

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Henderson, Nebraska was held at 7:00 p.m. on November 12, 2024, at City Hall in Henderson, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was posted at City Hall and published in the November 7, 2024, *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 Forum Period. The public may request the item to be placed on a future agenda for deliberation and/or action.

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

Minutes from the October 8, 2024 regular council meeting and October 15, 2024 special meeting were reviewed. Teri Pollet made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Brian Hiebner seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Teri Pollet, Brian Hiebner, Kevin Friesen and Mitch Huxoll. Motion carried.

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

Three building permits were issued since the last meeting. Ori Friesen for a shop/storage; Tyler Martin for a fence and Kevin R. Friesen for a fence.

Heartland Community School FFA Instructor Stephanie Miller and student Madison Mason were present to educate the council of a Book Walk Program the FFA Chapter is doing as a trial run in the Lakeview Park from November 18 to December 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be 30 signs around the path that will tell a story. The Farm Bureau provides the books for the program and the pages are laminated and put on yard signs. The Book Walk will be in two week increments throughout the year.

Members from Heartland Community School building project were present to discuss the tapping into the sewer manhole in the alley across Front Street. The sewer main from the school to the manhole has less than 1% slope and the concern is not enough slope for an acceptable flow. Three options were considered. Option 1 is to install a small lift station with a generator in the amount of \$179,898.05. Option 2 is to bore a casing under Front Street to allow the sewer line to go through to get the correct slope in the amount of \$101,158.92. Option 3 is to do an open trench across Front Street and lay the sewer line in the trench to get the correct slope in the amount of \$72,255.04.

After discussion, Brian Hiebner made a motion to allow the school contractors to do Option 3 of an open trench across Front Street to get the sewer line from the school to the manhole with a two year warranty on the street repair. Kevin Friesen seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Brian Hiebner, Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet and Mitch Huxoll. Motion carried.

Reed Miller from Miller and Associates presented an agreement for professional services to provide drawings and specifications for an upgrade to the well systems control program, review outdated/obsolete equipment and conduct the bidding services. No formal action taken.

Reed Miller gave an update on the replacement of Well #2. The new site will be 45' away from the existing well and the State is requesting a test well to be drilled for water quality. The engineers are communicating with the State with the argument the well is being replaced due to well casing failure and not the water quality. No formal action taken at this time.

Reed Miller reviewed the Highland Addition specifications and plans with the council. Kevin Friesen made a motion to have the engineers advertise for bids for the Highland Addition with December 17 as bid opening date. Mitch Huxoll seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Kevin Friesen, Mitch Huxoll, Teri Pollet and Brian Hiebner. Motion carried.

Teri Pollet made a motion to pay SENDD Contracting \$19,800 for final payment on the 1141 N Main Street house construction. Kevin Friesen second. Roll vote: Ayes - Teri Pollet, Kevin Friesen, Mitch Huxoll and Brian Hiebner. Motion carried.

Brian Hiebner made a motion to accept William and Leslie Obrinsky's offer of \$315,000 for the house located at 1141 N Main Street and to start the paperwork for the sale. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Brian Hiebner, Teri Pollet, Kevin Friesen and Mitch Huxoll. Motion carried.

Brian Hiebner made a motion to write-off accounts as bad debt for the USDA Loan (\$2,339.69) and utility billings (\$531.37) from residents moving or businesses no longer in operation. Mitch Huxoll seconded. Ayes - Brian Hiebner, Mitch Huxoll, Kevin Friesen and Teri Pollet. Motion carried.

Brian Hiebner made a motion to accept Mainstay Communication's estimate of \$4,416.63 to install security cameras at the city tree dump and Perennial Public Power District's estimate of \$1,400 to install a pole and electricity for the security cameras. Kevin Friesen seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Brian Hiebner, Kevin Friesen, Mitch Huxoll and Teri Pollet. Motion carried.

The second reading of an ordinance to increase the water and sewer rates in 2025 by 3% was held. Third reading will be held on December 9, 2024. No formal action taken.

The next regular council meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2024 instead of Tuesday, December 10, 2024 due to possible lack of a quorum.

Reports were given. No formal action taken.

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

Corbin A. Tessman, Mayor  
Connie Brown, City Clerk