

Public Notice  
Hazleton City Council Meeting  
August 19th, 2015

Hazleton City Council meeting held at the City Hall called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 PM by Mayor VandeVorde. Council members present: Duffy, Ekstrand, Hayzlett & Miller. Also present: City Clerk Baych, Public Works Loomis & City Attorney Stevens. Miller/Duffy moved to approve the printed agenda, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Duffy/Miller moved to approve the consent agenda: a) July 15th, 2015 minutes b) Clerk Report c) Disbursements. Roll Call, All Ayes, Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments were made by citizens regarding Loomis's pay increase and the salary survey. A citizen thanked the council, mayor and staff for what they do for the community and congratulated the newly elected council men. He stated he hoped the community can move forward and away from all the negativity. A citizen addressed the council on the comments that were made at the previous month's meeting with regards to a water bill issue.

**BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:** Record of performance for the City of Hazleton 96.75 hours with 95 records. Report on file.

**HAZLETON FIRE STATION:** Dettbarn informed council last month was quite.

**AMENT ENGINEERING:** Mike Dryden discussed the permanent sanitary sewer lift station and emergency generator easement agreement. A verbal agreement was made with the property owner for the city to remove small trees where the generator will be placed. The easement was signed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August and Stevens stated the easement needs recorded.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Loomis informed council the auto dialer at lift station was replaced. Yearly testing completed and sent to lab. Mike discussed issue on a citizen's comment regarding a work order to shut off water. Miller stated if a work order is made to shut water off, shut the water off without addressing the resident who is being shut off. Mayor VandeVorde informed council that the narrow bridge signs were taken down by Buchanan County Roads. He thought possible trading signs for different signs. Carter advised doing a resolution regarding signs. Hayzlett questioned claim with Pronto. Miller stated any accident with city equipment needs to be reported immediately and handled by the insurance agent. Loomis informed council on a curb stop that is leaking. Miller/Duffy moved to table approving bid for safety eye on shop door until another bid can be obtained. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried.

**CITY CLERK:** Baych informed council on the classes she attended at the clerk academy. She stated she received a letter from Buchanan County Sanitation regarding recommendation on nuisance complaints and will forward to compliance officer. Miller reviewed financials. City Hall will be closed August 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Baych discussed audit options. Miller/Ekstrand moved to approve sending RFP's to state auditor and 5 CPA's. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Duffy/Ekstrand moved to approve going live with web & facebook pages, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION:** George Lake with Buchanan County Economic Development presented a recognition plaque to the city for their continued support. Lake stated the principles of BCED and asked the community to become a Home Base Iowa Community in support of veterans. Duffy/Miller moved to go out to bid on replacing existing fence around basketball court. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved Duffy will get bids. Miller/Ekstrand moved to approve Trimpos bid for \$975 to remove trees on Hayes Street E. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Miller/Ekstrand moved to approve Duffy to Policy/Admin committee, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Miller/Duffy moved to approve Pronto's liquor license. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Miller/Duffy moved to approve Resolution 15-20/Public Works Pay Increase 3%, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Carter explained his reasoning on how he handled July's meeting.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor VandeVorde informed council bridge is opened however a few things still need to be completed. He will be attending a BCED and INRCOG meeting.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT: A citizen asked about the audit cost.

ADJOURN: Miller/Duffy moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All Ayes

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Lisa Baych/City Clerk

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Gerald VandeVorde/Mayor