

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

- 1. MEETINGING OPENED BY MAYOR MARTELL** At 6:05 PM.
- 2. ROLL CALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pfiffner, Christianson, Ross, Walther, Martell
- 3. CHANGES TO AGENDA.** None noted.
- 4. MOTION TO CONSENT TO AGENDA** by Pfiffner, second by Ross roll call all in favor.
- 5. APPROVE MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 5, 2008,** Budget Meetings on August 19 & 26. Motion by Ross, second by Christianson, roll call all in favor.
- 6. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.** Motion by Christianson, second by Pfiffner, roll call all approve.
- 7. WWTP – JIM KOCHIE & ANDY KLINGSPORN & HEIDI SNELL.** Andy Klingsporn presents a bill from Sears for \$94.82 for hand tools. Motion by Walther, second by Ross, roll call all approved. Andrew presents information regarding water meter testing kit. Further discussion among Council regarding water meters. Reminds council that the wastewater treatment facility open house is September 16 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM..
- 8. LIBRARY / CITY HALL REPORT IN PACKETS.**
- 9. POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF SCHULDT.** Chief Schuldt discusses that he has sold the old and camera car video system. Further reminds the Council members of siren testing on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
- 10. RECREATION BOARD.** Kathy Olson represents the Recreation Board at the Council meeting. She states that Shannon Bills is interested in serving on the Recreation Board. Further she asked if it would be all right that the Rec Board meets with the Council during the October 2008 Council meeting to discuss the swimming pool. Mayor Martell does appoint Shannon Bills to the Rec Board. Mayor Martell asks that Kathy provide a list to administrator Blank of items they wish to discuss.
- 11. STREET AND MAINTENANCE.** Blank discusses joining the state of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture. Blank asked for direction in joining this program. He reports the costs are \$500 and the term of membership is one year. Mayor Martell states that we should do this as soon as possible.
- 12. RICK DE JARLAIS.** Rick attends the Council meeting at a later time. Blank states the current status of the property in question. The Council had discuss this matter at the August 2008 Council meeting, and directed Blank to have Klingsporn and Welke speak with Rick and determine what the best course of action would be. Blank had called and spoke with Rick and explained this to him. Rick asked to still be on the September Council meeting agenda because his attorney had advised him to bring this matter into complaint status at a public meeting. Rick reports taking some elevation readings of his property earlier today. Mrs. De Jarlais also appears with Rick. She presents photos of the area in question showing that there is a body of standing water in the grass to the right or east of their driveway after heavy rainfall this June. Mayor Martell states that he has looked at the area in question as well. He reports taking a rod and putting it into the ground and the area behind Ricks house is very soft. Further Mayor Martell reports that the city through the NRCS has laid a lot of rock over the hill from the De Jarlais property which in turn reinforces the toll of that hill. Mayor Martell states that the issue may be that Rick is having problems with drainage very possibly because of the settling of the earthen materials north

of his residence near the hill. Martell states that we had looked at possibly reshaping that area and running a drain tile to afford drainage of the pooling water. Blank discusses that since Rick had stated to him that they had spoken with an attorney with city would have to be in a contract agreement with the property owner removing the chance of liability to the city. Rick states they did not retain counsel but that they have an attorney in the family who advised them to bring this up at a public meeting. Blank and Martell state that we have had the NRCS on the property to see what they recommend. The NRCS stated to Martell that they would not attempt to fix the problem suggested by the De Jarlais's. Rick states that he would be happy to see the drain installed and Martell said that we will send our maintenance staff to take a look, and speak with him.

13. DARLENE WALSH. Darlene Walsh attends the Council meeting to discuss a water bill that she had received. She reports the gallon usage for the monthly bill is at 21,000 gallons. She further reports that she and/or her household did not use that much water and she doesn't feel that she should be obligated to pay the debt. After discussion the Council directed City Clerk Moen to suspend her bill for a period of 60 days to see what her future usage will be.

14. LIONS CLUB OCTOBER 24, 2008 GUN RAFFLE. TEMPORARY LIQUOR AND GAMBLING PERMITS, CLC BARN DANCE OCTOBER 4, 2008 TEMPORARY LIQUOR. Motion by Christianson second by Ross to approve the October 24 Lions Club gun raffle temporary liquor and gambling. Motion by Pfiffner second by Christianson to approve the October 4 Community Leadership Council/Hokah Fun Daze barn dance.

15. OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING ON 7th. AT 6:00 PM. BUDGET MEETINGS SCHEDULING. Budget September 10, at 6:30 PM. Blank further reports that the proposed tax levy is to be at the County Auditor's office by September 15.

16. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - ED & JIM. DNR In-Stream Debris Removal Grant. (Council, Insurance, DNR) Blank reports that our current workforce development employees Ed and Jim are done on September 19. They are interested in completing a DNR in Stream debris removal Grant. They have met with Blank and asked that they be city employees to be covered under the city's workman's comp coverage as well as receiving a normal paycheck rather than waiting for the end of the program to be complete to be paid. Blank has checked with our insurance agent Tom Danielson and discussed this matter. Currently it appears that this would be difficult to complete, and it may be easier for the two employees to act as independent contractors to complete the grant requirements.

17. ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA. None noted.

18. MAYOR'S COMMENTS. Martell reports contacting what La Crescent city hall and asking about the SEMCAC donation for the bus. La Crescent reports they did not receive a letter asking for a donation to their knowledge. Further discussion with Blank to contact Houston and/or Brownsville to determine their current status in regards to be SEMCAC donation request

19. COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS. Walther has discussion regarding numbering of buildings on Mt. Tom Blvd. Robert Johnson is putting electricity in one of the buildings prior owned by Hokah Lumber Company and Xcel Energy needs a street number on that building. Blank suggests having Walther contact E 911 coordinator and between the two of them determine the proper numbering for the buildings in that area, and having the council authorize him to determine the numbers for usage by Xcel Energy as well as others. Mayor Martell states that it sounds like a good idea if he would accomplish that task.

20. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE. None noted.

21. ANNOUNCEMENTS. None noted.

22. ADJOURN motion by Walther second by Ross at 7:15 PM.

Attested this day _____ of _____, 2008

Administrator

Mayor