

Regular City Council Meeting
Hebron Community Center
January 10, 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; Jesus and Diana Vega and Morton County Deputy George Piehl. Not present: Council Member Ray Torres and Michael Coots.

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

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

December vouchers were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Mischel/Dittus MCU.

There were 0 building permits for the month of December. Building Inspector Michael Jensen stated Jesus and Diana Vega were present to apply for a variance on their property. Vega stated that they would like to put an addition onto the home on the property. Jensen stated that with the garage on the property they would exceed the density requirement on the lot. Jensen then stated that the garage would be torn down; however the variance would still be needed to approve the square footage of the addition. A motion to approve the variance application was made. Brandt/Mischel MCU.

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

The police report was reviewed.

Jason Gerving was present to give his monthly engineering report. Gerving stated the DOT did not have an update on the Park Street Bridge at the time of the meeting; however, there is a bid date set for the Fulton Avenue Bridge. Gerving stated with the DOT Infrastructure Bill information won't be released until the summer. Gerving stated that Morton County had pulled the 2022 Summit Avenue project until 2023, as there was not enough funding for the project. Gerving stated that they will keep up to date with the Infrastructure Bill to keep the city informed of their options. Discussion was held concerning fire protection on the east side of the Fulton Avenue Bridge. One option discussed for temporary fire protection was to lay a heavy duty line from the fire hydrant on the west side that would remain dry to prevent freezing but would be ready to be hooked to if there were ever a fire emergency on the east side of the bridge. Supervisor Stern will check pricing for the type of hose needed to run across the bridge.

Supervisor Stern stated the Morton County Sheriff's Department had tagged vehicles that had not been moved in 48 hours as per the City Ordinance. Stern requested that any vehicles that had not moved, that he would have permission to call Zuroff Repair to have the vehicles towed. Stern stated that any vehicles that are towed will be stored at the Bolke Memorial Complex until which time the vehicles owner pays the storage and towing fee. Stern stated that the city employees were working at the Library Building getting rooms ready to be rented. Stern stated that a business was planning on renting some space similar to the space that is currently occupied by Southridge Chiropractic. Council stated that the rent would be the same rate at \$175 per month. Stern stated that a new name for the building should be discussed as many people know of the building as the Clinic Building or the Library Building. He stated that a sign should be made that will also represent the different businesses that are utilizing the building. Stern stated that BassAckward Studios will be moving into the building on February 1st. Stern stated that he had sent a burn permit to the State to be allowed to burn at the City Landfill, and was waiting to hear back from the Health Department. Discussion was held concerning rats on a property. Custer Health District was contacted to inspect the property and the property owner would be receiving a letter from the City concerning the same. Discussion was also held concerning a property with a large quantity of wooden pallets. Attorney Solem stated that a letter had been sent to this property owner as well to inform them of the Nuisance and Junk Yard Ordinance. Building Inspector Jensen stated that this particular property has a building permit for a fence, addition and a garage. Council stated that the building permit can be revoked if the property is not brought into compliance.

The second reading of the Ordinance 22-01 increasing the water rate was held. A motion was made to approve the \$0.20 increase on water bringing the cost to \$10.15 per thousand gallons. Brandt/Mischel MCU.

Attorney Solem stated that the Home Rule Charter Committee would be meeting with local organizations to give more information to these entities about Home Rule. A public meeting will be held on January 24 at 6:00pm at the Hebron Community Center.

Auditor McCutchan presented council with the quote from Kathy Sardelli to work on the City of Hebron website. A motion was made to approve the quote. Brandt/Tibor MCU.

McCutchan presented the letter from Rath and Meher CPA to request their company do the city audit as they have done in the past. A motion was made to approve Rath and Meher as the auditors. Dittus/Brandt MCU. McCutchan stated on even years the City is to designate the City Depository. A motion was made to designate Dakota Community Bank & Trust as the City's Depository. Dittus/Tibor MCU. McCutchan stated the all cities will be required to adopt an Ordinance relating to Backflow Prevention in municipal water systems. She presented council with a sample ordinance that Attorney Solem will review. Insurance was discussed pertaining to the requirements for rental of the community center. Jim Heinert will be available for the February meeting to further clarify these requirements. McCutchan stated that elections are coming up in June for members of City Council. She stated that Mayor Grant Walth, Council members Chester Brandt, Pat Mischel, and Steven Dittus would be up for election. McCutchan stated that any interested parties in running for election can pick up the Petition of Nomination forms from the Auditor's Office, and are due back on April 11th by 4:00pm. Discussion was held concerning the condition of the kitchen in the community center. The matter will be looked into further.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm Tibor/Mischel MCU.

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

Grant Walth

Mayor

Erin McCutchan

City Auditor