

Hartley City Council Meeting
Regular Session
May 13, 2019

The regular meeting of the Hartley City Council was held Monday, May 13, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Hartley City Hall. Mayor Rodney Ahrenstorff presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. City Council Members present were Jerry Olson, Ron Hengeveld, Roxann Swanson, and Brian Myers. Others present: Joel Hengeveld, Wes Boyer, Josh Pope, Nick Pedley, Brittany Dolphin, Matt Dolphin, Rusty Howard, Kent Billings, Marilyn Tesch, Steffan Tesch, Jaron Benz, and Erica Haack.

Swanson moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Swanson, Myers and Olson. Nays. None. Motion Carried 4-0.

Olson moved to adopt the consent agenda. Seconded by Myers. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Myers, Olson and Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion Carried 4-0.

Mayor Ahrenstorff stated he is aware of complaints about dogs at large. If a citizen witnesses a dog at large and feels it should be reported, he or she should call 911. Starting this week, lawns in violation of the City nuisance ordinance will be given a 48-hour notice to mow grass over 6 inches in height, or the City will mow and assess the costs to the property owner, which currently is a minimum of \$100. Also, property owners leaving grass clippings on the street from mowing will be given only one warning before being penalized.

City Council comments: discussion of the nuisance officer's visit to the City today. He identified 13-15 properties that could be held in violation of the nuisance ordinance. He will proceed with enforcement process.

Public comments: City Engineer Josh Pope reported he is reviewing the City's drainage issues and is currently working with the school district construction engineers in their drainage plans.

Brittany and Matt Dolphin were present to report on their interest in acquiring property downtown this summer. Plans for use are not final, but they would like to make possible renovations and keep the buildings occupied.

Kent Billings, Hartley Chamber of Commerce President, thanked the City for the donation toward the cost of the Chamber's new digital sign. They have a concern regarding the height of the sign, and some Council members reported they have heard the same concerns from the community. It was the consensus of the Council to look into having the work done to raise the height, as well as relocating the Fanning Field sign to the northeast, and positioned so as to not affect vision of turning traffic.

Brittany Dolphin reported that the Chamber has decided on rates for announcements on the digital sign: \$5 for Chamber members per event and \$10 for non-Chamber members per event.

Hengeveld moved to approve Pay Request No. 5 from Grundman Hicks on the UV System project. Seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Ayes. Myers, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion Carried 4-0.

Swanson moved to approve Housing Rehabilitation Pay Request No. 2 for 130 S 3rd Ave. W. Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Myers, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion Carried 4-0.

No action was taken on the asbestos removal from the building located at 37 E 1st St. SE. The safety concerns and stability of the building were discussed, and it was the consensus of the council to have the City Engineer request that a structural engineer inspects the property before making a decision on how to proceed.

Hengeveld moved to approve the bid in the amount of \$975 from Site Services, Inc. for asbestos inspection to be done prior to a controlled burn of the building on the property located at 41 N 1st Ave. E. Seconded by Myers. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Swanson, Myers, Olson. Nays. None. Motion Carried 4-0.

Olson moved to approve the rental bid for Industrial Park land 2019 alfalfa baling, for \$1,000 from Rich Vander Werff. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Myers, Olson, Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion Carried 4-0.

No action was taken on approving the bid on a heating/cooling unit at the shelter house. It was the consensus of the council to request bids for air conditioning only.

Council Members discussed the shelter house rental rates. Currently, a deposit of \$50 is required, with \$20 being returned to the customer. Members discussed possibility of having a deposit of \$100 with \$25 returned to the customer. Once determined and finalized, a rate change would not be in effect until the 2020 season.

Myers moved to reject bid for \$826 for the purchase of the 2006 Ford F250, which was the sole bid received. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Myers, Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion Carried to reject bid 4-0.

No bids were received on the sale of the 94 Ford F150; therefore, no action was taken.

Swanson moved to approve bid by USDI for \$18,942.50 for natural gas system odorizer and installation. Seconded by Myers. Roll Call: Ayes. Olson, Hengeveld, Swanson, Myers. Nays. None. Motion Carried 4-0.

Swanson moved to approve **Resolution No. 2019-22, "A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO ASSIGNMENT OF TRUSTEE AGENT AGREEMENTS; ESCROW AGENT AGREEMENTS; AND/OR PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT AGREEMENTS."** Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Swanson, Myers, Olson. Nays. None. Motion Carried 4-0.

Swanson moved to approve Special Limited Fireworks Permit submitted by the Hartley Legion for fireworks display scheduled for August 3. Seconded by Hengeveld. Roll Call: Ayes. Swanson, Myers, Olson, Hengeveld. Nays. None. Motion Carried 4-0.

Council Members discussed setting the start time for City Council meetings starting in June to be 5:00 P.M.

Hengeveld moved to approve **Resolution No. 2019-23, "A RESOLUTION SETTING DATE AND TIME OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING."** Seconded by Olson. Roll Call: Ayes. Hengeveld, Olson, Myers, Swanson. Nays. None. Motion Carried 4-0.

Council Members discussed street repairs for the upcoming fiscal year. It was the consensus of the Council to request bids for paving S 1st Ave. W.

Council Members discussed a golf cart ordinance. It was the consensus of the Council that the ordinance include the specific number of passengers, as well as specific streets on which golf carts would be disallowed.

In Other Business, Council Member Westphalen will present a City vinyl sign update in June. Jaron Benz reported on required pool repairs on caulking and concrete.

Mayor Ahrenstorff adjourned the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

Rodney Ahrenstorff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erica Haack, City Clerk/Administrator