

Hartley City Council Meeting
Regular Session
April 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Hartley City Council was held Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hartley City Hall. Mayor Rodney Ahrenstorff presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City Council Members present were: Jerry Olson, Ron Hengeveld, Roxann Swanson, Mary Westphalen and Val Moermond. Others present: Patty Anderson, Terry Hilbert, Curt Stoltz, Matt Bush, Tammy Klein, Tony Klein and Nick Pedley.

Swanson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen, Moermond and Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Olson moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Moermond. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Westphalen, Moermond, Olson and Hengeveld. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Ahrenstorff informed that City Clean-Up Day starts April 24th. He asks owners of dogs and cats not to let them run at large and keep them on a leash.

Council Member Jerry Olson asked residents to clean up their properties and for RABRAI July 23rd. Olson asked what can be done to assist with improving the downtown area and filling empty buildings.

Darla Meyer informed there is a problem of dogs that are unleashed going after postal employees delivering mail. She asked the City to enforce ordinances.

Mayor Ahrenstorff opened a public hearing at 6:09 p.m. on Draft Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. There were no oral or written comments received. Mayor Ahrenstorff closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Hengeveld moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-12, "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED FINAL DRAFT BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 2016-2017". Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Moermond, Olson, Hengeveld and Swanson. Nays: None. Motion Carried 5-0.

Mayor Ahrenstorff opened a public hearing at 6:11 p.m. on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. There were no oral or written comments received. Mayor Ahrenstorff closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

Westphalen moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-13, "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR HARTLEY URBAN RENEWAL AREA". Seconded by Moermond. Roll Call: Ayes. Moermond, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson and Westphalen. Nays: None. Motion Carried 5-0.

Olson moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-14, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERNAL ADVANCE FOR FUNDING OF URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT". Seconded by

Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen and Moermond. Nays. None. Motion Carried 5-0.

Park Board Members Matt Bush and Tammy Klein were present and spoke about plans for the ball fields. The Board would like to remove part of the south fence and remove the middle section of fencing. The Board would like to purchase removable fencing to outline the fields, discussed a design for parking and installing a T-ball field. The Council thanked the Park Board for their work.

Olson moved to approve Removing the South and Middle Fencing and Purchase Removable Fencing at Fanning Ball Field. Second by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld Swanson, Westphalen, Moermond and Olson. Nays. None. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Westphalen moved to approve Grundman-Hicks, LLC Pay Request No. 5 \$27,622.01 for Waste Water Mixer Replacement Project. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Westphalen, Moermond, Olson and Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Curt Stoltz and Mary Westphalen informed they attended a RABRAI XLV meeting at Clear Lake, IA April 8th and received valuable information to begin preparing.

Moermond moved to approve Street Closing at 1st Street S.E. on South Side of Stop Light Lounge for Sunday, July 23, 2017. Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Moermond, Olson, Hengeveld and Swanson. Nays. None. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Mayor Ahrenstorff informed Dan Shepherd is retiring April 14th from the Waste Water Plant Operator Position.

Hengeveld moved to approve Advertising for Waste Water Plant Grade III Operator Position. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Moermond, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson and Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Mayor Ahrenstorff informed Katen Sadler resigned from City Hall Part-Time Custodian position.

Westphalen moved to approve Advertising for City Hall Part-Time Custodian. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen and Moermond. Nays. None. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Mayor Ahrenstorff informed in the past one seasonal part-time laborer was hired for the summer. During budget session this year, the Council approved hiring a second laborer.

Hengeveld moved to approve to Hire Two Seasonal Part-Time Laborers. Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen, Moermond and Olson. Nays. None. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Moermond moved to approve Hartley Farm and Home Quote up to \$1,500 for Replacing City Hall Entry Flooring. Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Westphalen, Moermond, Olson and Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Mayor Ahrenstorff informed the Cemetery Chapel Committee is applying for a \$3,000 O'Brien County Foundation Grant to straighten cemetery stones.

Westphalen moved to approve Cemetery Chapel Committee's O'Brien County Foundation Grant Application. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Moermond, Olson, Hengeveld and Swanson. Nays. None. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Mayor Ahrenstorff informed the Fire Department is applying for a \$7,500 O'Brien County Foundation Grant to purchased five sets of bunker gear.

Hengeveld moved approve Fire Department's O'Brien County Foundation Grant Application. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Moermond, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson and Westphalen. Nays. None. Motion Carried. 5-0.

The City Personnel Committee met and recommends appointing Jordan Kerr as Police Chief at a salary of \$49,400.

Moermond moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-15, "A RESOLUTION SETTING SALARY AND APPOINTING JORDAN KERR POLICE CHIEF". Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen and Moermond. Nays. None. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Hengeveld moved to approve Submitting Request for Proposal to Hire Engineering Services for N. 6th Avenue E. Water Main Replacement Project. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen, Moermond and Olson. Nays. None. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Olson moved to approve Submitting Request for Proposal to Hire Engineering Services for 2017 Street Maintenance Project. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Westphalen, Moermond, Olson and Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Moermond moved to approve Submitting Request for Proposal to Hire Engineering/Land Surveyor to Plat Additional Land at Pleasant View Cemetery. Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Westphalen, Moermond, Olson, Hengeveld and Swanson. Nays. None. Motion Carried. 5-0.

No action was taken on Agenda Item No. 28 to Approve Submitting Request for Proposal to Hire Contractors for Construction of Cemetery Building. It will be discussed at a later date.

Olson moved to approve Lien Search and Authorize an Abandoned Property Petition on Property at 255 W. Maple Drive, Hartley, IA. Seconded by Westphalen. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson, Westphalen and Moermond. Nays. None. Motion Carried. 5-0.

No action was taken on Agenda Item No. 31 to Approve Brown's Landscaping Quote for City Hall Building Landscaping until the May meeting.

The City submitted an Iowa League of Cities All-Star Community Award Application for the Eeten Museum and Cemetery Chapel. The Council will ask Northwest Iowa Planning and Zoning Commission to attend the May meeting to discuss their nuisance abatement program.

Mayor Ahrenstorff adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Rodney Ahrenstorff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Anderson, City Clerk/Administrator