

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HECTOR
REGULAR MEETING
HECTOR COMMUNITY CENTER – 7:00 P.M.**

MAY 12, 2015

PRESENT: Mayor Steven Squibb, Council Members Doug Best and Greg Radermacher.

ABSENT: Councilors Chuck Gentry and Ralph Bergsma

STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Blackwell, Corie Allford, Jerome Schueller, and Gary Groen.

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Bipes, Marty Lawson, Janice Weikle, Marlys Hagstrom, Penny Macik, Allan Kirgiss, Bill Dorman, Ruth Hamilton, and Curt Sampson.

Mayor Squibb opened the meeting following the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA – MOTION by Greg Radermacher, seconded by Doug Best and carried to approve the agenda with the following additions: Resolution 2015-15 Accepting Donations and AEM presentation of 1st quarter 2015 report. MOTION by Doug Best, seconded by Greg Radermacher and carried to approve the consent agenda.

AEM – Gary Groen presented the first quarter 2015 report. Groen noted that there are no audit adjustments for 2014 that they are aware of. CDS should have the final 2014 audit report complete in the next month. The council had no questions for Gary.

MOORE – The council had no questions on the project update memo from Clif Allen.

CITIZENS – No residents addressed the council.

AIRPORT – With Councilor Bergsma absent, the Mayor agreed to give Gary Bipes an opportunity to address the council regarding the airport.

AMBULANCE/FIRE – Mayor Squibb took the opportunity to say a big thank you to the city guys for filling water trucks for the recent hog barn fire.

EDA – EDA board member Penny Macik commented on the recent dreams event at Prairie View and what great publicity and visibility the event created for Hector and the facility. Macik stated that there are two new tenants at Prairie View.

CEMETERY – The council heard a request from Curt Sampson to purchase lot #59 in the cemetery. Sampson first made this request to the council on October 9, 2006. At that meeting,

the council approved the transaction upon presentation of a clear research opinion that no one is buried in the lot. Sampson has since found a grave marker for Johanne Christina Hammer, born December 25, 1806 and died December 12, 1895. Sampson researched the descendants of Hammer and it is his conclusion that no one other than Hammer is buried in lot #59. Blackwell asked if Sampson's intended use of the lot was for future burials and Sampson replied that yes that is his intent. Councilor Best asked if Sampson was willing to assume all responsibility and costs incurred in the event a grave other than Hammer's is found. Sampson agreed that he would assume all future responsibility and expense related to lot #59. Sampson suggested a purchase price of \$5,000. Sampson also shared his intentions of improving certain grave markers for persons that have made significant contributions to the community. MOTION by Doug Best, seconded by Greg Radermacher and carried to sell lot #59 in the cemetery to Curt Sampson for \$5,000, with the stipulation that Sampson assume all future responsibility and expenses related to lot #59.

COMMITTEE – The council agreed that a current cemetery committee be appointed. Sampson agreed to serve on the committee and suggested the city consider the appointment of Beate Rueber. Clerk Blackwell was directed to give public notice that the city is seeking individuals that are interested in serving on the cemetery committee.

POLICE – Councilor Best advised that necessary equipment has been ordered and the squad car is ordered. Best stated that he has encouraged the officers to be more visible during daytime hours.

PUBLIC WORKS – Jerome Schueller reported that dust control is scheduled. Contractors have started staging for the water treatment and wastewater treatment projects. Schueller is planning to have road patching on 3rd Street done this year. Schueller stated that the approximate value of the 2002 Chevrolet pick-up is \$4,000. An ad will be placed on MinnBid to sell the vehicle.

TRIPLE J – Mayor Squibb reported that he, Schueller and Blackwell met with Russell Harris. It appears that improvements are being made by Triple J, but the city will wait to see if this continues.

STATE SHED – As recommended by city staff, the council agreed to seek a buyer for the state shed property. The building is currently used only for storage. Schueller noted that the employees suggested that the proceeds of the sale be used towards a sand/salt containment at the fire hall property. The current assessed value of the property is \$11,500. Blackwell was directed to give public notice that the city is selling the property.

LIBRARY – The friends group is planning a retirement event for Jill Schwiderski on 9/22/15 at the community center and library. Mayor Squibb reported on the last Pioneerland Library Board meeting. The director position is still vacant and overall operations are going well.

DEPUTY CLERK – Blackwell introduced newly hired Deputy Clerk Corie Allford. MOTION by Greg Radermacher, seconded by Doug Best and carried to approve the employment agreement with Corie Allford.

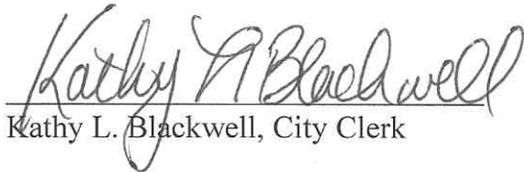
530 DOUGLAS AVE E – Blackwell reported that the city attorney has requested the court to approve the title transfer of the property as soon as possible. A value will be placed on the property at a later date.

CENTER POINT GRANT – Blackwell and Schueller reported that the employees agreed to identify safety and traffic control equipment as the project for a \$5,000 Center Point Energy grant. If funded, the city's share would be 50% or \$2,500.

THEATER RENTAL REQUEST – The Mayor was asked by a private party to use the theater for a wedding ceremony in June. The council agreed that private party use of the theater should be approved on a case by case basis. MOTION by Doug Best, seconded by Greg Radermacher and carried to approve the request and charge a rental fee of \$100 and hold a deposit of \$500.

VACANCY – Following a discussion, the council agreed to ask the three people interested in being appointed to the council to complete a list of questions and to address the council at the June meeting.

In his final action as a Hector City Council Member, Greg Radermacher made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting and after some hesitation, Doug Best seconded the motion.


Kathy L. Blackwell, City Clerk