

**CITY OF HANOVER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2017 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Chris Kauffman called the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2017 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Chris Kauffman, Councilors Doug Hammerseng, Ken Warpula, Jim Zajicek and MaryAnn Hallstein. Also present were City Administrator Brian Hagen, Accountant/Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Lindrud, Public Works Supervisor Scott Vogel, and City Attorney Jay Squires. Guests present were Fire Chief Dave Malewicki, Ed Sjolin, Michael Kehn, Brian Gronsberg, Ben Scherer, John Scherer, Liz Scherer, Nels Pyste, Stephanie Gleason, Greg and Rita Willhite, Penny Kauffman, Steve Vrieze, Lyle Wagner, Hennepin County Sheriff and others.

Oath of Office – Kauffman, Hammerseng and Hallstein

Hagen swore in newly elected Mayor Chris Kauffman, Councilors Doug Hammerseng and MaryAnn Hallstein.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Warpula to approve the agenda, seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda:

MOTION by Warpula to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Hallstein.

a. **Approve Minutes of December 20, 2016 City Council Work Session Meeting**

b. **Approve Claims as Presented:**

➤ Claims	\$ 190,367.87
➤ Payroll	\$ 12,409.76
➤ P/R taxes & Exp	\$ 3,844.91
➤ Other Claims	\$ <u>1,672.55</u>
➤ Total Claims	\$ <u>208,295.09</u>

c. **Res No 01-03-17-01 – Approving Change in Signatories**

d. **Res No 01-03-17-02 – Approving City Network Upgrade**

e. **Res No 01-03-17-03 – Approving Residential Waste Hauler Licenses**

f. **Res No 01-03-17-04 – Accepting Donation from Hanover Athletic Association**

Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Forum:

Fire Department Pinning – Ben Scherer & Justin Ray

Fire Chief Dave Malewicki introduced Justin Ray and Ben Scherer as the two newest members for the Hanover Fire Department and congratulated them on completing their one year probationary period. He asked their family members to stand, stating the importance of the family support to the success of the firemen. Malewicki then pinned Ray and Scherer. Council thanked for their service and congratulated them for the completion of their probationary period.

Michael Kehn

Michael Kehn stated that he attended the most recent Gambling Control Board and witnessed the denial of the proposed Hanover Athletic Association fund use for the ballfield redesign. He further explained the Hanover Athletic Association withdrew their proposal and have since voted to terminate the lease agreement with the City of Hanover. Kehn inquired how the City plans to go forward without the lease agreement, he has heard the Hanover Athletic Association plans on giving a donation. He reminded Council of the petitions that were signed to save the oak trees and the Park Board survey that had 70% of the respondents saying the ballfields met the City's needs. Kehn also addressed safety concerns and that the Comprehensive Plan does not have a ballfield identified. He stated the Hanover Historical Society is against the ballfield

redesign and is proposing the oak grove become a living Veteran's Memorial, but only of the ballfield redesign is stopped, due to public safety concerns.

Stephanie Gleason

Stephanie Gleason stated she wanted to inform the new Council Member of the issues around the ballfield redesign. She explained that now that it is a City project, residents need answers. She inquired as to what data was used to make the decision for the ballfield redesign. She is hoping that Council will represent the residents and reminded Council of the two petitions that were signed in favor of the oak trees and the two surveys that did not show a need for a ballfield. Gleason explained there are currently six ballfields that are safe, with the new design foul balls could go into the playground area. If the trees are taken away, that area can never be used as it is again and that surrounding communities have ballfields that can be used. Gleason asked Council to reconsider retracting this project.

Public Hearings:

None

Unfinished Business:

Res No 01-03-17-05 – Approving Annual Appointments

Stan Kolasa and Michelle Armstrong appointed to new terms on Planning Commission, Mat Boie and Jeff Grupp appointed to new terms on Park Board, and the EDA will remain one member short at this time. Council Liaisons remain the same. Hallstein is appointed to the EDA for the duration of her Council term. Hammerseng was appointed the Vice Mayor. The official newspaper changed from the Crow River News to the Wright County Journal.

MOTION by Hammerseng to approve Res No 01-03-17-05, seconded by Warpula. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ordinance 2017-01 – Amending Chapter 9, Related to Water & Sewer Service Lines

Hagen explained that the past few winters have been colder than normal and driven frost deeper causing water line freezes. He added there was also a sewer line backup last spring and the Ordinances did not clearly identify which party was responsible for which costs. He stated Ordinance is the same as what was presented for discussion at the last Work Session.

MOTION by Warpula to approve Ordinance 2017-01, seconded by Hallstein. **Motion carried unanimously.**

New Business:

Res No 01-03-17-06 – Approving Lot Combination

Hagen explained that this resolution would combine three lots into one. The lots are located at the corner of CSAH 19 and 5th Street NE and have been sold as one lot in the past. He further explained there is only one buildable lot with road access, that lot would access water access off of the CSAH 19 watermain.

MOTION by Hammerseng to approve Res No 01-03-17-06, seconded by Warpula.

Voting Aye: Hammerseng, Warpula, Zajicek, Hallstein

Abstain: Kauffman

Res No 01-03-17-07 – Approving Wright County Assessors Agreement

Hagen stated that the Wright County Assessor's office increased rates by one dollar per property for 2018 and an additional 50 cent per property for 2019. This comes after several years for remaining flat. New Construction will be \$50 per building, commercial property will be \$150 for the initial assessment.

MOTION by Warpula to approve Res No 01-03-17-07, seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ordinance 2016-11 – Amending Chapter 10, Related to Principal Buildings and Uses

Hagen stated this ordinance amendment was discussed by the Planning Commission and the board is recommending approval. Council asked what cause the notion of principal structures on residential properties. Hagen stated the Planning Commission began by discussing accessory uses, but a question was raised regarding principal uses as well. The Planning Commission is continuing their discussion on accessory uses at this time

Ed Sjolín addressed Council and stated that by allowing this change the 60.9 acre Bechtold property will lose their second building eligibility and require the lot to be split. He explained they currently have an interested buyer who wants to build a home for herself and a second home for her sister on the property.

Squires stated that he would like to review the Ordinance further, he would like to provide an opinion on the interpretation of the ordinance as it is currently written and enforced related to the notion of whether a property would be allowed two houses to be constructed without a split.

Council discussed tabling the Ordinance and having Planning Commission review it again.

MOTION by Warpula to table Ordinance 2016-11, seconded by Zajicek. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Reports

Vogel

- Met with Fehn, they will be done today or tomorrow with the building pad corrections.

Hagen

- Fehn did not run into as much debris as anticipated, however they did find shingles and other roofing material buried at the site. This material was tested and came back positive for asbestos. Fehn and Kinghorn Construction are gathering information to assist us in how to move forward with cleanup.

Lindrud

- Staring year end activities, creating and sending out W2 and 1099 forms.
- Receipted in the GO Bond funds last week for the public works facility project.

Hallstein

- Will miss the first EDA meeting, and the January Work Session.

Hammerseng

- Welcomed Hallstein to Council.

Kauffman

- Would like to start planning for a joint meeting with Council and Planning Commission for the Comprehensive Plan update.

Adjournment

MOTION by Warpula to adjourn at 7:57 p.m., seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVED BY:

Chris Kauffman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brian Hagen, City Administrator