



**HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

**Mayor Chris Lund called the Hamburg City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance were: Councilmembers Eric Poppler, Mitch Polzin, Tim Tracy and Jessica Weber, City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen, Deputy Clerk Jan Shoemaker, Public Works Jason Buckentin, Fire Chief Steven Siewert. Resident David Chadwick, and Steve, Tammy, Jake Trebesch. State Representative, Bobbie Harder.**

**Public Comment**

Tammy Trebesch stated Zummerfest was very nice. Mayor Lund added it was very well attended especially in light of rain.

**Agenda Review (Added Items) and Adoption**

**MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to approve the agenda as amended (Add State Representative Bobbie Harder and under Old City Business: Public Nuisance Violations). Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**

**Consent Agenda**

- Approve Payment of Added August 2023 Claims (\$77.82)
- Approve Payment of Added September 2023 Claims (\$25,818.29)
- Approve Cash Flow Statement for August 2023

**MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Seconded by Councilmember Mitch Polzin. Motion was approved by all present.**

**State Representative, Bobbie Harder**

Representative Harder handed out a Session Overview 2023 document. Prior to her Representative roll, she served two terms as a Sibley County Commissioner serving the east side of the county. She is now serving her first term as State Representative. She shared insight on being a State Representative. She talked about the \$18 Billion surplus and how to spend the surplus. She discussed the impact to businesses in the area, especially small business. The impact of new programs whether it be paid sick time, paid medical leave, benefits whether you have one employee or more. This adds to the burden when they are struggling to keep their business alive. Effective October 1 the metro sales tax increases by 1%, .75% of the 1% will to be used for transit and .25% for housing. July 2024 there will be a \$0.50 delivery tax. People that are not citizen are able to obtain a driver's license. Looks no different than yours or mine. Increase in funding for education, nursing homes and in local government aid.

**Hamburg Fire Department Report - Chief Siewert**

- Officer Selection (Chief 3)
  - Officer selection will be coming up in November: Chief 2, Captain 1 and Capitan 3. No one currently in the Captain 1 roll. A resignation of Capitan 1



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last year, Steven Buckentin moved to Chief 3.

- Received a 90-day intent to retire from Jason Hanson, plans to retire January 5, 2024 with 10-years of service.
- Firefighter Recruitment Options - Chief Siewert discussed a few recruitment options for new firefighters. No action taken on the options. Currently at 19 firefighters, and 6-7 rescue reserves. Fully staffed 30 members, comfortable at 25 members. Need to have a minimum of 10 fire department members in order to maintain a fire department.

### **Old City Business**

- Minor Subdivision (PID's 45.0282010, 45.0282500, 45.0282510)  
City Clerk Gruenhagen summarized the survey the city received from Trebesch's attorney. It combined all three of the Trebesch parcels into track 1 and the city parcel into track 2. The Trebesch's stated this is not what they want, they want Tract 1 to include their portion of PID 45.0282010 to be combined with PID 45.0282500 and keep PID 45.0282510 as a separate parcel. The survey needs to be redone to accommodate the Trebesch's request. The survey is Trebesch responsibility to obtain. The survey needs to be completed as soon as possible to set a Public Hearing to approve the minor subdivision. City Council and the Trebesch's both agreed Tract 1 per the minor subdivision will be as zoned as downtown business district.
- Public Nuisance Violation - 679 Park Ave. nuisance violation has been resolved.

### **New City Business**

- Land Use Application (Variance) for 361 Maria Avenue
- Move to Hold Public Hearing October 10, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
- **MOTION: Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to hold a Public Hearing on October 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM for the land use variance for 361 Maria Avenue. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**

### **2024 Preliminary Budget**

- Public Works Buckentin has located a truck at Rosedale Chevrolet for \$52,398.97 with a 10-year bumper to bumper warranty for \$2,870. With the availability due to the auto workers strike, if approved tonight the vehicle can be picked up tomorrow.
  - **MOTION: Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to approve the purchase of the city truck for \$52,398.97 plus the 10-year bumper to bumper warranty for \$2,870 and transfer the funds from the City Savings Equipment Fund to the General Fund to pay for the purchase. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**
- 2024 Proposed Tax Levy and Budget
  - 2024 Budget Items/Wish List  
City Clerk Gruenhagen reviewed several items that could be removed



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- prior to setting the Preliminary Budget.
- Set Proposed Property Tax Levy/Preliminary Budget for 2024
  - Set Public Comment Meeting for Final 2024 Budget
    - December 12, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
  - Approve Resolution Number 2023-09 (2024 Preliminary Tax Levy)
    - **MOTION: Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to approve Resolution Number 2023-09 (2024 Preliminary Tax Levy) setting the Preliminary Budget for 2024 at \$699,136, a 24% increase and hold a Public Comment Meeting for Final 2024 Budget on December 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**
  - Add to the September 2023 Claims List Check #21779 to Rosedale Chevrolet for \$55,268.97
    - **MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracey moved to update the September 2023 Claims List to add #21779 to Rosedale Chevrolet for \$55,268.97 for purchase of the new City Truck. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**

**City Council Reports**

- Councilmember Mitch Polzin (Streets) thanked everyone who attended Zummerfest.
- Councilmember Eric Poppler (Parks) had nothing further to report.
- Councilmember Jessica Weber (Buildings) had nothing further to report.
- Councilmember Tim Tracy (Water/Sewer) had nothing to report.
- Mayor Chris Lund – Mayor’s In Time will be on October 2, 2023, 5:00-7:00 PM.

**Adjourn City Council Meeting**

**MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:24 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**

Amended/Approved on December 13, 2023

  
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Jeremy Gruenhagen  
City Clerk/Treasurer