

Hadley City Council, Hadley Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 12, 2024

Members Present: Rick Like, Bonnie Petersen, Henry Veldhuisen, Jill Pieske

Members Absent: John Brouwer

Others Present: Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer, Myron Bennett, Liquor Store Manager

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Like at 6:30pm.

Welcome Guests: Brady Panitzke, Bollig Engineering Representative and Rhonda Wynia, Hadley Community Center Improvement Committee were present with Open Forum requests. Dawn Shumaker, Allan Shumaker, Steve Wynia, Muriel Pearson and Sharon Johnson were also present.

Agenda Approval: The council was asked to review the meeting agenda and suggest any additions or corrections. Mayor Like requested to add Building Pre-Application: Shannon Wolske for review under New Business. Council Member Petersen requested to add Vacation of Alleys also under New Business. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Petersen to approve the meeting agenda, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of July Minutes: The council was asked to review the July meeting minutes and suggest any additions or corrections. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske to approve the regularly scheduled meeting minutes from July 8, 2024, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Liquor Fund: Myron reported that the SFD Street Dance was held on 7/26/2024 and overall went very well with around \$10,000.00 in gross sales for the night. All current Summit Bar employee wage rates have been increased \$1.00/hour effective 7/1/2024 as recommended by Myron and the Hadley City Council. Myron also noted that the floors were recently waxed in the Liquor Store and hallways, with the Community Center hall floors scheduled to be waxed on September 3rd, 4th, and 5th, ahead of an upcoming wedding reception. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Veldhuisen to approve the Liquor Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of General Fund: The Uncategorized Income and Local Government Aid income line items were discussed, with Hadley Baseball Association expense reimbursement making up the Uncategorized Income amount for the month. The Repairs – Streets expense line item was questioned by Council Member Veldhuisen and Riley confirmed this was for new gravel purchased from R.A. Muecke Sand & Gravel. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske to approve the General Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water/Sewer Fund: The aged balance report was presented and reviewed, with no immediate shutoffs noted. Guest Rhonda Wynia raised a question regarding the status of the unlawful utility reconnection prosecution, which was filed with the Murray County Sheriff's Office several months ago.

Riley reported that this has been turned over, and he has attempted to obtain an update from Sheriff Landsman on a couple of different occasions but hasn't been successful in obtaining any information to date. This will still be actively pursued by Riley with assistance from Mayor Like, if necessary. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Pieske to approve the Water/Sewer Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- Water & Sewer Committee: There was no new information reported during the meeting.
- Streets Committee: There was no new information reported during the meeting.
- Personnel Committee: There was no new information reported during the meeting.
- Park & Recreation Committee: Mayor Like has been asked by Buttermaker fans who sit in Laurie Mahon Field's "Lake Wilsonville" if they can have approval to pour a new cement landing pad for chairs to be placed on during home baseball games. The current wood platform needs replacement. Following discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Pieske to allow Jeff Grieme and other interested fans to pour a new cement landing pad in "Lake Wilsonville" for seating purposes, with associated expenses to be paid in full by either the Hadley Baseball Association or the fans who chose to put it there. Motion carried unanimously.
- Hadley Community Center Improvement Committee: Rhonda Wynia was present to provide a report on recent activities of the Hadley Community Center Improvement Committee. She reported that the new concrete steps and slab previously approved have been installed by the back door of the Community Center, with the railing to be installed yet this week. The Schuur Concrete invoice has been received with the committee contributing half of the costs back to the City of Hadley.

Old Business:

- Community Center Rain Gutters: There were no new updates reported regarding the Community Center Rain Gutters, as Dan Janssen initially estimated it would be about six weeks before starting this project. As we are approaching the end of this timeframe, Mayor Like intends to reach back out to Dan to confirm project timeline is still accurate and request additional estimate for the south side of the Community Center building.
- Pump House Insulation: Mayor Like reported last month that he talked with a spray foam insulator out of Luverne who is currently working on putting together an estimate. He is currently looking into other potential vendors, so could be obtaining several quote options for presentation before the City Council, however no additional contacts were made prior to this meeting. Additional follow up will be necessary prior to any new discussion taking place.
- City Garage/Shed: To update everyone present, Mayor Like reported that several discussions with Council Members and Jean Christoffels of the Murray County Environmental Services Office had taken place since the last meeting regarding where to place the new storage building and still meet setback and flood plain requirements set forth by Murray County. On the proposed building site, the new storage building could run north and south and meet the requirements, keeping at least six feet between the existing shed and new storage building. Mayor Like also

met with Jean to review these requirements and ensure the project could move forward. Riley prepared and presented the required Building Pre-Application for the placement of a new RFC Portable Buildings LLC 16'x30'x10' storage building at 171 Main Street in Hadley with an estimated cost of \$16,600.00. Following discussion and review, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Pieske to approve the Building Pre-Application, as presented, moving forward with the project. Motion carried unanimously.

