



***HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 26, 2019***

Mayor Chris Lund called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Councilman Tim Tracy, Councilman Eric Poppler, Councilman Scott Feltmann, City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen, Deputy Clerk Tamara Bracht, and Public Works Greg Schultz. Councilman Jason Buckentin was absent.

Agenda Review (Added Items) and Adoption

MOTION: Councilman Tim Tracy moved to approve the Agenda as written. Seconded by Councilman Eric Poppler. Motion was approved in Councilman Jason Buckentin's absence.

Consent Agenda

- Approve Added Claims List for November 2019 (\$42,448.90)
- Approve Minutes for November 12, 2019
- Approve Resolution 2019-12 (Land Use Variance 601 Robert Ave)
- Approve Resolution 2019-13 (Land Use Variance 480 Brad St)
- Approve Resolution 2019-14 (Minor Subdivision/Land Use Variance)
- Approve Exempt Gambling Permit for Green Isle CPA on 1/25/2020
- Delinquent Utility Billing Report
- City Offices Closed November 28th & 29th for Thanksgiving
- Mediacom Rate Adjustments for January 2020
- Sibley Surveyors Memo

MOTION: Councilman Eric Poppler moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilman Tim Tracy. Motion was approved in Councilman Jason Buckentin's absence.

Old City Business (Memo)

- Park Bathrooms (Re-Roof Estimate)
 - Dan Oelfke Construction donated \$300 worth of labor as a thank you to the city for the work we have given him the past few years.

New City Business

- Audit Proposal for 2019-2022 (Abdo, Eick & Meyers)

MOTION: Councilman Tim Tracy moved to approve Abdo, Eick & Meyers Audit Proposal for 2019-2022. Seconded by Councilman Eric Poppler. Motion was approved in Councilman Jason Buckentin's absence.



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- Set Special Meeting for Budget Workshop
 - December 3, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

MOTION: Councilman Eric Poppler moved to hold Special Budget Workshop meeting on December 3 at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Tim Tracy. Motion was approved in Councilman Jason Buckentin's absence.

- 2020 Final Budget/2020 Final Property Tax Levy
 - Health Insurance Rates/Cost Analysis
 - Increase of 3.7%
 - 2020 City Fee Schedule
 - 2020 Water/Sewer/Storm Water Rates
 - Budget Items for 2019/2020
 - State Fire Aide will now be going directly to PERA instead of the Relief Association.
 - Increase on mileage rate
 - Increase of \$500 for telephone/internet due to installation at the Hall and the City Shop.
 - Trying to pin down litigation costs for the re-financing of the bonds
 - Look at purchasing a Side-by-Side for Public Works using either the Equipment Replacement Fund or the City Maintenance Fund, both of which are already very healthy funds. This would put \$16,000 back into the 2020 Budget.
 - There is no City Contribution in 2020 to the FD. Fire Chief is asking for funds to purchase: Pagers at \$2,000, Hose Testing at \$2,000, and Training at \$3,000.
 - Would like to increase the clothing allowance for Public Works by an additional \$150.
 - Look at putting monies aside for street patching on Brad Street, Louisa Street, and Maria Avenue, as they are experiencing deuteriation and are not in the 5-year Mill & Overlay plan.
 - Raise hourly rate for part-time park & rec. employee from \$10.50 to \$12.00 an hour and potentially include in the employee yearly review process.
 - Budgeted to re-roof the food stand in the park potentially using steel shingles.
 - Budgeted for Hall floor (bar-side) & back-step repairs. Will need to discuss how to handle the retaining wall issue.
 - The Storm Water Debt payment has come down from \$6800 to \$5500.
 - Look at budgeting for potential water main issues as we look ahead to increased water pressure once we go live with new water tower.



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- Jeremy will have the PFA Loan payment schedule at the next meeting. 2024 the Water Treatment Plant Loan will be completed.
- Will be looking into a water rate increase.

City Council Reports

- Council members requested that city staff send a nuisance letter regarding the chickens that are within city limits.

MOTION: Councilman Tim Tracy moved to recess the City Council meeting at 7:31 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Eric Poppler. Motion was approved in Councilman Jason Buckentin's absence.

MOTION: Councilman Tim Tracy motioned to move to a Closed Meeting for the purpose of employee evaluations at 7:42 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Eric Poppler. Motion was approved in Councilman Jason Buckentin's absence.

MOTION: Councilman Tim Tracy moved to re-open the City Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Eric Poppler. Motion was approved in Councilman Jason Buckentin's absence.

Employee Wages/Health Insurance Coverage for 2020

MOTION: Councilman Scott Feltmann moved to increase Mel Sprengelers hourly rate to \$12.00 an hour. Seconded by Councilman Eric Poppler. Motion was approved in Councilman Jason Buckentin's absence.

Council agreed to hold off on a decision regarding the request made by Deputy Clerk Tamara Bracht, until the answer can be researched.

MOTION: Councilman Scott Feltmann moved to keep the Health Insurance deductible at \$2500 and give a 4% raise to Greg Schultz. Seconded by Councilman Tim Tracy. Motion was approved in Councilman Jason Buckentin's absence.



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MOTION: Councilman Scott Feltmann moved to keep the health insurance deductible at \$2500 and give a 4% raise to Jeremy Gruenhagen. Seconded by Councilman Eric Poppler. Motion was approved in Councilman Jason Buckentin's absence.

MOTION: Councilman Tim Tracy moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Scott Feltmann. Motion was approved in Councilman Jason Buckentin's absence.

Submitted by

Tamara Bracht
Deputy Clerk