

Hadley City Council, Hadley Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 12, 2021

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

Members Absent: John Brouwer

Others Present: Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer

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

Welcome Guests: No guests were present.

Review of June Minutes: The council was asked to review the minutes and suggest any revisions. With no additions or corrections, the regularly scheduled meeting minutes from June 14, 2021 were approved.

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

Review of General Fund: Property taxes for the first half of 2021 were received in June. Henry questioned a higher-than-normal trash expense and Riley explained that this difference was coming from the Spring clean-up roll-off dumpster, which was paid in early June. The council felt the clean-up opportunity was well utilized with the roll-off dumpster filling in the first couple days of Spring clean-up week. With no further questions or discussion, the General Fund was approved.

Review of Water/Sewer Fund: 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.
- Street Repair/Parking Lot Resurfacing – Engineering, Possible Grant Option: John was not present to discuss any updates he had. Jill placed a follow-up call to Chad Adams, Southwest Regional Development Commission CEO, immediately following the June meeting, leaving messages, with no response. She then spoke to some colleagues and was put into contact with Rosemary Bruce-White from the SRDC, who advised her to contact Edward Gilmore at USDA out of Faribault, MN. Jill sent him an email the morning of this meeting questioning assistance with

the grant application and is awaiting a response. She was advised that he is a good resource for assistance in filling out grant paperwork.

- 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 Item: Riley presented information following his discussion with Merlyn Anderson, Attorney on the follow up item from last month. There were new related questions presented by the council, which require additional follow-up with our Auditor. Riley will work on getting the requested answers for discussion at the August council meeting.
- Property/Vehicle Ordinance Violations: At the council's request during the June council meeting, Riley drafted and sent letters to property owners Chuck Sechser and Theresa Hughes, requesting a response in regard to their intentions for the referenced properties. A response was requested prior to the next council meeting (July 12, 2021). Due to the lack of response, next steps were discussed. Following city ordinance and in an effort to keep consistency, it was determined that a second notice is required to be sent, but by certified mail requiring a signed receipt confirmation. The property owners will again have 30 days to respond before the nuisances are turned over to local law enforcement, with the possibility of citations being issued. Additionally, Dean Larson's nuisance ordinance violation was again discussed for the unlicensed vehicles located on his property. The burgundy Buick car located across the street from Mr. Larson's home has not been licensed for an extended period of time. It was requested by the council that Riley send a follow-up letter to Dean Larson regarding this vehicle with compliance being requested within 30 days. If Mr. Larson does not take ownership for the vehicle and license it or remove it from the property, the nuisance will be turned over to local law enforcement for towing of the abandoned vehicle(s) not in compliance. MSP by Henry and Jill to send second notice letters to Theresa Hughes and Chuck Sechser and a follow up letter to Dean Larson as described above. Motion carried unanimously.
- Storage Garage Damage: There was nothing new to report regarding the damaged storage garage. Henry is going to request a quote from a local contractor to remove the side section of structure with hole located in the roof. After removal, that side would also need to be re-sided and have entry door re-installed.

New Business:

- 2021 SFD Hadley Street Dance: Terry Giesen, Chief of the Slayton Fire Department was present to update the council on the department's plans for the Hadley Street Dance that will be taking place on July 31st. The band, Problem Child is costing \$1600.00 plus \$500.00 in rooms. Terry wanted to ensure that Rick submitted the request to close Main Street in front of the Community Center to the Murray County Highway Department and Rick confirmed that this was submitted for review. Terry also mentioned the proposed road project that could affect next year's street dance plans. He wants to start brainstorming an alternative plan for next year if the road in front of the Community Center is under construction. The council discussed briefly setting the band up on the side of the Community Center, but options will be discussed further in the months ahead. Terry was also thanked by the council for having the SFD present during

the Fourth of July fireworks display. They voluntarily showed up to ensure there were no hot spots during and after the show. Following Terry's presentation, the council discussed a donation towards the cost of the band for the 2021 Street Dance. MSP by Henry and Bonnie to approve contributing \$1,000.00 towards the cost of the band for the 2021 SFD Hadley Street Dance with Riley cutting the check next week. Motion carried unanimously. A recommendation is also going to be made to the Park & Rec Committee for a donation to the SFD for their volunteer work during the Fourth of July fireworks event, as it was a great benefit that could be utilized again for future events.

- 2021 Fund Balances – Quarter 2 Review: The council was presented with the quarterly fund balance spreadsheet for review. Riley commented that we have had a really strong first half of 2021. There are also a couple of CD's coming due next quarter.
- Community Center Air Conditioner: Following recommendation, Rick presented an estimate from Mike Lund with Mikes' Plumbing & Heating Inc. for \$13,065.70 for the replacement of the Community Center air conditioning unit. Mike was out to service the current unit after it was not keeping up with cooling demands during large events. He recommended a replacement unit and provided the estimate, which includes the unit itself and his labor, but does not include electrician labor, if re-wiring would be required. It was noted that there may also be a savings on Community Center utilities with a new, more efficient unit. The other option discussed was getting a second unit to put next to the other one and using both, versus replacing the unit, but this poses a greater risk of the current unit quitting completely in the near future. MSP by Bonnie and Jill to approve the purchase of new Community Center air conditioning unit per estimate. Motion carried unanimously. Rick will follow-up with Mikes' Plumbing & Heating Inc. to ensure the parts get ordered for the replacement.
- Community Center Weed Control: Rhonda Wynia spoke with Bonnie and sent an email to Riley prior to the meeting regarding maintaining the grounds around the Community Center. If this was not currently being taken care of by anyone, she volunteered to clean up the weeds, bushes, and debris beside the Community center on a regular basis. With nobody formally taking care of the area currently, the council was in favor of accepting Rhonda's offer and very appreciative. The council wished to express their sincere thank you to Rhonda for volunteering her time and investing in the City of Hadley.
- Floor Waxing – Community Center Hall: Myron got a call from JB Custodial regarding waxing the floor in the Community Center Hall. The council felt this was a good idea, especially with the number of events that are coming up in the months ahead. Rick mentioned, however, that now would be the time to have the tiles repaired also, prior to waxing. Myron is going to call Jim Michaelson to see about getting the tiles repaired. He will also inform JB Custodial that the floors can be waxed, following tile repairs.
- Community Center Patio: Rick brought forward a suggestion for the council to consider reconfiguring the area beside the Community Center with a gated patio area that could be utilized during wedding dances and various events. This was suggested for consideration now, since the road project will be happening in the near future, and it might be the right time for the

city to reconfigure this area into a more useful space. There will be more discussion on this during a future council meeting.

- Clerk Update: Riley mentioned good progress on the city website since the last council meeting. He got the agendas and minutes formatted and loaded, along with formatting and layout for the Hadley Buttermakers, Summit Bar & Grill and City Council pages in progress. He mentioned taking council member headshots following an upcoming council meeting for use in the city official bio section. There are plans to send out a questionnaire to the council ahead of the next meeting, so he can prepare a short paragraph introducing each council member. Riley is also working with Pipestone Publishing on some layout and logo options for the website.

MSP by Bonnie and Henry for payment of unpaid bills, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MSP by Henry and Jill for meeting adjournment. Motion carried unanimously. With no further business, the regularly scheduled meeting was adjourned by Mayor Like at 8:28pm.

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Respectfully Submitted by Riley Engbarth, Clerk