality pilot study. Motion Boese, seconded Tiegs to approve the proposal as submitted. Motion carried.

Knutson presented a change order for doing Mill Street as part of the GM contract. Motion Boese to consider for approval-, seconded Swenson. Additional options were discussed with a consensus to ask GM if they could reduce the amount to $140,000. (GM later indicated they would not accept that counter proposal-Boehne Construction, Neisen Paving and Parrott construction were later contacted to make proposals based on the specification presented and revised.). No vote was taken.

City Attorney Jason Moran provided input and an update on current cases and his first few weeks of Henderson City Attorney work.

City Administrator went over activity report, FEMA projects, new economic recovery program, small cities assistance program (Henderson gets $25,605), pilot study and financial.

Discussion on making blacktop repairs. Sellner and Tiegs are continuing to work with Boehne.

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.

Boese, Tiegs and Sellner reported on the fire commission meeting. Budget is being reviewed, discussing equipment and safety issues.

Sellner discussed raising funds and looking into enacting a local sales tax. Attorney Moan has experience with this as well-updates and potential projects list later.

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

Swenson reported on MNDOT discussions on the Highway 93 project, a special meeting may be needed to review a Joint Powers agreement.

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

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| ABDO EICK & MEYERS, LLP | $675.00 |
| BACHMANS WHOLESALE NURSERY | $6,159.41 |
| BADGER METER INC. | $10.68 |
| BOND TRUST SERVICES CORPORATIO | $60,736.60 |
| BRUCE GUSTOFSON | $125.11 |
| BUESGENS TRUCKING | $700.00 |
| BUREAU OF CRIM. APPREHENSON | $150.00 |
| C. BOEHNE CONSTRUCTION | $7,093.00 |
| CCP INDUSTRIES | $69.66 |
| CITY OF LE SUEUR | $14,468.14 |
| COMPUTER PLUS SOLUTIONS | $3,380.42 |
| CONSTRUCTION TREE SERVICE | $3,200.00 |
| DIANE FRAUENDIENST | $2,000.00 |
| EVOLUTION MEDIA & DESIGN, LLC | $305.00 |
| EXCEL ENERGY | $5,162.26 |
| FIRST STATE BANK | $8,511.09 |
| GALL'S INC. | $52.48 |
| GM CONTRACTING | $40,875.43 |
| HAWKINS INC. | $2,398.92 |
| HENDERSON AREA FIRE DISTRIC | $7,961.38 |
| HENDERSON INDEPENDENT | $2,383.38 |
| HENDERSON LAWN CARE | $2,679.00 |
| HENDERSON POST OFFICE | $330.00 |
| HENDERSON TOWNSHIP | $1,488.63 |
| HOMETOWN BANK | $25.00 |
| JAGUAR | $394.93 |
| JAMES BAUMANN | $3,184.16 |
| KOPISCHKE SEAMLESS GUTTER | $880.00 |
| LON BERBERICH | $480.29 |
| MAGUIRE IRON, INC. | $46,419.00 |
| MATHESON TRI GAS INC. | $30.81 |
| MEDIACOM | $321.72 |
| MN Valley Electric | $757.02 |
| NAPA AUTO PARTS OF LE SUEUR | $47.97 |
| NELSON & JONES, LTD. | $2,013.00 |
| NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS | $110.58 |
| NUESSMEIER ELECTRIC, INC | $472.50 |
| POMPS TIRE SERVICE INC | $859.12 |
| PRAIRIE TRAIL ELECTRIC | $30.30 |
| QUILL.COM | $73.18 |
| REPUBLIC SERVICES | $454.37 |
| SEH | $30,000.00 |
| SIBLEY COUNTY TREASURER | $5,610.00 |
| SIWEK LUMBER & MILLWORK | $42.50 |
| SPRING TOUCH | $372.97 |
| TACTICAL SOLUTIONS | $34.00 |
| DANIEL R REIMAN | $131.84 |
| THE MULCH STORE | $1,204.00 |
| TOM FRAUENDIENST | $175.00 |
| TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS | $28.88 |
| TRUE VALUE | $314.34 |
| UC LABORATORY | $796.48 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | $118.05 |
| WAGARS RED OWL | $1,321.60 |
| BREMER BANK | $6,149.00 |

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.

Discussion on the Henderson Lions Club applying for a On sale nonprofit expect license for every Tuesday starting July 27 and ending September 28, 2021. Motion Bovee, seconded Swenson to approve the application and waive/not charge any license fees. Motion carried.

Review of revised appointments-Mayor Swenson appointed himself to the Personnel Committee moved Amy Hardel to the Chamber representative and Janet Boese to the Library Board. Motion Boese, seconded Hardel to approve these appointments. Motion carried.

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

Motion Tiegs, seconded Sellner to adjourn the meeting-adjourned at 9:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted Lon Berberich, City Clerk.