

Hadley City Council, Hadley Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 8, 2022

Members Present: Rick Like, Henry Veldhuisen, Jill Pieske, John Brouwer

Members Absent: Bonnie Petersen

Others Present: Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer

Others Absent: Myron Bennett, Liquor Store Manager

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Like at 6:30pm.

Welcome Guests: Peggy Mason, Hadley Resident was present for open forum.

Agenda Approval: Riley mentioned the unintentional omission of the Lake Wilson Solar Project, which will be added to the agenda under new business. The council was asked to review the meeting agenda and suggest any additions or corrections. Mayor Like requested to add Main Street Speed Control Signs and MDH Live Well Grant, both under new business. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Brouwer to approve the meeting agenda, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of July Minutes: The council was asked to review the July meeting minutes and suggest any additions or corrections. With no further additions or corrections, the regularly scheduled meeting minutes from July 11, 2022 were approved, as presented.

Review of Liquor Fund: Riley noted that the Slayton Fire Department Hadley Street Dance revenue is included in July financials, which contributed to the bottom line for the month. He also provided a year-over-year street dance revenue comparison that was provided by Myron ahead of the meeting, noting that the 2022 event had higher sales compared with the prior year. With no further questions or discussion, the Liquor Fund was approved, as presented.

Review of General Fund: Mayor Like reported that the Community Center exhaust fan has been cleaned. Riley has received the invoice; however, proper vendor set-up is required prior to payment being issued. The Community Center Repairs line item was questioned from the July financials by Council Member Brouwer. Riley confirmed this expense was for June, 2022 air conditioning repair by Mikes Plumbing & Heating. The lawn tractor repair invoice from C&B Operations was also presented for review, with reimbursement being requested from the Hadley Baseball Association. With no further questions or discussion, the General Fund was approved, as presented.

Review of Water/Sewer Fund: The aged balance report was presented and reviewed, with no immediate shut-off concerns noted. Two residential shutoffs occurred since the last meeting, which will both be accessed a \$50.00 re-connection fee on their next statement. With no further questions or discussion, the Water/Sewer Fund was approved, as presented.

Old Business:

- **Water Valve Shut-Off Map:** Riley informed the council that Darrin Haroldson, Water Superintendent, inquired about the completion of this map. He would like access to a copy of the completed map once it is printed. Mayor Like mentioned that there is one additional locate pending on the side of the Community Center, which he and Council Member Brouwer are attempting to find.
- **Street Repair/Parking Lot Resurfacing – Engineering, Possible Grant Option:** Mayor Like reported that he was able to speak with a Murray County employee today regarding an updated timeline for completion of the CSAH29 Road Improvement project. Sidewalks along both sides of Main Street will be poured next week, with cement curb and gutter to follow. Tiling and drainage work will also be wrapped up on the North side next week, with crushed material being placed on the entire section of road immediately after. After this is complete, they will be wrapping up project progress until the Spring of 2023, when permanent paving will be completed along with cleanup. Towne & Country Paving, LLC approved a lesser payment for 4th Avenue repair in the amount of \$5,000.00, due to Hadley leaders being good to work with on the CSAH29 Road Improvement Project. There was discussion on paving the repaired section of 4th Avenue, so the vendor can be made aware of this when paving Main Street. After discussion, the council felt it was good to give approval for paving of 4th Avenue now. MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Veldhuisen to approve proceeding with paving of the repaired section of 4th Avenue, when CSAH 29 project paving occurs. Council Member Brouwer also asked about the impending street light upgrades that were previously discussed. Mayor Like has contacted XCEL Energy about this lighting but has not yet heard back. Additional discussion related to lighting is pending.
- **Storage Garage Damage:** There were no new updates to discuss related to the Storage Garage Damage. Demolition of the damaged portion is pending with the contractor, following estimate approval during last month's meeting.
- **Nuisance Property Ordinance Violations:** Following the July council meeting, Riley proceeded with turnover on Hughes violation, due to lack of response and sent a follow-up letter on Sechser violation, due to lack of progress. The Hughes ordinance violation documentation was provided to the Murray County Sheriff's Office in order for a citation to be issued. Repair and renovation progress has since been observed, however, this work is outside the slated timeframe and there have been no updates communicated by Ms. Hughes to prevent law enforcement involvement, so Riley was to proceed with turnover. Sechser contacted Mayor Like, prior to this month's meeting with an update on his demolition project. He had previously contacted a couple of local fire departments to see if there was interest in doing a burn of the remaining house debris, however there is no interest. Council Member Pieske requested the timeframe of completion be before winter and cleanup should be finished by October 30th. Mayor Like will pass this information onto Mr. Sechser and provide another council update next month. Council Member Pieske also referred to the Hanson/Clauson property at 220 1st Street E, following a closer look after last month's discussion on general property upkeep and maintenance. One or more broken windows appear to be present along with deteriorating

exterior of the shed located on this property. The council requested that Riley send a general letter of upkeep on property and request a property owner response prior to the next council meeting. MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Veldhuisen approving him to do so. Motion carried unanimously.

