

Hamburg City Council Meeting August 11, 2015

Mayor Richard Malz called the Hamburg City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Steve Trebesch, Councilmember Chris Lund, Councilmember Robert Gregonis, Councilmember Richard Odoms, City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen, Maintenance Employee Greg Schultz, Deputy Clerk Cherie Smith, and Fire Chief Buckentin were in attendance. Also in attendance were residents Marilyn Wilson, Greg Peterson, and Dena Braith.

Public Comment

- Dena Braith, 400 Henrietta Ave., addressed the City Council concerning a bill she received from the City for having a dog impounded.

Agenda Review (Added Items) and Adoption

- Greg Peterson and Marilyn Wilson – 152 Jacob St.
- Customer Consent Form from Excel Energy for SunShare (Solar Energy)
- Cash Flow Statement for June 2015 – Consent Agenda
- Water/Wastewater Report for July 2015 – Consent Agenda
- Updated Utility Delinquent Report – Consent Agenda
- Update August Claims List
- **Councilmember Gregonis moved to approve the Agenda with the added items, seconded by Councilmember Trebesch and motion unanimously carried. All Council members were present.**

Approve Consent Agenda

- Approve Minutes for July 14, 2015
- 2016 Local Government Aid
- HFDRA Steak Fry October 3, 2015
- Cash Flow Statement – May 2015
- 2015 Building Permit Report
- Public Nuisance List
- **Councilmember Lund moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Trebesch and motion unanimously carried. All Council members were present.**

Fire Department

- Paid On-Call
 - The Hamburg Fire Department is proposing to the City Council to change from strictly a volunteer fire department to a paid on call department. Each firefighter would receive \$10.00 per call. The fire department is also proposing that the firefighter needs to make 15% of the calls to receive their pension for that year. After discussion, the City Council would like to see the percentage of the calls set higher than 15%. Chief Buckentin will take this information back to the fire department and report back at the September Council Meeting.



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- 2016 HFDRA Pension
 - The Hamburg Fire Department is requesting an increase of \$25.00 per year retroactive back to the hire date of all eligible Fire Fighters.
 - The increase, if approved, would be added to the 2016 Pension but not go into effect until 2017 Budget.
 - **Councilmember Odoms moved to approve the \$25 per year increase for the Hamburg Fire Relief Association Fire Fighters Pension (\$1,600 per year for 2016 Annual Benefit Level effective January 1, 2016), seconded by Councilmember Lund and motion unanimously carried. All Council members were present.**
- National Night Out
 - National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 and approximately 150 people attended.
- Outdoor Warning Siren
 - The Outdoor Warning Siren was not working due to a decoding error on the board. It has since been fixed. Councilmember Odoms expressed concern the he did not hear the siren sound for the test on the first Wednesday of August. City Clerk Gruenhagen will check into that situation.

Greg Peterson & Marilyn Wilson – 152 Jacob Street

- Greg Peterson and Marilyn Wilson would like to purchase the lot next to their property.
- They would like to build a 40 X 25 two stall garage on that lot. They would combine the lot they are looking at purchasing with their current lot. They are also interested in purchasing the 33 foot lot behind that lot and two more 33 foot lots South of that property.
- The City Council agreed to not require any water or sewer hook-ups on this lot at this time.

Old City Business

- LMCIT No-Fault Sewer Backup Coverage
 - Last month the City Council approved No-Fault Sewer Backup Coverage to reimburse water and sanitary sewer customers for up to \$10,000.00 for a premium of \$338 per year. City Clerk Gruenhagen found that for No-Fault Sewer Backup Coverage up to \$25,000 the premium would be \$399 per year and for No-Fault Sewer Backup Coverage up to \$40,000 the premium would be \$497 per year.
 - **Councilmember Trebesch moved to pass Resolution 2015-09, amending Resolution 2015-08 changing the \$10,000 of coverage for No-Fault Sewer Backup to \$25,000 of coverage for No-Fault Sewer Backup, seconded by Councilmember Odoms and motion unanimously carried. All Council members were present.**
- Building Code Self-Ordinance



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- **Councilmember Lund moved to set a Public Hearing to set the Building Code Fee Schedule for Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00p.m., seconded by Councilmember Trebesch and motion unanimously carried. All Council members were present.**
- Countryside Veterinary Bill
 - The City Council discussed the Countryside Veterinary Bill for a dog that was impounded in May. City Hall will be in contact with the Carver County Sheriff's Office to obtain a copy of the impound paperwork.
 - A letter will be sent out to Ms. Braith stating the City Council feels it is the Braith's responsibility to pay the impound bill.

