

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Henderson, Nebraska was held at 7:00 p.m. on April 8, 2025 at City Hall in Henderson, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was posted at City Hall and published in the April 3, 2025, *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. The public may request the item to be placed on a future agenda for deliberation and/or action.

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.

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

Minutes from March 11, 2025 regular meeting and the March 20, 2025 special meeting were reviewed. Kevin 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.

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

Four permits were issued since the last meeting. Mainstay Communications for a storage warehouse, Luke Fochtman for placement of garage, Jeff Dunsmoor for a pergola and Joe Pankratz for a privacy fence.

No one was present for the public forum.

Mike Epp was present to talk to the city council to consider re-visiting the golf cart ordinance to allow golf carts to be driven anywhere within the city limits. He stated many surrounding towns around Henderson allow golf carts and some have larger populations than Henderson. He also stated golf carts would be safer than scooters the older population drive around. No formal action taken at this time.

Shelisa Smith and Jacqueline Goertzen spoke on behalf of a Mom's Group asking the city council to consider updating playground equipment especially in the Downtown Park. The group is concerned about the age and safety of the equipment and have been in contact with different playground equipment companies and have also visited with Sutton's City Administrator about different grants and fundraisers Sutton has recently done to improve their playground equipment. The council encouraged the group to gather more information and the council will review the information at budget time. No formal action taken.

Bids for the Henderson SCADA Upgrade were opened on April 3, 2025. Two complete bids were submitted including HOA Solutions, Inc. and Automatic Systems Co. HOA Solutions' total bid was \$199,947 with an alternate deduct of \$53,493. Automatic Systems' total bid was \$214,030.97 with alternate deduct of \$31,553. Deduct was to use alternate PLC Manufacturers than what was stated in bid documents.

After reviewing the bids and consideration of the engineer's recommendation, Kevin Friesen made a motion to approve HOA Solutions' bid with the alternate deduct for a total bid amount of \$146,454.00. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet and Mitch Huxoll. Motion carried.

Miller and Associates' Professional Service Agreement was reviewed to do professional services for the extension of water and sewer north to Hiebner Body Shop. There was no formal action as the engineer is waiting for a response from contractor for the change order price on the extension of water and sewer services.

Kevin Friesen made a motion to approve the contract between Caitlin O'Brien and the City to be the Concessions Manager for the ballfields and the swimming pool for 2025 season. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet and Mitch Huxoll. Motion carried.

At 8:14 p.m., Kevin Friesen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations of an access road for the new addition. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet and Mitch Huxoll. Motion carried.

At 8:19 p.m. Kevin Friesen made a motion to reconvene into regular session. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet and Mitch Huxoll. 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