



**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 5, 2016 / 6:00 pm**

- **CALL TO ORDER :** Completed by Mayor Walsh at 6:00pm
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Completed
- **ROLL CALL:** Lonkoski, Vetsch, Bissen, Albrecht, Walsh.
- **ACTION TO CHANGE AGENDA:** Add Invoice to Tri-State Carpet \$5,035.95, Resolutions 2016-6, 2016-7 requested by SEMLM, Cancel item # 8.2.

**1. Consent Agenda: Motion by Vetsch, second by Albrecht, rollcall all approve.**

*All items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

- 1.1 Minutes: March 8, 2016
- 1.2 Bills Payable Through: April 1, 2016
- 1.3 Consolidated Balance Sheet: April 1, 2016
- 1.4 Resolution 2016-05 Mason Bills Gift
- 1.5 Insurance Liability Coverage Waiver
- 1.6 Thomas Nimmo In-Kind Contribution Letter of Recognition

**2. Water/Waste Water/City Engineer : Tabled March Item Water and Sewer Rates Adjust.**

Oliver discusses WWTF pump repair/replacement/backup. Council asks Oliver to get the needed quotes for repair/replacement/rebuild. Blank presents documents for increase of water and sewer rates. Following discussion the Council by motion of Vetsch, second by Bissen to increase rates by \$3.50 sewer, \$3.50 water, and total of \$7.00 per month. Rollcall all approve. Walsh requests this item be looked at again in the 2016 Budget Meetings.

**3. Library/City Hall:**

Librarian Carlson discusses library issues, a grant she applied for, painting and planned carpeting at the building with Matt Vetsch. Further provides documents showing upcoming Library events, and report.

**4. Police Dept.:** Blank reports Padrnos has received a letter asking he clean up his property.

**5. Streets / Maintenance:** Oliver- MN/DOT Main Street Project Update.

Oliver reports he attended a meeting on March 17 at MN/DOT in Rochester that discussed the planned Main Steet repair/resurface. He reports they are only doing a medium mill and overlay of three inches.. Also they were preparing to implement a fix to the Main Street area in front of the Lee Tippery property that has drainage issues, but have since pulled that repair. They plan to re-look at the storm sewer in the St. Peter's/Humfeld area. Adjust 4 storm sewer rings, install 5 crosswalk paths. He also reports they are going to look at the wall project, redo the outfall, and re-landscape the area due to wash-outs. They also asked regarding City participation regarding water drainage to the rear of the Sam Jandt garage. Further discussion regarding the wall project, and delay in the Hokah Forever signage that has initial funding by Jerry Martell.

## **6. Recreation Board:**

Lonkoski reports signups are in place for summer rec. Discussion on Summer Personnel.

## **7. Planning Commission / Zoning : None noted.**

## **8. Items for Consideration:**

8.1 Connie Kreutzer. Hokah Country Market. Hokah Country Market Lions Donation?

Connie didn't attend. Albrecht did attend a Market meeting, and discusses.

Albrecht states they plan to setup on the trail this year due to increase in vendors. Lonkoski questioned if this would be okay with MN/DOT. Blank stated MN/DOT had told him that everything behind the curb is City of Hokah. Oliver discusses this. The Market meeting also discussed placing saw horses on the highway. The Council states they probably cannot place anything in the street. The Council suggests speaking with David Welke regarding setting up in the area in front of his property.

Discussion about parking at Kwik Trip, and the Fire Department parking lot.

8.2 USDA Loan Refinance – City Clerk Leitzen

## **9. Council Member's Comments:**

Vetsch discusses parking in the City Parking Lots. He states we need signs placed back up, and vehicles parking in the painted parking areas, not across the spots. Further mentions dump trucks, etc. are too heavy, take up too much space. Blank suggests speaking with Chief Schuldt regarding these issues. Vetsch is to discuss with Schuldt regarding signage, limiting vehicles in the lots, and he will speak with the Hokah Lions to install signage in the lots.

Bissen discusses various locations for fill, Landscaping, tree removal, and the water line to the pool, across Thompson Creek. Bissen states he has a pole that should work. Bissen states he will assist, get the pipe, and take his mini excavator to clean numerous areas. Also, talks about fixing holes in the city parking lots, and by the pool. He has a roller that he would help them with the application of hot mix. Also the dips in the east parking lot filled in, and rolled out. Oliver reminds the parking lots are only seal coated, and can't take the weight of trucks and trailers.

Lonkoski discusses having a camping lot area east of the pool for rustic camping. Requiring a portable bathroom, gravel areas to park campers and trucks. Discussion on tusing the bathrooms at the pool, and further about the review by the Minnesota DNR for handicapped access to the pool house, seating areas, and the water itself. Blank explains the requested changes.

## **10. Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor reports leaking hydrant by the chicken cooking area. Also asks about removing the stumps in the park area. Oliver states there are also stumps by the pool, by the plant, etc. that need to be removed. Oliver asks if he should contact someone to assist this, and the Mayor responds yes. Spring cleaning by the park, asks to sweep Main Street weekly, early in the morning before cars part, in the area by his residence, he plans to fix the hill area with flowers, etc. Questions Eric how he is doing. He responds it's going good, and the audit is scheduled soon. And asks Blank his plans, to which Blank responds nothing planned yet.

**11. Staff Correspondence:**

Blank reports meeting with La Crescent/Hokah Superintendent regarding plans for the Hokah building, also a meeting is planned at the Hokah building if anyone can attend. Next Monday evening, at 6:00pm at the former Hokah Elementary.

**12. Correspondence Received:**

**13. Announcements Next Council Meeting:** May 3, 2016.

**14. Items for next Agenda:**

**15. Adjournment:**

Motion by Vetsch, second by Lonkoski rollcall all approve at 7:14 pm.

*Unless pre-arraigned, a Presenter to the City Council is limited to 5 minutes speaking time.*