

**HOKAH CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES DECEMBER 2, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING**

1. MEETING OPENED BY PRESIDING OFFICIAL MAYOR MARTELL at 6:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Pfiffner, Christianson, Ross, Walther, Martell
3. CHANGES TO AGENDA. Administrator Blank advises to delete item # 12.
4. MOTION TO CONSENT TO AGENDA by Ross second by Christianson roll call all approve
5. APPROVE MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2008 by Pfiffner second by Ross roll call Walther abstains, the rest approve.
6. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE by Ross second by Christianson roll call all approve
7. WWTP – ANDY KLINGSPORN, COMMUNITY CHURCH BILLING. Administrator Blank states that Andrew Klingsporn is not in attendance this evening. On the agenda is Community Church billing which was tabled from last month's meeting. Administrator Blank reports that the situation has been rectified. It appears there was a change of equipment that either wasn't zeroed or recorded at the city office.
8. LIBRARY / CITY HALL BUILDING Barb Bissen is in attendance and has nothing to report.
9. POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF SCHULDT reports that he needs to purchase tires for the patrol vehicle. He is investigating the state bidding pricing for the tires. He also states he wishes to purchase a battery maintainer. He also reports that they're been numerous daytime burglaries in the area.
10. MINNESOTA BASIC CODE COUNCIL MEMBERS REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS/PLANNING COMM. Blank reports that Council member Christianson and Mayor elect Scholze have reviewed the book this month. Blank also reports meeting with Chris Peterson from the planning commission regarding the Minnesota basic code. Blank states he believes the project should be turned over to the planning commission for review. Blank asked councilmember Ross his opinion. Ross states the Council should look at doing the Minnesota basic code or sit down and go through all the ordinances by hand, one or the other. He states we have a lot ordinances that need updating in this book does help that out. Mayor Martell suggests that when the new Mayor takes office he may change the makeup of the planning commission board and at that time look at the Minnesota basic code. He asked the councils opinion. Council member Christianson states that she still isn't sure this is the way to go. Mayor Martell asked for a motion to table this item. Motion by Christianson second by Ross roll call all in favor.
11. NELSON ANNUAL AUDIT STATEMENT Administrator Blank reports the copies of the city audit are on the table. Mayor Martell suggests the Council Members take the booklets home for review and have this item on the agenda for next month.
- ~~12. ALTEL RESOLUTION~~
13. TWIN CREEKS WITHDRAW OF PROPOSAL Administrator Blank reports that Twin Creeks has withdrawn their request for quit claim deed. MNDOT has informed Twin Creeks that if they make this land change they must remove their sign. Paperwork has been turned back over to Twin Creeks.

- 14. PAST DUE UTILITY BILLING CERTIFICATION TO COUNTY AUDITOR** Administrator Blank reports that in front of the Council members are the current delinquent utility billing accounts. He asks the Council to approve the resolution certifying these accounts to the county auditor for collection in taxes payable in 2009. Mayor Martell asked the Council for comments. Council member Christianson asked to we need to do this by motion Mayor Martell states yes we do. Christianson then makes that motion second by Pfiffner roll call all approve motion carried.
- 15. ELECTION-CANVASSING RESULTS-CERTIFY ELECTION-CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION**  
Administrator Blank reports that we need to canvass the election results from November 2008 Election and by resolution forward those results to the county auditor. He reads out loud the election results from the November election: for the office of Mayor: James Scholze received 139 votes Mike Walsh received 137. For two positions on Council: Samantha Mullen received 203 and Rita Christianson 181. Administrator Blank then asked for approval for resolution number 2008- 08 declaring the results. Motion by Walther second by Ross roll call all approve.
- 16. ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA** Minnesota basic code into February 2009, city audit by Nelson.
- 17. JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING DATE OF JANUARY 6, 2009**
- 18. MAYOR'S COMMENTS** Mayor Martell reports we're working on funding for the pool and holding ponds area.
- 19. COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS** Christianson asked where we are standing on the project installing rock behind the businesses. Mayor Martell reports they're still working on the engineering of that project.
- 20. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE** Pearl Roth asked the council to review her utility billing. She states that the bill is too high. Mayor Martell states will have Andrew look at the situation and talk to her again.
- 21. ANNOUNCEMENTS** Administrator Blank reports city staff and Council Christmas get-together at Valley High on December 12 at 5:30 p.m. Blank also reports that animal control Joan Gaworski picked up a stray dog that ended up biting her husband. They have been unable to locate the animal and her husband is undergoing rabies inoculation. Further Blank states he has notified the city insurance carrier.
- 22. ADJOURN** motion to adjourn by councilmember Ross second by Christianson all approve at 6:27 p.m.

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Administrator

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Mayor