

City of Hill City Council Meeting September 13, 2016

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following persons were present: Mayor Larry Baker, Council Members: Dave Lange, Audrey Baratto, Tina Haugen, and Nathan Rollins and also a few residents.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Haugen to approve the consent agenda, second by Lange. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

3. Public Forum

Ron Nielsen, founder of the Palisade Area Community Kids Education Resource Service (PACKERS) did a short presentation to the Council and asked for a statement of need from the Council. It is a group of high risk kids in the Palisade area with 10 to 15 kids ranging in age from 12 to 18 years old. They are a 501C3 organization. They are looking into funding and are asking for a “statement of need” from the Council. The Council tabled this so that they can look further into it.

Jeannie Tix was present to ask the council why the 1st responders don't carry Epi pens. She had an episode where an epi pen would have helped her. Deputy Clerk Meyer explained that the pens shelf life is only 18 months and the cost is \$600 per pen and that it wasn't cost effective for the all responders to carry them. Mrs. Tix asked why we don't at least have 1 pen. Meyer explained that the responders respond from their houses directly to a call and that giving 1 person the pen won't necessarily mean they will respond to that call.

Terry Christensen from one of the Villa Associations asked about the upkeep of the fence that is around the lift station by the villa boat landing. Casper said that fence panels were approximately \$45.00 each and that 4 would be needed.

Motion made by Baker to repair the fence at the Villa boat landing, second by Rollins. Motion carried with all members present voting yes.

4. Additions or Corrections Agenda

There are no additions or corrections

5. Reports:

Maintenance – Rehab after the storm is almost complete and the window in the backhoe has been repaired.

Water – Casper Construction will be coming soon to fix the stand pipe at Archambo's. The Maintenance Staff will probably do 1 or 2 more hydrant flushings.

Parks – will get quotes for dirt for the new RV sites. Haven't heard anything from the State about the Plumbing plans for the new RV sites.

Streets – Roads are holding up well with all the rain we have had. Removed a stump out by Quadna.

October 1st is Hill City Arbor Day. Tom Fastland will get the information to Tami and she will make a flyer.

Fire Dept. – there were 2 calls for the month. Update on Fire Hall Addition – the fencing is up and pylons are going in. The department voted to order 15 new pagers. The First Responders are going to buy 5 of them.

Motion made by Haugen to purchase 15 new pagers, second by Rollins. Motion carried with all members present voting yes.

There was discussion about hiring someone to clean at the fire hall once the addition is done. City Hall will advertise for a cleaning position to clean both City Hall and the Fire Hall.

There was a safety concern with the fire hall addition, Ron Saxton will contact Baratto Brothers. If there are any other concerns to contact Ron and he will get it taken care of.

Police Dept. – Chief Kimball gave his monthly activity report. The squad car in Baxter will be put online MN Bid Auction next week and Chief Kimball will bid on it.

Mayor – Thanked the Fire Department, Maintenance Staff, Office Staff and the Public for their assistance with the July 21st storm clean up.

Clerk – Deputy Clerk Meyer asked the council if they would like Jennifer from Glorveign's to do a presentation of the 2015 audit and if they would like a bound copy of the audit, Jennifer emailed a copy to City Hall. The council said to just forward the audit to them and that Jennifer didn't have to come and do a presentation.

Council – National Night Out well great. The fire department did a propane burn demo, FIRE donated the tank and Cenex donated the propane. It was nice to have Sheriff Turner give thanks to the community on how they all pulled together during and after the storm. Life Link Helicopter landed, there was music, hay rides, the National Guard had a blow up obstacle course and lots of food and community conversations.

There was a little more discussion about Ron Nielsen and his project.

1st Responders – there were 7 calls for the month. Either the Fire Dept. or the First Responders will be hosting an EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) class in January or February.

Personnel Committee – no report

Facilities/Equipment Committee - no report

Land Use Committee - Someone asked about storing a trailer/double wide on an empty lot. They would leave it on the wheels but would block it on the 4 corners so that it wouldn't tip. The council said they would need to get an application and pay the appropriate fees. The Methodist Church would like to build a storage shed, they were wondering if they needed to get a permit. The Council stated that yes they would need a permit and pay the fees accordingly.

6. Old Business:

Lange's and McNeil's Storm Billings – These were not approved by the State, since they were not actually hired by the City to do the work.

7. New Business:

Motion made by Baker to Approve Resolution for Public Hearing on the intention to issue General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds and the proposal to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting yes.

Motion made by Haugen to approve the DNR Matching Grant for the Fire Department, second by Rollins. Motion carried with all members present voting yes.

Motion made by Baker to approve a DRN matching grant to for a washer and dryer for the Fire Department, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting yes.

The Department of Transportation is doing sign replacement along TH169 in the spring of 2017. The signs for the airport are in the project. Two sign will cost \$531.40 each. Motion made by Baker to purchase two airport signs, second by Rollins. Lange voted no, Baratto voted yes, Baker voted yes, Rollins voted yes, Haugen voted no. Motion carried.

There was a lengthy discussion about setting the Preliminary Levy. It was decided to set up a workshop for Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 3:00 pm at City Hall.

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Tami Meyer
Deputy Clerk

Larry Baker
Mayor