

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Henderson, Nebraska was held at 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2023, at City Hall in Henderson, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was posted at City Hall and published in the September 7, 2023 *Henderson News*.

Acting Mayor Brian Hiebner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Acting Mayor Hiebner 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. Acting Mayor Hiebner 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: Acting Mayor Brian Hiebner. Council members: Kevin J. Friesen, Teri Pollet and Mitch Huxoll. Absent: Corbin Tessman.

Minutes from the August 8, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Kevin J. Friesen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet and Mitch Huxoll. Motion carried.

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

Nine building permits were issued since the last meeting including Karley Friesen for a 14' x 32' shed for a clothing store; Grace Children's Home for a deck; Robert Hiebner for a deck and storage shed; Sandra Hale-Kroeker for a fence; Sharlene Doell for a fence; Clay Bittinger for a patio cover; Jeff Dunsmoor for a fence; Blake Burgess for a patio and outdoor fireplace and Brad Best for a storage shed.

Acting Mayor Brian Hiebner opened the public hearing at 7:05 for the purpose of renewing the liquor license of Sparrow's Branch Café.

Acting Mayor Brian Hiebner closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. as there was no public present.

As there were no written complaints or violations for the renewal of Sparrow's Branch Café's liquor license, Teri Pollet made a motion to renew the liquor license for Sparrow's Branch Café. Kevin Friesen seconded. Roll vote: Teri Pollet, Kevin Friesen and Mitch Huxoll. Motion carried.

The second reading of the ordinance for the annexation of the recently purchased real estate from Johnnie and Lori Steingard north of the ballfields was held. The third and final reading will be held on October 10, 2023. No formal action taken.

Kevin Friesen gave a report on the Trap, Neuter and Release (TNR) program in Aurora. Shannon Goltz traps cats in the spring and fall when it is not so hot and from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.. She is funded through donations, fundraisers and selling items she makes. The Aurora Adopt-a-Pet allows her to run the program under them so people can write-off their donations. She traps, vets and tames the kittens so they can be adopted. She surrenders the cats that can be adopted. Male cats are neutered and returned back to the colony. There is a care period for the neutered male cats of four total days. She is willing to come and visit with the council about the program. The City of Aurora has an ordinance referencing the number of cats allowed per household, tagging/licensing and neutering that the council will review at the October meeting. No formal action taken at this time.

Quotes were reviewed to have the 2005 Chevrolet's engine replaced. Kevin Friesen made a motion to approve Henderson Motor's quote to install a re-manufactured engine and replace the long block for \$7,350 which includes a three-year/100,000 mile warranty. Mitch Huxoll seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Kevin Friesen, Mitch Huxoll and Teri Pollet. Motion carried.

Teri Pollet made a motion to approve Diamond Engineering's Change Order #3 for a deduction in contract price in the amount of \$38,168.10. Mitch Huxoll seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Teri Pollet, Mitch Huxoll and Kevin Friesen. Motion carried.

Kevin Friesen made a motion to approve Diamond Engineering's final Pay Request #5 of \$11,484.40. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet and Mitch Huxoll. Motion carried.

Mitch Huxoll made a motion to accept Diamond Engineering's Certificate of Substantial Completion. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Mitch Huxoll, Teri Pollet and Kevin Friesen. Motion carried.

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

Brian Hiebner, Acting Mayor  
Connie Brown, City Clerk