

**City of Hill City
Regular Council Meeting
October 13, 2015**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

- A. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. The following persons were present: Mayor Larry Baker, Council Members Nate Rollins, Dave Lange and Audrey Baratto. Council member Tina Haugen was absent.

Staff present: George Casper, Tami Meyer, Jeff Madsen and Mike Boleman.

No citizens were present.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Baratto to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Rollins. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

3. Public Forum

A.

4. Addition or Corrections to the Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

5. Reports

Maintenance/Water/Sewer/Parks/Airport/Streets

- Replaced 3 curbstops and still have 1 more to replace.
- George Casper reported that one of the two chlorine pumps went out and we have a loaner. He got a quote from Hawkins for 2 different pumps, a Blue White for \$632.00/each and a Jesco for \$684.00/each. He stated that the Blue White will work for what we need. He would like to get 2 since the current pumps are 15 to 20 years old.

Motion made by Rollins to purchase 2 of the Blue White pumps for \$632.00 each and to look into getting the pump that works rehabbed, second by Baratto. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

- Brought 4 manholes up to grade and have 2 more to do.
- George presented a quotation, for informational purposes only, from Quality Flow for 2 KSB submersible pumps in the amount of \$17,500.00 for both.
- The maintenance staff is going to flush the hydrants 1 last time this fall.
- The campground will be closed on Thursday October 15th for the winter. They will blow out all the water lines next week and turn the breaker off for the power.
- The fishing pier was moved last week for the winter.
- They replaced some street signs, stop signs, and yield signs.
- George presented the council with pricing for a Mow-N-Vac for cleaning up leaves and grass. Northern Tool has them for approx. \$1500.00 and L & M has them for approx. \$1400.00.

Motion made by Baker to purchase a Mow-N-Vac from L & M second by Baratto. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

- The Maintenance Staff did a couple of culverts and ½ block of ditching. They still have 2 culverts and some ditching to do yet this fall.

Fire Department

- There were no calls in September and only 1 so far for October.
- The floor drain is fixed and the painting is done on the fire hall.

Police Department

- Chief Madsen was at training in Grand Rapids last week that was paid for by the Blandin Foundation.
- The Impala needs a new battery.

Mayor

- Mayor Baker stated that we made it through another summer and fall and that everyone was doing a good job.

Clerk

- Deputy Clerk Meyer informed the Council that the dead line for the Newsletter will be October 31, 2015 and they will go out with the November water/sewer billing.
- The Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be doing Credit Card training soon for the new system.

Council

- Council Member Lange informed the Council that he had 2 different calls about late fees on their water/sewer bills. It was stated that the bills are due by the 25th of each month and the City has no control over the US Mail Service. If payments are not received by the 25th a late fee will be charged to the account. From now on if someone calls wanting to dispute something on their bills City Hall will inform them that the dispute will be presented at the next council meeting.

1st Responders

- Tami Meyer informed the Council that 9 responder have completed their refresher training. We are still looking for more people to join the first responders.
- Tami and Fire Chief Nelson are going to work together to see what it would take to combine the fire and first responders.

Committees: Personnel, Facilities/Equipment and Land Use

- The committees had nothing to report.

6. Old Business

A. Pricing on New RV Sites

- George presented 2 estimates for electricity for the proposed new RV sites. There are 2 proposed areas for new RV sites, one with 2 full hook-up RV sites and one with 7 full hook-up RV sites. The estimates were from Pioneer Electric and Benham Electric. Each place did 2 estimates, one for 7 pedestals and one for 2 pedestals. Pioneer's estimates were: 7 pedestals for \$7,750.00 with an additional \$1,100.00 for trenching and 2 pedestals for \$3,100.00 with an additional \$450.00 for trenching. Benham's estimates were: 7 pedestals for \$6,450.00 and 2 pedestals for \$1,800.00. George still needs to call Lake County Power to get a cost from them.

Motion made by Baker to accept the 2 quotes from Benham Electric with the 2 pedestals to be done this fall and the 7 pedestals to be done in the spring, second by Rollins. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

7. **New Business**

A. Building Permit for Harlan Kingsley

Motion made by Rollins to approve the building permit for mini storage units, second by Baratto. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

B. Block off Lake Ave for Trunk or Treat

Motion made by Rollins to approve closing Lake Ave. for Trunk or Treat on Halloween night, second by Baker. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

C. Remer – approx. 10/wk

Remer is looking at possibly contracting with our Police Department for approximately 10 hours per week.

Motion made by Rollins to entertain the idea and to continue communications with Remer, second by Baratto. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Officer Madsen will contact Remer to get more details and invite them to come to the City Council Meeting in November.

D. DNR Airport Lease and proposed helipad

Motion made by Rollins to approve the Airport lease with the DNR pending the only changes are the term going from 2 years to 5 years and the lease to include the new helipad, second by Baratto. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

E. Set date for T & T Meeting

The T & T meeting will be December 8, 2015 at 5:45 pm (on 10/15/15 found out from Kirk Peysar, Aitkin County Auditor that the meeting has to be at 6:00 pm or later, so the meeting will be at 6:00 pm)

F. Union Contract

There will be a Closed Meeting on October 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm to discuss the Union Contract.

George informed the council that he thinks his computer died. The computer is 8 years old.

Motion made by Rollins to purchase a new computer for the Maintenance Dept. not to exceed \$700.00, second by Baker. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Motion by Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm, second by Baratto. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Tami Meyer, Deputy Clerk

Larry Baker, Mayor