

Hadley City Council, Hadley Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 12, 2023

Members Present: Rick Like, Bonnie Petersen, Henry Veldhuisen, Jill Pieske, 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: Dean Larson, Hadley Resident was present for open forum.

Agenda Approval: The council was asked to review the meeting agenda and suggest any additions or corrections. Council Member Veldhuisen requested to add City Utility Poles, under New Business. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske to approve the meeting agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of May Minutes: The council was asked to review the May 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 May 8, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Liquor Fund: Myron reported that the oldest upright freezer in the basement is requiring replacement due to a bad compressor, so he has asked Sahlstrom's Heating, Cooling & Refrigeration for a quote on a replacement unit. There will be a Monday night summer pool league starting soon. The council commended Myron for another great revenue month. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Brouwer to approve the Liquor Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of General Fund: The Uncategorized Income line item was questioned by Council Member Brouwer. Riley reported that this was reimbursement from the Hadley Baseball Association for the Xcel Energy work order to relocate the power pole at the baseball field. This additional one-time work order increased the Electric Expense line item this month, however reimbursement was received in the same month to offset the expense. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen 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 delinquent accounts currently pending utility disconnection. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen 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.

- Park & Recreation Committee: Council Member Pieske mentioned that it appears that the baseball dugout replacement project turned out nice. Mayor Like noted that there were a lot of nice compliments at the Hadley Buttermakers home game on Sunday afternoon.

Old Business:

- Community Center Rain Gutters: Council Member Brouwer did not have any new updates related to obtaining a new Home Improvement Center/ABC Seamless quote, or quotes from other area contactors. Council Member Brouwer is going to attempt to obtain a few other quotes prior to the next council meeting.
- Street Seal Coating: Riley presented the proposal received via email from Pearson Bros, Inc. for street seal coating at a cost of \$25,390.53, for council consideration. This proposal is good for 30 days and covers pre-seal, liquid application, aggregate cover, rolling and pick-up sweep of city streets, no later than 9/15/2023. The cost specifications are 8,549 sq yards @ \$2.97 per sq yard. The proposal was discussed amongst council members. Riley recalled a payment made to Morris Sealcoating back in 2013 for \$15,725.00, the last time city streets were seal coated. After discussion and the need to preserve the condition of existing city streets, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Petersen to proceed with the proposal presented by Pearson Bros, Inc. at a cost of \$25,390.53. Motion carried unanimously.
- Campground Commercial Utility Rate: Council Member Veldhuisen reported that he did not yet research this in depth with Slayton. There was discussion on neighboring city's not wanting to share their utility rates. Council Member Petersen is going to attempt to contact a council member from the City of Slayton to obtain their current rate ahead of the next council meeting.

New Business:

- Slayton Fire Department Street Dance: Myron reported that the Slayton Fire Department has been in contact with him regarding the upcoming Slayton Fire Department Street Dance, which is scheduled for Friday, July 28th on Main Street in Hadley. The details and planning are in process, with a portion of Main Street to be blocked off to traffic for the evening.
- 4th of July Fireworks: 4th of July Fireworks are being planned for Sunday, July 2nd, following the Hadley Buttermakers games at dusk. If the council was in favor of having the fireworks, a special insurance endorsement would again be necessary. MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Brouwer approving the hosting of fireworks display for Sunday July 2nd at dusk and adding the one-time occurrence endorsement to the city's liability insurance policy at a cost of \$600.00. Motion carried unanimously. Riley will ensure the one-time endorsement is added to the applicable insurance policy.
- Donation/Sponsorship Request: Riley presented a donation/sponsorship request from the Murray County Medical Center Foundation, for council review. A foundation representative had previously spoken to Myron regarding sponsorship options. The City of Hadley has not donated to the Best Ball Golf fundraiser in recent years, however the council felt this was a good initiative to support. MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Petersen to donate

\$100.00 from the Hadley Municipal Liquor Store to the MCMC Foundation Golf Fundraiser. Motion carried unanimously.

- Bug Spraying/Control: Riley mentioned that he received a note back with a utility payment questioning if the city has/will spray for bugs this year. There was discussion on the city doing this in the past, especially ahead of in-town events. The council felt it was a good measure to take, considering the number of mosquitoes present this year. MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske authorizing the City of Slayton to come over and spray Hadley city limits for mosquitoes before the Independence Day Fireworks Display on Saturday, 7/1/2023 and before the SFD Street Dance on Thursday, 7/27/2023. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Like will contact Weston Mahon with the City of Slayton to arrange this spraying.
- North Lift Station Pump: Thomas Wornson, Meter Reader contacted Mayor Like regarding the North Lift Station pumps, as he was getting a read on the first pump, but not the second pump. Mayor Like and Council Member Veldhuisen asked Dave Brown to come over and look at the pump. Everything was checked to further pinpoint an issue with the pump itself. Duane Spartz of Spartz Well Co. has since been contacted to investigate the issue with the pump. This was deemed a maintenance issue, so repairs will be made as necessary, so the pump can function as it should. MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Veldhuisen authorizing Spartz Well Co. to make any repairs necessary to the North Lift Station pump, as they are presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- City Utility Poles: Council Member Veldhuisen spoke to Scott Hamman, Xcel Energy, when he was over switching out the lighting on the city utility poles. The new streetlights do not seem to be any brighter. Scott informed Council Member Veldhuisen that there are a couple of power poles in town that should be replaced, and the city can contact Eric Pauli, Xcel Energy Community Relations Manager, to arrange for the replacement. Riley will send an email to Eric Pauli regarding arranging utility pole replacement.
- Dean Larson – Open Forum: Mr. Larson was present with a couple of items to mention before the council. He asked Riley if he received his email request to be notified of all special session council meetings for a term of 1 year, and Riley confirmed receipt of this request. Mr. Larson asked if there was a meeting held to discuss the project that went on at the baseball field to which Mayor Like responded 'no'. There have not been any special session meetings called recently. He asked Mayor Like for the phone number for the MN Rural Water representatives, so he can contact them himself regarding his clogged water system filters. Mr. Larson asked if a representative from the Gambling & Alcohol Enforcement division was ever here for a meeting. Mayor Like responded that he went to the Twin Cities a couple of years ago, however, there has been nothing new pertaining to this topic since then. Following the discussion with Mr. Larson, Council Member Pieske requested to make a blanket motion authorizing any and all future repairs at the baseball field, for recording in the meeting minutes. MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Veldhuisen authorizing the Hadley Baseball Association and/or the Hadley Park & Recreation Committee to make any and all repairs deemed necessary to the baseball field and park grounds, without presentation before the city council; contingent upon

the Hadley Baseball Association and/or the Hadley Park & Recreation Committee reimbursing the City of Hadley for all related repair/maintenance costs incurred. Motion carried unanimously.

- Little Free Library Installation – Mayor Like has received the Little Free Library that was approved and donated by Kyle & Stephanie Korver, for installation on city property. He thought it might be a good idea to install it in the city park, instead of the initial approved location at the corner of Main Street, so he was requesting input from the council. There are a couple of metal poles already located at the city park, which would make a good mounting area for the Little Free Library. Additionally, it wouldn't be as big of a worry for damages when snow removal and Liquor Store/Community Center events occur. Following the meeting, council members observed the area in question at the city park, as an approved location to install the Little Free Library.

MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske 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 7:23pm.

Riley Engbarth

Respectfully Submitted by Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer