

**HOKAH CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES MARCH 4, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING**

1. MEETINGING OPENED BY MAYOR MARTELL AT 1800
2. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Pfiffner, Christianson, Ross, Walther, Martell
3. CHANGES TO AGENDA: BARBARA BISSEN STATES BIKE TRAIL ADDITION TO AGENDA
4. MOTION TO CONSENT TO AGENDA MOTION BY WALTHER SECOND BY PFIFFNER ALL APPROVE
5. APPROVE MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2007 MOTION BY WALTHER SECOND BY PFIFFNER ALL APPROVE.
6. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MOTION BY CHRISTIANSON SECOND BY ROSS ALL APPROVE
7. **WWTP – JIM KOCHIE & ANDY KLINGSPORN.** Kochie not in attendance. Andy Klingsporn speaks of the current progress to date at the WWTP. Andy also reports that Well #2 pump has failed. Andy and David Bissen have removed the pump and taken it to Advance Electric for repair. The auxiliary system is now in operation.
8. **GAMBLING LICENSE / RESOLUTION RENEWAL HUMMERS PUB / LA CRESCENT AMERICAN LEGION.** Motion by Walther, Second by Pfiffner all approve.
9. **POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF SCHULDT.** Chief Schuldt reports that the Department has received the grant and installed equipment. This being completed, he speaks about selling the old system. He asks for approval to complete this. Further Chief Schuldt has received two free computers. One has been installed at the Fire Department or backup. Further reports he plans to attend Chiefs Convention, and spring training.
10. **RECREATION BOARD.** Christianson reports at their last meeting they discussed verbiage to use for signs, etc. They have a meeting next week.
11. **DRAFT SHORELAND MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE.** This item was tabled from February meeting. Blank asks if Von Arx should be present to discuss this. Blank will contact Von Arx and invite him to April 1st. meeting.
12. **STREET AND MAINTENANCE DAVE WELKE - TRUCK, BLACKTOP & SEALCOATING.** Dave Welke not in attendance. Blank reports that Welke has discussed blacktop of the WWTP driveway, as well as a few projects that need attention, Freemont Street, and 5th. Street, and Hwy. 44 and 5th. Area where the water main broke this winter. Blank reports that the Chevrolet pickup is down with transmission troubles again. Martell reports that Tri-State Auto has replaced tri-rod ends and wheel bearings recently. Tri-State has stated that the truck is in bad shape overall. Martell states that the Council previously had approved leasing a truck. Martell states possibly the City should look at purchasing a new truck to replace this one. Blank offers we should look at state bid contract for the purchase. Martell discusses weather we should look at a diesel or gas engine. Blank reports that we have approx. \$7,000 income in the last couple months from a vehicle sale, and insurance payment. Council directs Blank to investigate a purchase of a new truck. Martell then asks the intentions of street maintenance as to what are the intentions to blacktop, or seal coat. Martell states he will speak with David Welke regarding this.
13. **LIBRARY REPORT.** Librarian Barb Bissen in attendance. Bissen reports that this next Sunday at 4:00 PM there is to be a tour of the bike trail areas. She reports that someone from the Council should attend. Martell states that he will participate in this tour. Bissen reports that she will be absent to attend a library convention this month. She also offers that she would again like to be able to make changes on the message board at City Hall, 57 Main Street. Further discussion. Martell asks for a motion to approve Barb Bissen be able to make changes to the sign. Walther makes the motion, Christianson seconds, all approve.
14. **ZONING.** Lance Ross reports they have a couple applications to inspect next week. Martell reports that he has spoken to Donald Bissen who wishes to remain on the Planning Commission.
15. **LIQUOR LICENSES RENEWAL.** Licenses presented for renewal:
 - Hummers Pub

- Jake’s Main Street Saloon
 - Kwik Trip
 - Twin Creeks Golf
- Motion by Ross second by Walther to approve. Christianson abstains, Martell votes yes, carried.

Cigarette Licenses presented for renewal:

- Hummers Pub
- Kwik Trip.

Motion by Walther second by Ross to approve all in favor.

16. RESOLUTION MN PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY – SEWER ACCESS ROAD. Motion to approve by Christianson, second by Pfiffner all in favor.

17. APRIL 2008 COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 1 AT 6:00 PM, BOARD OF APPEAL 5:30 PM.

18. MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS / COUNCIL MEMBERS / EMPLOYEES. Martell discusses the grant that we have received from Minnesota DNR for in stream debris removal. Martell has spoken with Tim Davison and Travis Zenke to complete this project. Martell asks what the Council feels regarding this. Blank states that need to follow the provisions in the grant for completion of the project. Blank reports that he has spoken with Tom Walcker. Walcker is looking to sell the bottom lands he now owns west of the Hokah Ball Park. Council discusses that they are interested in looking at this. Ross makes a motion to have Blank speak with Tom Walcker regarding this. Christianson seconds, all in favor. Further discussion regarding debris removal. Motion by Ross and second by Walther, all in favor to begin this contract of debris removal by Davison and Zenke. Walther reports that the Hokah Fire Department has went completed a major portion of assigning house numbers that are currently incorrect. Bissen speaks about Hwy. 16 naming issues. Walther also complements Ross and Vetsch regarding their efforts in replacing sheet rock. Blank also speaks regarding Heidi Snell working for the City in her capacity as laborer for Work Force Development. Ross discusses building maintenance in regards to building rentals. Walther discusses purchasing a floor scrubber. Ross is to look into purchase of a floor scrubber. Christianson discusses meetings held regarding water rates. Martell discusses SEMLM is holding their meeting at Hokah in July. Also discussion regarding animal control, licensing, running at large, etc. Schuldt discusses the need for a spread sheet of City animal information. Also discussion about Animal Rescue and their efforts.

19. ADJOURN motion by Ross second by Walther at 1915.

Attested this day _____ of _____, 2008

Administrator

Mayor