- Hanson Property Raccoons: Council Member Pieske read aloud the email she and Clerk/Treasurer Engbarth received on 8/11/2024 from Mrs. Hanson indicating that she has boarded/blocked raccoon entrances around the property and that live traps were in the process of being set to completely remove existing raccoons and mitigate future raccoon problems. She intends to also spray deterrent around the perimeter of the property. It was noted by Guest Rhonda Wynia that she also recently sighted raccoons entering and exiting the white shed on the corner of 224 3rd Ave E, which is presently owned by A. Clauson. There are several holes along the cement foundation. Mayor Like will follow up with the property owner on this observance in an attempt to resolve the problem of raccoons entering and exiting the property.
- City Brush Site Dirt Pile: Mayor Like reported that he has received maps and supplemental information from Hadley Resident Steve Wynia regarding potential wet land out at the brush site, as prepared by Kevin Wynia, who handles this type of work. Dirt and other materials cannot be pushed into the "wet land" so a proposal for council consideration was made to move the existing brush pile over, burn it completely and then spread the existing dirt pile over the ground area where the existing brush pile is now, since that also already appears to be the lowest area on the property. It was suggested that weed growth on the dirt pile first be sprayed because the dirt will spread easier without mushy weeds present. With council approval to proceed, Kevin would assist with this project prior to fall harvest, if possible, with an estimated labor cost of \$1,200.00. The council was appreciative of the presented solution with a MSP by Mayor Like and Council Member Pieske to approve the hiring of Kevin Wynia to conduct brush site cleanup with additional spraying costs/labor to be incurred and a total project cost limit not to exceed \$1,500.00. Motion carried unanimously. Council Members Veldhuisen and Petersen will check with a local farmer regarding potential weed spraying ahead of time and oversee the brush site cleanup project.
- 2024 Election Updates: With the Mayor and a couple of Council Members up for re-election this year, those in attendance were reminded of the filing period, which is currently open through August 13th at 5:00pm. Members up for re-election and any Hadley residents interested in re-running/running for office are encouraged to file with Riley prior to the close of the filing period. He will be at the Community Center on August 13th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm for candidates to file in person, if desired, prior to the close of filing. Riley also reported that he has attended the required 5 hours of Murray County Election Clerk and Head Judge training.

New Business:

- Open Forum – Brady Panitzke: Brady Panitzke, Bollig Engineering Representative was present to deliver final materials following submission of the Lead Service Line Inventory for the City of

Hadley. He reported that all required information has been submitted to MDH and can still be updated through 8/15/2024. A thumb drive with maps and a master spreadsheet was received for use when Clerk/Treasurer annual MDH updates are due or if changes to the master spreadsheet or lines are ever required.

- Building Pre-Application – Michelle Swanson: Hadley Property Owner Michelle Swanson submitted a Building Pre-Application request, as she is planning to have a new single-family dwelling built off-site and moved onto her property at 211 2nd Street E, Hadley. Riley presented the required Building Pre-Application Form and accompanying maps and sketch plans, for council consideration. Following discussion, MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Petersen to approve the Building Pre-Application for 211 2nd Street E, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Building Pre-Application – Henry & Carol Veldhuisen: Hadley Property Owners Henry & Carol Veldhuisen submitted a Building Pre-Application request, as they are planning to replace their existing 10'x12' storage shed with a new 10'x16' storage shed to be moved onto their property at 150 Main Street S, Hadley. Riley presented the required Building Pre-Application Form and accompanying maps and sketch plans, for council consideration. Following discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Pieske to approve the Building Pre-Application for 150 Main Street S, as presented. Motion carried unanimously, with Council Member Veldhuisen abstaining from the vote.
- Vacation of Alleys: Accompanying the Building Pre-Application for Henry & Carol Veldhuisen, Jean Christoffels with the Murray County Environmental Services Office has brought to Mayor Like's attention that there is currently a platted alleyway running between Veldhuisen's property and the city park, City of Hadley property, running 16ft wide in the middle of Block 2. This has created an issue with where Veldhuisen's were planning to place their new shed, however the City of Hadley has the option to vacate the alleyway by abandonment, per MN Statute 412.851 "Vacation of Streets". If this option is exercised, the alleyway becomes split property of the adjoining property owners, in this case half to Veldhuisen's and half to the City of Hadley. When the original plat was done, there are a number of alleyways that were included in backyards or adjoining property lines, but not developed into usable alleys. Following discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Pieske to vacate the alleyway by abandonment between Veldhuisen's and the City of Hadley Park (on Block 2), and also further look into abandoning other non-used alleyways with a similar situation in the future. Motion carried unanimously, with Council Member Veldhuisen abstaining from the vote.
- Building Pre-Application – Shannon Wolske: Hadley Property Owner Shannon Wolske has purchased Lot 8, Block 1 (addressed 190 Heritage Trail, Hadley) and Outlot B within the Wildflower Pointe development on Summit Lake, with the intention of building a single-family dwelling on the property. Mayor Like presented a sketch map for the property that he received from contractor Barry Kuball, who will be building the dwelling, for council consideration, although he did not receive the required Building Pre-Application. In the essence of time, the contractor has requested approval, which will be contingent upon receiving the required permit paperwork. Following discussion, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Petersen

to approve the initial plans for 190 Heritage Trail, contingent upon receipt of a completed Building Pre-Application for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

- City Property Fall Spraying: This was added to the meeting agenda as an item of discussion following spraying procedures that have occurred over the past several years for city property. Riley was wondering if the council felt it was necessary or beneficial to have the city property sprayed again, and if so, is Council Member Veldhuisen planning to again take care of it in the weeks ahead. As a preventative maintenance measure, the council felt this is beneficial to the City of Hadley. MSP by Mayor Like and Council Member Pieske authorizing Henry Veldhuisen to spray weeds this fall on all city property. Motion carried unanimously.

MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Petersen for payment of unpaid bills, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Petersen for meeting adjournment. Motion carried unanimously. With no further business, the regularly scheduled meeting was adjourned by Mayor Like at 8:00pm.

Riley Engbarth

Respectfully Submitted by Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer