

**City of Hill City
Public Hearing
September 8, 2015**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Public Hearing was held in the Community Room in regard to the Wellhead Protection Plan.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. Members present: Larry Baker, Audrey Baratto and Dave Lange. Tina Haugen and Nate Rollins were absent.

Diana McManigle and Jeremy Nelson were the employees present, George Minerich from the Minnesota Department of Health was present and the public that was present were Lin Benson and Loren Solberg.

George Minerich from the MN Department of Health explained that wellhead protection plans are State and Federally required for all wells that have 15 or more people using them for more than two consecutive weeks. The MN Department of Health (MDH) developed Part 1 of the wellhead protection (WHP) plan at the request of the City of Hill City. Mr. Minerich passed out copies of the wellhead protection plan report. This report presents the delineations of the wellhead protection area (WHPA) and drinking water supply management area (DWSMA), and the vulnerability assessments for the public water supply wells and DWSMA. MDH was able to do Part 1 of this plan for Hill City at no cost due to the city's size. If the city would have had to get this Part 1 done by a consultant it would have cost around \$25,000.00. The MDH is unable to do the Part 2 of the plan as the City of Hill City is over 500 in population, this will need to be done by a consultant. The City has decided to hire Teri Osterman from Minnesota Rural Water to do Part 2 of the plan.

Employee George Casper arrived at 5:46 p.m.
Council member Tina Haugen arrived at 5:49 p.m.

George Minerich explained that a "Scoping Meeting" will be planned for some time in October to get Part 2 of the wellhead protection plan started.

Police Chief Madsen arrived at 5:54 p.m.

Motion made by Lange to approve Part 1 of the wellhead protection plan and to continue with Part 2 of the plan, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Diana McManigle, Clerk/Treasurer

Larry Baker, Mayor