Public Works & Utilities Department Report

- Community Hall Repairs
 - The Community Hall Roof Repairs have been completed.
 - Maintenance Employee Schultz is planning to start cutting up the floor in the Shop next week.
- Community Center Repairs
 - Maintenance Employee Schultz looked at the roof at the Community Center and he is going to try to fix it. He is going to recaulk the roof and see if that will fix the leaks.
- Park Open Shelter (Re-Roof)
 - Maintenance Employee Schultz received two estimates to re-roof the open shelter in the park. **Councilmember Trebesch moved to accept the bid from Dan Oelfke Construction for \$3600 to re-roof the Open Shelter, seconded by Councilmember Odoms and motion unanimously carried. All Council members were present.**
- Maintenance Employee Shultz will be attending a Waste Water Seminar given by MN Rural Waste Water on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 held in Norwood Young America.
- Time –off Request
 - **Councilmember Trebesch moved to approve the time off request for Maintenance Employee Schultz for August 21, 27 and 28, 2015, seconded by Councilmember Gregonis and motion unanimously carried. All Council members were present.**
- Maintenance Employee Schultz will repaint the swinging bench that is in the City Park by the Duck Pond.
- Maintenance Employee Schultz will install the fence by the lift station as soon as it is purchased.
- City Council members showed concerns about the tree by the duck pond that has been damaged by the weather. After looking at the tree, Maintenance Employee Schultz thinks the best thing to do is to take that tree down.
- It was suggested that the City should include in their budget next year monies to purchase trees for different areas throughout the City where trees have been taken



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- down in the past few years. Councilmember Lund was going to mention purchasing new trees to the Hamburg Lions as they might be able to help with that project.
- Part time Maintenance Employee Sprengeler will continue to work for the City thru August or until the budgeted amount is used. The City Council will revisit this issue at the September Council meeting.

City Clerk/Treasurer Report

- 2015 Street Improvements
 - The City will be holding a Pre-Construction meeting for the 2015 Street Improvement Projects on Tuesday, August 18, 2015.
 - Small Cities Assistance Program was passed by legislative this May which is a one time program to help Small Cities improve and maintain streets in their City. The City of Hamburg will be receiving \$11,376 this year that will be put towards the 2015 Street Project.
- 2016 Budget Workshop Date
 - The 2016 Budget Workshop will be held September 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
- Auditing Fees for 2015 – 2017
 - City Clerk Gruenhagen will be meeting with Abdo, Eick & Meyers in the next few weeks. There was discussion from the City Council about possibly using RFP's to determine who would audit the City's records next year.
- Health Insurance Renewal
 - City Clerk Gruenhagen is checking into a few other options to help decrease Health Insurance costs for the City.
- Vacation (August 19 – 28)
 - City Clerk Gruenhagen will be on vacation from August 19th to August 28th.

Approve Payment of July 2015 Claims (\$8,706.06)

Councilmember Lund moved to approve the two ACH payments and check numbers 17493 through 17504 for a total of \$8,706.06, seconded by Councilmember Trebesch and motion unanimously carried. All Council members were present.

Approve Payment of August 2015 Claims (\$55,109.40)

Councilmember Lund moved to approve the five ACH payments and check numbers 17505 through 17536 for a total of \$55,109.40, seconded by Councilmember Trebesch and motion unanimously carried. All Council members were present.

City Council Reports

- Councilmember Odoms (Water/Sewer)
 - Councilmember Odoms asked if nuisance letters could be sent to the owners of the vacant lots on Brad St. and Jacob St. Letters have been sent to both owners already.
- Councilmember Lund (Parks)
 - Councilmember Lund asked Councilmember Odoms what he learned from the August 1, 2015 Special Meeting.



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- Councilmember Lund told Councilmember Odoms that information that he has on the unofficial City of Hamburg website contains information that is not correct. Councilmember Odoms states on his website the he can not go on any City Grounds or talk to any City Employees or members of the City Council. Those statements are not true. Councilmember Lund asked Councilmember Odoms to remove that information.
- Councilmember Lund also stated that Councilmember Odoms can not post pictures of City Employees on the website which he still continues to do.
- **Councilmember Trebesch moved that Councilmember Odoms be censured for engaging in offensive behavior in his role as a City Council member during the August City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Gregonis, and motion passed 4-0 with Councilmember Odoms abstaining. All Council members were present.**
- Councilmember Lund asked Councilmember Odoms if he is going to comply with the motion to turn over all City Data in his possession within the ten days as he was given. Councilmember Odoms said he would and have it turned over by Tuesday, August 18, 2015.
- Councilmember Trebesch (Buildings)
 - Councilmember Trebesch brought to the Council's attention that the pole that needed to be replaced on Park Avenue due to an accident does not have a street light on it like the previous pole. City Clerk Gruenhagen will call XCEL Energy and let them know a street light needs to be installed on that pole.
- Mayor Malz
 - Mayor Malz thanked everyone for all their help making National Night Out a success.

Adjourn City Council Meeting

Councilmember Gregonis moved to adjourn the Hamburg City Council meeting at 8:57 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Trebesch and motion unanimously carried. All Council members were present.

Submitted By:

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Deputy Clerk

