



HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 3, 2024

Mayor Chris Lund called the Hamburg City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Those in attendance were: Councilmembers Eric Poppler, Jessica Weber, Mitch Polzin, Tim Tracy, City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen, Public Works Jason Buckentin, PT Employee Steve Frensko, Kipp Trebesch (CPA), Steven Siewert, Jeff Eggers, Joel Glander, Kelli Glander, and Kelly Street.

Public Comment - No Public Comment

Agenda Review (Added Items) and Adoption

MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler moved to approve the Agenda as written. Seconded by Councilmember Mitch Polzin. Motion was approved by all present.

Consent Agenda

- Approve Payment of Added November Claims (\$7,120.26)
- Approve Payment of December Claims (\$377,372.21)
- Approve Lawful Gambling Permit for Hamburg Hunting & Fishing Club
 - February 2, 2025
- Approve Lawful Gambling Permit for Hamburg Baseball Club
 - June 8, 2025
- Approve Temporary On-Sale Liquor License(s) for Hamburg Lions Club
 - January 18, 2025, January 25, 2025 & February 1, 2025
- Approve September 2024 Cash Flow Statement
- Approve Time-Off Request (Jeremy Gruenhagen)
- Transmission Line Work Notice (Xcel Energy)

MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Seconded by Councilmember Mitch Polzin. Motion was approved by all present.

Green Isle CPA Banquet (Kipp Trebesch)

Kipp Trebesch requested the Hall Rental/Exempt Lawful Gambling Permit for January 25, 2025. He requested the Hall Rental as a no fee.

- **MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to approve the use of the hall at no-charge and the Gambling Permit for January 25, 2025. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**

Old City Business

Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Clerk. An ad has been placed that has run for three weeks and advertised on Facebook. Council agreed to wait for additional resumes/requests.



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New City Business

Electrical Bids (Hourly) for City Work-Possible bids/hourly rates for small electrical projects for all electrical companies.

American Rescue Plan Act - SLFRF Funds (\$56,498.92) Allocation-Approve Resolution Number 2024-09 for the street project or sanitary sewer rip rap project. The money needs to be allocated to one of the projects by end of the year or lose it. All councilmembers agreed that they need to look at the budget again prior to a decision.

2025 Final Budget/2025 Final Property Tax Levy - Roughly 10% tax increase. Final Budget to be set at the December 10, 2025 Council meeting. City Clerk-Treasurer to look at ways to reduce the Tax Levy Increase.

Budget Items for 2024/2025 and the 2025 City Fee Schedule. Jason Buckentin mentioned an additional hydrant/fix existing needed across from the Hall. Chief Siewert agreed that this is needed.

Hamburg Fire Department

The Fire Department hung the Christmas lights, 2 new decorations were added that do not have garland. Steven ordered new LED lights and garland for the 2 new decorations and should be hung by the end of the week.

Steven Siewert spoke about the realities of PERA per firefighter. The On-Call Pay resolution is desired to be bumped from \$10.00 to \$12.00.

City Council Reports

- Councilmember Eric Poppler (Parks) had nothing further to report.
- Councilmember Jessica Weber (Buildings) had nothing further to report.
- Councilmember Tim Tracy (Water/Sewer) had nothing further to report.
- Councilmember Mitch Polzin (Streets) had nothing further to report.
- Mayor Chris Lund had nothing further to report.

Recess City Council Meeting

Move to Close Meeting for the purpose of employee evaluations. None of the employees requested an open meeting.

Move to Reopen City Council Meeting

Reopen city council meeting 8:44PM.

MOTION: Councilmember Jessic Weber moved to close employee evaluations and reopen city meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present.



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Employee Wages/Health Insurance Coverage for 2025

- Steve Frensko - Increase wages to \$20.00
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to approve the increase to \$20.00 for Steve Frensko. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**
- Jason Buckentin - 6% increase for 2025
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to approve the 6% increase for Jason Buckentin. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present.**
- Jeremy Gruenhagen - 6% increase for 2025
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to approve the 6% increase for Jeremy Gruenhagen. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**
- Health Insurance Coverage (Deductible). Continue coverage for FT Employees at the same coverage as 2024.
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to approve the \$1,500 (Single)/\$2500 (Family) deductible. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**

Adjourn City Council Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to adjourn the city council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.

Amended/Approved on March 14, 2025



Jeremy Gruenhagen
City Clerk/Treasurer