

Hadley City Council, Hadley Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 14, 2021

Present: Rick Like, Henry Veldhuisen, Jill Pieske, Riley Engbarth; Absent: Bonnie Peterson, John Brouwer

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Like at 6:40pm.

Welcome Guests: Rhonda Wynia, Hadley Resident

Review of May Minutes: With no additions or corrections, the regularly scheduled meeting minutes from May 10, 2021 were approved.

Review of Liquor Fund: With no further questions or discussion, the Liquor Fund was approved.

Review of General Fund: With no further questions or discussion, the General Fund was approved.

Review of Water/Sewer Fund: The aged balance report was reviewed. Rick mentioned an issue that was raised by Kyle Korver related to water flow/pressure at his residence. In consulting with a plumber, it was mentioned that his water meter is likely causing the issue. There was discussion on removing the meter for his property to bypass this issue, since this property does not have an active city water hookup. Rick has been in contact with Ferguson Waterworks about this possibility and to discuss the options we have but has not yet received a response. With no further questions or discussion, the Water/Sewer Fund was approved.

Old Business:

- Generator: There was nothing new to report related to the generator purchase at this time. Proceeding with this project is dependent on the outcome of the street repairs/parking lot resurfacing project.
- Water Testing Results/Recommendations: There was nothing new to report related to the Water Testing Results/Recommendations as the council is awaiting presentation from Darrin Haroldson and David Boucher on the current water chemicals and possible recommendations for improvement. Riley has checked in with Darrin regarding their attendance at an upcoming meeting, which is pending at this time. He and David are planning to check out Hadley's water system in the next week or two.
- Street Repair/Parking Lot Resurfacing – Engineering, Possible Grant Option: John was not present to discuss any updates he had; however, he did speak briefly with Jill and very little progress has been made since the last meeting. To date, we have not received a call back from Chad Adams with the SWMHP, who was researching our options for a possible grant through their corporation. Jill will call SWMHP following this month's meeting for a status update.
- Map of Water Valve Shut Off's: There was nothing new to report related to the Map of Water Valve Shut Off's. Rick is still looking at options for this and will continue to research.

- 2020 Small Cities Audit – Follow Up Items: Responses to the questions raised for Rebecca with Kinner & Company, LTD during her presentation of the 2020 Small Cities Audit were discussed. Some additional questions are being presented to Merlyn Anderson, Attorney for clarification.

New Business:

- Rhonda Wynia – Hadley Resident: Rhonda was present at the meeting for open forum. She began by expressing her appreciation to Riley for passing on information promptly when requested and taking thorough meeting minutes. Rhonda was present to formally request council permission for use of the cul-de-sac in front of her property for storage of excess dirt while their addition is being built. Jill posed the question on who would be responsible in the event that loose road gravel is carried away as the dirt is removed from the road. Both the council and Rhonda were in agreement that if needed, the Wynia's will be responsible for replacing any gravel that is removed from the area where the dirt, etc. is temporarily placed during their construction project. With no further questions related to this request, there was a MSP by Henry and Jill to allow Steve and Rhonda Wynia to pile dirt on the cul-de-sac for the duration of their construction project, contingent upon replenishment of any gravel that may be carried away, if necessary. Rhonda also asked the Council for a brief update on the dilapidated properties that have not shown any progress on repairs or demolition in the past year, specifically the properties owned by Chuck Sechser and Teresa Hughes. The Council, at their May 11, 2020 meeting, voted to send letters to the named property owners requesting a response in regard to their intentions for the properties. Council Member Pieske stated that since a year has passed with no progress, letters should again be sent to property owners. Wynia noted that there has been great progress in the community in the past year, as a result of the action taken by the Council in May 2020 and thanked the Council for their efforts in following the City Ordinance in that regard. She asked that the Council persist in re-contacting the property owners that have not worked on cleaning up their properties. At the council's request, Riley will be drafting and sending letters to the named property owners requesting a response prior to the next council meeting, which is scheduled for July 12, 2021.
- Blattner Energy Company Wind Farm: Riley mentioned that he received an email from an estimator with Blattner Energy Company regarding a project they are bidding in the area, which requires the use of water for road dust control during the course of the project. The council noted that the city has been approached about this for other projects, in the past, however our water system does not have the capacity to meet this demand in addition to supplying adequate water to city residents and businesses. The use of Summit Lake may be an option; however, this would require approval from the Minnesota DNR. Riley was advised by the council to respond to the request with the above explanation.
- Water Hydrant Flushing: Riley informed the council of his notification from Darrin on Water Hydrant Flushing that was scheduled for the next two Fridays (6/18 and 6/25). The council thought that a more advanced notice to residents would be necessary and the best way to accomplish this is a utility billing mailer. Being we are in the middle of a billing cycle; it was determined that it would be best to postpone the flushing until July after the June utility bills

can be sent with notice. Riley will include a written notice with the June utility billing statements and ask Darrin to postpone flushing until July (7/9 and 7/16).

- Dean Larson – Submitted Questions: Dean was not present at the meeting for open forum but submitted the following questions to Riley via email prior to the meeting. He requested that the following questions be read for council response. 1) What is the status on the 3 vehicles, one with no license plates, one with tabs expired in 2012 and one with tabs expired in 2021? 2) What is the time frame on the Bank Building demolition? 3) Over Memorial Day weekend, why was there a young girl, maybe 9 to 12 years of age, mowing the park with a push mower? 4) Why was Bob Wornson seen dumping a bucket from the pump house on my property near the concrete slab? Riley read these questions to the council and their responses follow. 1) Without details on the owners or locations of the vehicles mentioned, the council cannot accurately comment. The vehicles need to have the locations and/or owners disclosed before the council can site them for compliance. Without this information, no further action can be taken at this time. 2) There was not a time frame set for the demolition, however Rick has notified the council several times that he is working with Bill Ellefson to get the building demolished and cleaned up. Bill has hauled some of the debris away already and the rest is to be cleared as Bill has time in his schedule. Jill questioned if Rick would have it completed by the end of the summer and Rick thinks this is possible. 3) The city hired Henry Veldhuisen to take care of the mowing at the park, so ultimately he is responsible for determining how the park gets mowed. However, to the council's knowledge, there was no girl mowing the ball field with a push mower with Henry confirming this, as he was not home over Memorial Day weekend. 4) The council is not aware of any issues regarding Bob dumping a bucket from the pump house on Dean's concrete slab. It was suggested that Dean contact Bob directly to discuss this question with him. If there are further questions/comments, Dean is invited to contact a council member or attend an upcoming meeting.
- Hadley Street Dance: The Hadley Street Dance is scheduled for July 31st, again being put on by the Slayton Fire Department. After being contacted by the Slayton Fire Department, Rick has filled out and submitted the required form to close Main Street for the duration of the dance.
- Storage Garage Damage: Rick mentioned that the city owned garage where the lawn tractor is stored received damage during a storm last summer that has not been repaired to date. It was recommended that this be looked at, so it does not progress further. After surveying the damage, it was determined by the council that a contractor should take a look at possible repair options before we determine the next steps.

MSP by Henry and Jill for payment of unpaid bills, as presented.

MSP by Henry and Jill for meeting adjournment. With no further business, the regularly scheduled meeting was adjourned by Mayor Like at 8:20pm.

Riley Engbarth

Respectfully Submitted by Riley Engbarth, Clerk