



HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2022

Mayor Chris Lund called the Hamburg City Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were Councilmembers Tim Tracy, Eric Poppler, Jason Buckentin, and Jessica Weber. City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen, Deputy Clerk Tamara Bracht, Public Works Brandon Bracht, Fire Chief Steven Siewert, MN Senate Candidate Glenn Gruenhagen, Residents: Brad Droege, Dave and Amy Chadwick, Dena Braith, and Mike Royal.

Public Comment

Glenn Gruenhagen, MN Senate Candidate, introduced himself to Council. If elected he would be representing the counties of Sibley, McLeod, Meeker, Wright, and a portion of Carver (Carver, Hamburg, NYA, New Germany, Watertown).

Agenda Review (Added Items) and Adoption

- Mayor Lund is switching around the agenda order based on the topics up for discussion.
- Added claim for August to make the final 2022 Street Project payment to Wm. Mueller & Sons in the amount of \$107,612.73.

MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all in attendance.

Consent Agenda

- Approve Added Claims for June 2022 (-\$1,352.47)
- Approve Added Claims for July 2022 (\$6,365.15)
- Approve August 2022 Claims (\$44,282.83)
- Approve Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Hamburg Lions Club
 - September 10, 2022
- Approve Time-Off Request for Brandon Bracht
- Approve Tim-Off Request for Jeremy Gruenhagen
- Utility Bills Delinquency Report for July 2022
- MRWA Serv Line Leak Protection Program

MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Jason Buckentin. Motion was approved by all in attendance.



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Hamburg Fire Department – Chief Siewert

- **Pension Raise/Officer Raises**

- Chief presented a cost analysis of increasing the FD's pension.
- Legislation changed PERA rules so there is no longer a 5-year waiting period if they have over 5 years already on the department.
- During the upcoming budget cycle, the FD will be seeking a yearly wage increase for Chief 1 from \$1,200 to \$2,000 and the other Officers from \$600 to \$1,000.

- **Upcoming Officer Selections**

- May need to form a committee, depending on number of applicants.
- City Clerk Gruenhagen gave an update on the potential shed project. Checking into Watershed Rules as the location may be too close to the city wells.

Mike Royal (420 Henrietta Avenue)

- **Solar Panel Project (Wolf River Electric)**

- The solar panels will be attached to the garage and some, depending on tree coverage, will be on the lawn.
- City Clerk Gruenhagen's research indicated there is nothing in City Code against adding solar panels to private property. City guidelines for setbacks would have to be followed. Public Works will check on any possible sewer easements.

Brandon Bracht (Public Works)

- **First 100 Days – PowerPoint Presentation**

- **New City Truck**

- Ranger: transmission is going out
- 1 Ton: Starting problems and front-end shaking issues.
- ¾ ton 4 door truck with snowplow and utility tool chest would be the most useful for job/task efficiency. It would allow tools to be readily available for most issues that arise, thus saving time and money not having to go back and forth to the shop.
- A 14'-16' dump trailer would be beneficial for having all needed lawncare equipment loaded and available at the sewer ponds and park. Thus, eliminating the back-and-forth trips to the shop. C.R. 50 is dangerous to drive lawnmower on to the ponds.
- Council directed staff to get repair estimate on Ranger.

- **Rekey City Buildings**

- \$5,000 in budget - Quote was for \$10,000. Council agreed to get a second estimate.



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- **Sell Old City Generator**
 - Chief Siewert doesn't see a reason to keep it. FD has generators. 212 Equipment is interested in buying it from us.
 - Council directed staff to find out its worth.
- **Bobcat / Toolcat Repairs**
 - Repairs cost \$800 more due to the CB axel & tie rod.
- **Tools for City Shop**
 - Important tools that are needed in the shop at this time will cost approximately \$3,500. Tools such as: Impact Gun, Sawzall, Socket Set, Toque Wrench.
- **New Pressure Washer for City Shop**
 - City Clerk said this was already budgeted for.
 - Council directed staff to get a quote
- **Dell Computer Quote (Laptop for City Shop)**
 - Council had approved \$1,500; the estimate came in at \$1,783.92
 - **Motion: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to approve the laptop purchase for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$1,783.92. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all in attendance.**
- **Health Insurance opt out options** - City Clerk Gruenhagen to research.

