

Public Notice  
Hazleton City Council Meeting  
June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

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, Ekstrand, Duffy, Hayzlett, Miller & Vawter. Also present: City Clerk Baych, Public Works Loomis, Fire Chief Dettbarn and City Attorney Hosack. Vawter/Miller moved to approve the printed agenda, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Duffy/Vawter moved to approve the consent agenda: a) May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes with corrections, Baych informed council an error was on the motion to remove tree stumps where Duffy had abstained and minutes reflect all voted aye b) Clerk Report, Baych explained the transfer to the sewer sinking fund was not on the financial report Miller initialed explaining the 2 financial reports in their packets c) Disbursements. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Don Kleis with Prairie Road Builders addressed the council on his concerns with citizen's service lines on Hayes Street and asked council to do their due diligence and have those line checked for their depth. In addition he commented on the drainage issue on First Street & stated approxiamently 400 feet of West Hayes that appears completed is not draining correctly. Angela Shooddy stated she was also concerned on the issue with First Street ditch. She stated a utility pole had been replaced yet there is no light and asked council for an update on Main Street Lights and when they will be back on. Mayor VandeVorde stated he has contacted the contractor numerous times and does not have a date on when they will be back on. Hayzlett stated once the road is closed the contractor takes liability for the road. Ms. Shooddy asked for something in writing stating the contractor is liable if anyone gets hurt due to the road replacement. She asked do I get that from the contractor and Hayzlett replied yes.

**BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT:** The record of performance for the City of Hazleton was 62.80 hours with 61 records. Report on file.

**HAZLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Dettbarn stated the Spaghetti Supper was a success. Dettbarn assured the council he has been in contact with the engineer and can get access to West Hayes in an emergency and has checked daily on the east side of town, taken the fire trucks and is confident they will be able to get through in the event of an emergency situation. Vawter asked about removing a broken tree limb on the corner of catholic cemetery.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Loomis informed council 2<sup>nd</sup> drawdown at the lagoons is complete, shoulder work on the North St project is done, all fire hydrants have been flushed and the fire hydrant on Short Street is replaced. Blake has finished repairs on the jack & skid shoes on snow plow. Municipal Pipe will begin sewer cleaning on June 27<sup>th</sup> and Maguire will service the water tower in July. Hayzlett asked if Loomis new anything about the tree limbs that are in the right of way on people's property. Clerk will check with Alliant to see if they cut the limbs and just haven't mulched them. Hayzlett asked about the flags and who takes them down. Baych & Arthaud stated they will contact Bennett to see if he can get them taken down. Hayzlett informed council of holes in the park. Miller stated lets address the holes in the park when we excavate for the new playground. Hayzlett also asked if Loomis will be seeding around the new fire hydrant and Loomis stated he would take care of it. Vawter/Miller moved to approve the purchase of a module for lift station at \$501.00, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried.

**CITY CLERK:** Baych informed council she will be taking vacation July 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Vawter/Miller approved clerk attend Iowa Municipal Professionals Academy July 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Don Kleis addressed the council. He informed him he had repaired potholes throughout town at no charge and then explained the proposal submitted for street repairs. Duffy/Miller moved to approve Prairie Road Builders proposal for \$10,947.50 for street repairs, Roll Call All Ayes, motion approved. Hayzlett/Duffy moved to approve both Resolution 17-09 City Clerk pay increase & 17-10 Public Work pay increase to 3%, 1% toward wages and 2% toward health insurance, VandeVorde asked for discussion, Miller asked if employee evaluations had been done and VandeVorde

stated he had not had time to do those. Roll Call, Hayzlett yes, Ekstrand stated she wanted to review evaluations before making a decision so voted no, Duffy yes, Vawter no, Miller no. Motion failed. Miller asked clerk what was decided at budget for pay increase for part-time, meter reader and fire chief. Baych informed council part-time was \$10.50, with \$5.00 checks on legion rentals, \$225.00 for Meter Reader and \$2500.00 annually for Fire chief. Duffy/Vawter moved to approve Resolution 17-11 Part Time, Meter Reader & Fire Chief pay increase to what had been budgeted for, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Attorney Hosack stated Public Works & Clerk resolutions can be readdressed at July's meeting. Mayor VandeVorde stated he would get evaluations done. Miller/Vawter moved to approve Resolution 17-12 Transfer Local Option Sales Tax equally into water & sewer, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Miller/Duffy moved to approve Resolution 17-13 Transfer Housing Rehab Revenue into General Fund, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Hosack explained House Bill 517, a new law that limits the ability of political subdivisions in Iowa from enacting and enforcing firearm restrictions. Miller/Duffy moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 11-01 the Deletion of existing provision pertaining to firearms & weapon free zones, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Duffy/Vawter moved to approve the deletion of section 4.2 (D) of employee policy pertaining to firearms, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Duffy/Ekstrand moved to form a committee to get prep work of City Park done for installation of new park playground equipment and address the pot holes, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Hosack informed council on the new legislation on fireworks. The current ordinance states no fireworks are to be shot off in city limits. No action taken to change current ordinance. Hosack informed council on letters being served to resident on ordinance violations. VandeVorde asked about an unsafe property and what steps should be taken to correct it. City Clerk will get in touch with homeowner and/or bank.

MAYOR REPORT: VandeVorde will get numbers together on the water issue at the park shelter. He talked about the tree in the right of way of Third & Benton. DOT not onsite to discuss DOT Contract.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT: Gene Seiffert questioned on some additional homes that are not in compliance with the code of ordinance. VandeVorde stated he attended a small city workshop on this issue and will be working to resolve these. Seiffert stated a few building were not in compliance with the ordinance. The compliance officer will be contacted. Miller apologized to Mr. Seiffert for being attacked at the last council meeting regarding the road project. Hayzlett mention fixing the service lines on East Hayes, so that they all had their own service line. Miller asked that the city engineer come to the July meeting & get involved on the service line issues. Miller asked if Hosack would send a letter to the contractor on getting the street lights repaired. Pat Arthaud thanked the city and all the help that stopped the rumors regarding Haze Daze being cancelled. It was a success.

Hosack asked Loomis if he would like to go into closed session regarding a reprimand he received from Mayor VandeVorde and Loomis stated he did not. Hosack stated employee personal files are confidential. VandeVorde stated to the council his reason for Loomis's reprimand. Loomis stated his reason why he felt the reprimand was uncalled for and asked the council to consider removing it from his file. A lengthy discussion followed. Hosack instructed the council if you feel the reprimand should stay in his file, and uphold the mayor's decision say yes or to remove the reprimand from file say no. Roll Call, Hayzlett yes, Duffy yes, Ekstrand yes, Miller no, Vawter no.

ADJOURN at 9:15 PM

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Lisa Baych, City Clerk

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Gerald VandeVorde, Mayor