- Community Center Updates: Following exhaust fan cleaning, the meeting room and kitchen can now be painted before new carpet is installed. Council Member Pieske and Riley brought several paint samples, along with an estimate from Jim's Carpet Outlet and carpet square samples for color matching. After discussion and color matching between paint and carpet, the council decided to go with paint color "soft pelican" and Mainstay Intellect carpet squares at an estimated material cost of \$3,500.00. MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Veldhuisen authorizing Jeannie Helmke to proceed with painting as outlined, charging necessary paint and materials at Midwest Supply and Jim's Carpet Outlet to order chosen carpet so it is ready for installation once painting is complete. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Pieske will return samples and confirm order with Jim. Mayor Like will provide Jeannie with approved paint sample for order. Mayor Like is also going to check with Jennifer Nelson at SWHHS regarding any possible remaining COVID-19 funds that could cover the cost of adding a potential patio beside the Community Center.
- Water Maintenance: Following the last council meeting, Council Member Veldhuisen discussed Pump House meter reading history with Weston Mahon, who manages Public Works for the City of Slayton. It was discovered that there was a large fluctuation in daily readings in June, 2022, along with inconsistency across months since then. After discussion, the council was in agreeance to request a shift in water sampling and general maintenance to Darrin Haroldson, Water Superintendent. MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske to request that Darrin Haroldson handle water sampling and all related duties other than meter reading. Motion carried unanimously. Bob Wornson will continue taking meter readings. Darrin will be asked to attend an upcoming meeting for additional discussion on job duties.

New Business:

- Building Project Pre-Application Review – Camp Summit: A Building Project Pre-Application was submitted for review and approval by the council. This application was reviewed and discussed. The council supports the project brought forth by Camp Summit, who requests to add three additional full hookup campsites to their campground, now that the CSAH29 Road Improvement project has provided more room and easier access. With the addition of three more utility hookups, the council motioned contingent upon re-evaluation of monthly utility rates for Camp Summit at the time construction is completed. MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Pieske to approve the application as presented so zoning and construction can begin. Motion carried unanimously. Application was signed by Mayor Like and Riley for return to Camp Summit so the zoning process can begin with the Murray County zoning office.
- Mason Property Ditch: Hadley Resident Peggy Mason was present to discuss the steep slope of the ditch on her property. After having a discussion with Mayor Like, she was wondering about the possibility of having this re-sloped, now that the road project is taking place, as it is currently

difficult to mow. There was council discussion on re-sloping the ditch for easier mowing, using excess backfill from the road project. This is considered contingent on grass seeding and maintenance to be completed by the property owner. MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Veldhuisen to allow Ms. Mason to re-slope her ditch, arranging for completion as desired.

- Lake Wilson Solar Garden Project: Riley presented a voluntary request for comments survey he received via certified mail from Invenergy regarding the upcoming Lake Wilson Solar Energy Project for input from the council. After brief discussion, the council did not express any objections to the project, so no further comment or discussion took place.
- Speed Signs: Mayor Like brought up the possibility of looking into adding solar speed awareness signs at both ends of Main Street, for installation following the CSAH29 Road Improvement project. The speed signs would provide a safety measure for additional awareness on the speed limit on Main Street. He was looking for council input on this. There was no additional discussion at this time, and a decision was tabled to a future meeting.
- MDH Live Well Grant: Mayor Like wished to discuss the information Riley previously emailed regarding a MDH Live Well Grant, which is currently open for those 60 and older. Now that the grant application period is open, he requested that Riley include a flyer on the grant with the next utility billing statements for public advertisement.
- Clerk Update – 2022 Election: As a follow-up from last month’s meeting, Riley reported that he attended the 5 hours of Murray County Election Clerk and Head Judge training on July 20th and July 26th, as required prior to the 2022 election. He also reminded the council that the filing period is now open, running from August 2nd through August 16th and Hadley residents interested in running for office are encouraged to file with Riley during the filing period. Required postings and publications have been printed and mail ballots will be drafted following the close of the filing period.

MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Brouwer for payment of unpaid bills, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske for meeting adjournment. Motion carried unanimously. With no further business, the regularly scheduled meeting was adjourned by Mayor Like at 8:18pm.

Riley Engbarth

Respectfully Submitted by Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer