

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Henderson, Nebraska was held at 7:00 p.m. on May 11, 2021 at City Hall in Henderson, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was posted at the City Hall and published in the May 6, 2021 *Henderson News*.

Mayor Don Regier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Regier declared the meeting to be legal and properly advertised with all members having been informed of the nature of the meeting and having received related information. Mayor Regier also referred to the open meetings law poster at the back of the council chambers.

Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Don Regier and council members Brian Hiebner, Matt Friesen, Corbin Tessman and Stan Friesen.

Minutes from the April 13, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Matt Friesen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Stan Friesen seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Matt Friesen, Stan Friesen, Brian Hiebner and Corbin Tessman. Motion carried.

Stan Friesen made a motion to pay the claims as presented. Matt Friesen seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Stan Friesen, Matt Friesen, Corbin Tessman and Brian Hiebner. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Blake Grimes gave a report of one approved zoning permit issued since the last meeting and it was for Mike Slocum for an egress window.

Homer Peters was present for the public forum to ask for white rock from the city stock pile for the alley behind his house and he would take care of spreading it out. He also commented on the water and sewer reports he printed for the city for past year and noticed a spike in water usage during colder months and was concerned about the amount of residents who have water heat pumps within city limits.

At 7:23 p.m., Mayor Regier opened the public hearing for the consideration for an amendment to Mark and Jane Jost's current special exception for the habitation and day use of equine animals within the city limits located at 1470 Walnut Street, Henderson, Nebraska.

The Josts stated since they started the equine therapy a year ago that the business has grown and Jane is now offering riding lessons and the need of four horses instead of two horses would be beneficial to accommodate the clients currently signed up. The Josts are erecting a building on their lot to accommodate a year round program for their clients also. Several people spoke on behalf of the Josts in favor of such a program and for the council to consider this as a positive program that brings people from other towns to Henderson.

At 7:40, Mayor Regier closed the public hearing.

Matt Friesen made a motion to approve the amendment to Mark and Jane Jost's current special exception to allow a maximum of four horses at 1470 Walnut Street for the purpose of equine therapy and riding lessons with a two-year review term. Stan Friesen seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Matt Friesen, Stan Friesen, Corbin Tessman and Brian Hiebner. Motion carried.

Reed Miller was present to give updates on the restroom projects and the street projects. No formal action taken.

Brian Hiebner made a motion to approve Miller and Associates' pay request for the crack sealing project design phase in the amount of \$4,959.00. Matt Friesen seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Brian Hiebner, Matt Friesen, Corbin Tessman and Stan Friesen. Motion carried.

Corbin Tessman made a motion to approve Miller and Associates' pay request for the crack sealing project construction phase in the amount of \$586.00. Stan Friesen seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Corbin Tessman, Stan Friesen, Brian Hiebner and Matt Friesen. Motion carried.

Matt Friesen made a motion to approve Miller and Associates' pay request for the armor coating project design phase in the amount of \$2,910.00. Brian Hiebner seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Matt Friesen, Brian Hiebner, Corbin Tessman and Stan Friesen. Motion carried.

Reed Miller recommended to the council to have a sewer study for Henderson done and to come up with a master plan to accommodate expansion. No formal action taken.

Reports were given. No formal action taken.

Stan Friesen made a motion to adjourn. Corbin Tessman seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Stan Friesen, Corbin Tessman, Brian Hiebner and Matt Friesen. Motion carried.

Donald J. Regier, Mayor  
Connie Brown, City Clerk