

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Henderson, Nebraska was held at 7:00 p.m. on May 9, 2023, at City Hall in Henderson, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was posted at City Hall and published in the May 3, 2023 *Henderson News*.

Mayor Corbin Tessman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Tessman 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 Tessman referred to the open meetings law poster and stated if a member of the public wishes to speak on matters not listed on the agenda, they may speak during the Public Forum Period. Speakers will be given five minutes to address the Board. The public should be aware that the Board is unable, by law, to deliberate or act on the items raised during the Public Forum Period. The public may request the item to be placed on a future agenda for deliberation and/or action.

Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Corbin Tessman. Council members: Teri Pollet, Kevin J. Friesen, Brian Hiebner and Mitch Huxoll.

Minutes from the April 11, 2023 meetings were reviewed. Kevin Friesen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Brian Hiebner seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Kevin Friesen, Brian Hiebner, Teri Pollet and Mitch Huxoll. Motion carried.

Brian Hiebner made a motion to pay the claims as presented. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Brian Hiebner, Teri Pollet, Kevin Friesen and Mitch Huxoll. Motion carried.

Six building permits were issued since the last meeting including: Clay and Jackie Bittinger to replace a shed, Kevin Friesen for a deck with a roof, Jason Amack to replace a fence, Andrew Park for a mailbox, Rick Schwenk for an egress window, and Craig Klooster to replace a shed.

Thane Wetjen and Nichole Wetjen were present to discuss the possibility of having beehives within city limits as currently it is not allowed by municipal code. Thane has been awarded a scholarship through Nebraska Beekeepers Association and has taken several classes on beekeeping. He would like to place the beehive near the Henderson Community Garden near the golf course. There will be a public hearing set for the June 13 council meeting for the council to consider a special exception for allowing beehives within city limits. No formal action taken.

Kevin Postier from Henderson State Bank presented the idea of having a digital sign display by the water tower for advertising for the Henderson State Bank and City of Henderson. Henderson State Bank would pay for the display and installment and would be the administrator. The council asked if any business would be able to advertise on it and who would decide what could be advertised. Kevin mentioned these questions had not been addressed at this time and would have to consider them. The clerk is to meet with legal counsel on this also. No formal action was taken.

Brian Hiebner made a motion to approve Diamond Engineering's Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$71,050.00 and to have elevation shots taken on the alley to see if it will drain correctly. Kevin Friesen seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Brian Hiebner, Kevin Friesen, Mitch Huxoll and Teri Pollet. Motion carried.

The Birch Street and 17th Street manhole installation estimate in the amount of \$63,785 from VanKirk Brothers was reviewed. Brian Hiebner made a motion to budget for this in the 2023-24 budget year and to get on VanKirk's schedule for this fall. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Brian Hiebner, Teri Pollet, Kevin Friesen and Mitch Huxoll. Motion carried.

Further discussion was had about no parking on S. 15th Street. Brian Hiebner was going to visit with golf league participants to use Ash Street instead of S. 15th Street on league nights. No formal action taken.

Diamond Engineering submitted an estimate to replace the concrete at the alley entrance across from Friesen Avenue along Birch Street in the amount of \$5,273.40. Brian Hiebner made a motion to accept the estimate. Kevin Friesen seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Brian Hiebner, Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet and Mitch Huxoll. Motion carried.

The replacement of the 2005 Chevy pickup was discussed. The Nebraska State bid for a new pickup is approximately \$51,574. This item will be placed on June's agenda for further options and discussion.

Kevin Friesen made a motion to adjourn. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet, Mitch Huxoll and Brian Hiebner. Motion carried.

Corbin Tessman, Mayor
Connie Brown, City Clerk