

Regular City Council Meeting
Hebron Community Center
February 14, 2022, 7:00 pm

Members of Council present were; Mayor Grant Walth, Council Members Harvey Tibor, Pat Mischel, Chester Brandt, and Steven Dittus. Also present were Auditor Erin McCutchan, City Attorney Scott Solem, City Supervisor Chad Stern, Assistant Supervisor and Building Inspector Michael Jensen, Jane Brandt of the Hebron Herald, Jason Gerving of AE2S. Visitors present; Mark Draeb representing the Home Rule Charter Committee, Jim Heinert of Heritage Insurance and Morton County Deputy Jason Krizan. Not present: Council Member Ray Torres and Michael Coots.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The January regular meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Brandt/Dittus MCU.

January vouchers were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Mischel/Brandt MCU.

There was 1 building permit for the month of January.

Delinquent water bills were discussed and door tags will be sent out.

The police report was reviewed.

Jim Heinert of Heritage Insurance was present to clarify the requirements for any entity renting the city hall. Heinert provided instructions to the Auditor to better explain the requirements. Renters are then required to present a Certificate of Liability once renting the hall for an event.

Mark Draeb was present representing the Home Rule Charter Committee. Draeb stated that the Home Rule Charter Committee would be making the recommendation to change the allocation percentages as follows: The City would be receiving 55%, Ambulance 10%, Fire Department 10%, Park Board 10%, Bearcat Den Daycare 10%, and the Hebron Economic Development Committee would be receiving 5%. A motion was made to approve the amendment to the Home Rule Charter. Brandt/Tibor MCU

Jason Gerving was present to give his monthly engineering report. Gerving stated he was still waiting to hear more on the bridges. Mayor Walth stated he had put in a call to the Governor's Office to look into the matter of replacing the bridge with DOT funding, at the present time he had not heard anything further from the Governor's Office. Councilman Mike Coots arrived at 7:26 pm. Gerving stated that the Summit Avenue project was on hold due to the County funding a bridge project. Assistant Supervisor Mike Jensen stated that he had contacted Edmond Consulting for the heavy duty hose and fittings to be able to have temporary fire protection on the east side of the Fulton Avenue Bridge. Jensen stated the quote came in at \$2700 for all the items. A motion was made to approve the purchase of the items. Tibor/Coots MCU

Discussion was held concerning the City website. Auditor McCutchan stated that Kathy Sardelli is currently working on the updates.

Discussion was held concerning some nuisance properties. Attorney Solem stated that Custer Health will be inspecting the properties in question. The City will be working with a property owner to assist in removing items in violation of city ordinance.

Supervisor Stern stated that he had currently installed 60 new water meters in commercial and residential properties. He will be continuing his installation until it is complete. Discussion was held concerning naming the Clinic Building currently houses the Library, Police Department and food pantry, and most recently BassAckward Studios. Auditor McCutchan stated that she and Supervisor Stern had discussed putting up a sign to highlight the businesses utilizing the building but were unsure what the name of the building should be. Jane Brandt of the Hebron Herald suggested a contest be held in the community to come up with a name for the building beginning with "Brick City". Brandt stated that the winner would receive \$100 in Hebron Bucks to be spent at local businesses. She will be putting a clip out ad in the paper for those who would like to enter a name for the building. The name will be picked at the March 14th city council meeting.

The Backflow Prevention Ordinance was discussed. Attorney Solem stated he will have a draft ready for the next meeting.

Auditor McCutchan presented council with the 2021 City of Hebron Financial Statement. Upon review a motion was made to approve the Financial Statement. Coots/Tibor MCU

Discussion was held concerning allowing chickens in the city limits. Council stated that the matter will be looked into further as to find what other cities that allow chickens are doing. McCutchan will bring her findings to the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm Coots/Tibor MCU.

These minutes are being published subject to review and revision of the governing board.

Grant Walth Mayor

Erin McCutchan City Auditor