

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HECTOR
SPECIAL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

AUGUST 29, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Steven Squibb, Jeff Heerdt, Ralph Bergsma, Doug Best and Penny Kandt.

STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Blackwell and Jerome Schueller.

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Gutschow, Greg Stang, Marlys Hagstrom, Ron Ruona, Judy Tracy, Marty Tracy, Judi Ovitt, Marty Lawson, Harold Witte, Amy Hollan, Beate Rueber, Joy Skucius, and Mike Skucius.

Mayor Squibb called the meeting to order following the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Squibb and Councilor Heerdt explained the background and the purpose of the special meeting. It was noted that a Motion was made at the July 11, 2016 council meeting to have an outside party operate the water plant for a minimum of 90 days.

PEOPLE SERVICE/SHORT TERM – Chris Gutschow and Greg Stang from People Service explained the terms of a short term agreement to operate the water plant. Following a discussion and comments from the audience, Mayor Squibb stated that he thinks things have improved since July and a short term contract is no longer needed. Councilor Best asked Schueller if he thinks the plant is operating correctly and if he is caught up on work. Schueller stated that the plant is operating fine and that he is caught up on his work. Motion by Jeff Heerdt, seconded by Doug Best and carried unanimously not to enter into a short term contract with People Service to operate the water plant.

PEOPLE SERVICE/LONG TERM – Chris Gutschow and Greg Stang explained the terms of a five-year proposal to operate the water and waste water plants. They reviewed the scope of services that would be included in the proposal. Following a discussion, Councilor Kandt requested that comparisons be made on costs of the proposal versus current costs. Clerk Blackwell was directed by the Mayor and Council to ask AEM to assist the city in doing a cost comparison.

MOTION by Doug Best and seconded by Ralph Bergsma to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.


Kathy L. Blackwell, City Clerk