Old City Business

- **Baseball Park Repairs Update –**
 - Project is in the hands of VOS and the Insurance company.
 - Mayor Lund requested to find out if painting the tresses are included in the VOS bid, if not, the Baseball Club will paint them before the roof installation.
- **Update City Liquor License Ordinance**
 - Allow Sale of Strong Beer/Wine for Baseball Club
 - Allow the Sale of Alcohol within Public ROW/Street for Parkside Tavern Events – Fundraiser on October 8th, 2022
 - Mayor Lund directed staff to contact the city lawyer to see about moving this along quickly.
 - City Clerk Gruenhagen and Brad Droege met with Steve Trebesch to discuss fencing off the parking lot for the fundraiser event. The weeds around the one electrical pole need to be trimmed.

Brad Droege was recognized for his 27 years of dedicated service as Emergency Manager for Hamburg. (This recognition was delayed due to the COVID Pandemic)



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- **Public Sale of Tax Forfeited Lot / Easements**
 - Hamburg Zoning Code (Combining Parcels That Don't Share a Property Line)
 - State Statute only allows the combining of lots if they are contiguous. The lot on Louisa Street does not have water.
- **PT Help for Public Works**
 - Waiting for 2 applicants to respond if they are still interested.
 - Public Works Brandon suggested having the field rolled to smooth out the terrain.
- **Public Nuisance Violations**
 - **679 Park Avenue**
 - Homeowner requested an extension. Council approved an extension till Friday, August 26 to become compliant.
 - **624 Kim Avenue**
 - Front area is nearly compliant – new complaint about backyard
 - **619 David Avenue**
 - Emptied out the truck – showing progress – Council directed staff to send a letter reporting progress and to continue efforts.
 - **410 Sophia Avenue**
 - Cleaned up half of original stuff, still has tires & weeds - Council directed staff to send a letter reporting progress and to continue efforts.
 - **451 Maria Avenue**
 - Requested until the end of the month for the sale of the house to go through and clean up the property.
 - **320 Sophia Avenue**
 - 7 sheds, still clutter, lot line issues. Expired permit for garage.
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler moved to claim 320 Sophia Avenue a Public Nuisance (Garage) and send to prosecution. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all in attendance.**
 - **152 Jacob Street**
 - Directed staff to send letter to move toys and clean-up - give until next council meeting
 - **661 Park Avenue**
 - new complaint regarding smell from rabbits – Council directed staff to check with Carver County to see if they regulate smell etc.



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New City Business

- CarverLink Fiber Diversity Route – want to add another line around building for fiber diversity.
 - City Clerk Gruenhagen will advise them of the sanitary sewer and electrical lines within the route and look to see if an additional route is needed or if the proposed route will work.
- Security Bank Safety Deposit Box Lease – Designees for signatures.
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Jason Buckentin motioned to appoint the Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer as contacts/signatures for the Safety Deposit Box at Security Bank & Trust. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all in attendance.**
- Sewer/Water Utility Trace Wire Specifications

City Council Reports

- Councilmember Jason Buckentin (Streets) – nothing to report
- Councilmember Eric Poppler (Parks) – tree's storm damaged on the east side of the park will need to be replaced in the future.
- Councilmember Jessica Weber (Buildings) – compost dumpster by bank needs to be cleaned up.
- Councilmember Tim Tracy (Water/Sewer) – nothing to report
- Mayor Chris Lund – There is a RR Anniversary train ride next week on Wednesday, starts and ends in Arlington. I will be attending along with City Clerk Gruenhagen. Council is invited as well. Let city staff know if you plan on attending.

MOTION: Councilmember Jason Buckentin moved to close the city council meeting at 8:43pm. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all in attendance.

Submitted on August 22, 2022
by Deputy Clerk Tamara Bracht

Amended/Approved on September 1, 2022



Jeremy Gruenhagen
City Clerk/Treasurer