

Regular City Council Meeting
Hebron Community Center
September 12, 2022, 7:00 pm

Members of Council present were; Mayor Grant Walth, Council Members; Chester Brandt, Harvey Tibor, James Hong and Michael Coots. Also present were Auditor Erin McCutchan, Assistant Supervisor and Building Inspector Michael Jensen, Officer Jason Krizan. Visitors present were Corey Schneider of Schneider Brothers Electric and Wade Winkelbauer. City Attorney Scott Solem was present via Zoom Meetings.

Not present: Councilmen Ray Torres, Steven Dittus, City Supervisor Chad Stern and Jason Gerving of AE2S.

The regular meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

The Final Budget Hearing was held, as there were no visitors to discuss the budget a motion was made to approve the 2023 Annual Budget. Brandt/Tibor MCU

Minutes for the regular August meeting were reviewed. Coots/Hong MCU

Minutes for the August 23rd Special Meeting were reviewed. Brandt/Hong MCU

Vouchers were reviewed for the month of August. Tibor/Hong MCU

There were two building permits for the month.

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

Kathy Sardelli arrived at 7:06 pm.

The police report was reviewed.

Wade Winkelbauer was present to discuss the rental rate at the Bolke Memorial Complex. Winkelbauer stated that while he understood to need for a rate increase, he did not think a 200% increase in his rent was fair. Winkelbauer stated that he uses the facility as cold storage and stated that the only electricity that is used is to open the overhead door. Corey Schneider stated that he felt the 35 cents per square foot was excessive. Auditor McCutchan stated that she had found in the minutes from 2013 in which Councilman Ken Rehling had done a cost analysis of the rental rate of 20 cents for cold storage and 25 cents for a heated section of the building that had been agreed upon. Supervisor Stern had presented at the last council meeting numbers using the 20 cent and 25 cent rates. However, the Council decided to use 35 cents as the rate. A motion was made to suspend the 35 cents per square foot charge until more cost analysis can be done. Coots/Tibor MCU. A meeting will be set with the City Supervisor and the building portfolio to re-evaluate the price.

Corey Schneider presented the council with an estimate for an electric meter for \$333.75 which will be able to give the city an exact amount of electricity that is used when trucks plug in at the BMC. This will allow the city to adjust rates according to the amount of electricity being used. Currently there is a flat rate of \$30 per month per truck. A motion was made to approve the purchase of the meter. Tibor/Hong MCU. Schneider also presented council with an estimate to replace the electric boxes on the street lights that run along Main Avenue. These electric boxes are used to plug in the holiday lights along Main. The estimate was \$689.07 for each replacement which includes approximately 24 boxes. A motion was made to approve the replacement of the electric boxes. Brandt/Tibor MCU

Kathy Sardelli was present to discuss the walking trail west of the Bolke Memorial Complex. Sardelli stated that she had spoken with school officials and it was agreed upon that the school would lease the property but not be liable for accidents or maintenance. Sardelli stated that she could do further cost analysis if the city would be interested in taking on the walking trail. The city council would like to see a proposal for the walking path including costs of maintenance and insurance before making a final decision.

As Supervisor Stern was absent, Auditor McCutchan presented to council a proposal from Stern stating that the city should start looking at replacement of the garbage truck within the next 5 years. McCutchan stated that currently the garbage truck is 8 years old and has 91,000 miles on it. He wanted to have council start looking at ways of funding the replacement of the truck far in advance. McCutchan stated that one source of revenue for the garbage truck could be the CD interest collected from the Garbage CD. McCutchan stated that previously all interest received from CD's go into the general checking account and she would like to see the interest be put back into the garbage CD so that at the time truck replacement is needed the CD can be used for the purchase of a new truck. The Brick City Commerce Plaza sign was discussed and a contractor had been contacted to erect brick pillars to hold the sign. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Auditor McCutchan stated that she had recently noticed upon the passage of the Water Ordinance that bulk water rates had been changed. McCutchan stated that she then went back further in the Water Ordinances that had been passed and found that the bulk water rate had changed last year as well. McCutchan stated that she had reviewed minutes and recordings of the meetings and had not found any discussion of bulk water rates increasing. She stated the rate that was set in the newest ordinance was \$12.95 per thousand gallons. Council stated that bulk water rates should not have been changed. A first reading of the Water Ordinance correcting the bulk water rate back to \$12.00 per thousand gallons was read. A motion was made to approve the first reading. Coots/Hong MCU

The Home Rule Charter was discussed. The city would like to pursue using AE2S to assist in the Home Rule Charter public information. A quote was reviewed from AE2S for information materials for the Home Rule Charter. A motion was made to move forward with the Home Rule Charter election. Brandt/Hong MCU. The special election will be determined at a later date. Attorney Solem stated that he will review his information and determine if the current Home Rule Committee members have terms that have expired or if everyone is still active on the committee.

Auditor McCutchan stated that Supervisor Stern will be renting a stump grinder to grind off tree stumps in the city park and other city owned property. The rental cost of the grinder is \$140 per day which will only be needed for a day. McCutchan stated a child had been injured by one of the stumps in the park and needs to be promptly removed. McCutchan presented council with the DOT inspection of the Park Street Bridge. The bridge is scheduled to be open upon meeting the requirements of the DOT, which is to place signage on the side of the bridge where currently there are none, also the recommendation from AE2S was to install a header at a certain height to ensure no large vehicles would pass over the bridge. The bridge is currently rated for 6 tons. Upon these requirements the bridge will be open for car and pickup crossing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. Coots/Hong MCU

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Grant Walth

Mayor

Erin McCutchan

City Auditor