

**CITY OF HANOVER
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 17, 2015 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order

Mayor Kauffman called the Regular City Council Work Session Meeting of Tuesday, February 17, 2015 to order at 6:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Chris Kauffman, Councilors John Vajda, Doug Hammerseng, Ken Warpula and Jim Zajicek. Also present were City Administrator Brian Hagen and City Engineer Justin Messner.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Warpula to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Vajda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda

MOTION by Vajda to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Zajicek.

a. Approve Minutes of February 3, 2015 City Council Meeting

b. Approve Claims as Presented:

➤ Claims – 2014	\$ 1,242.70
➤ Claims – 2015	\$ 24,845.46
➤ Payroll	\$ 6,550.01
➤ P/R taxes & Exp	\$ 2,471.78
➤ Other Claims	<u>\$ 1,814.84</u>
➤ Total Claims	<u>\$ 36,924.79</u>

Motion carried unanimously.

Hennepin County 19 Trail Bid Update

Messner provided a summary of the meeting held between the City, Three Rivers Park District and Hennepin County on Friday, February 13, 2015. The intent of the meeting was to discuss the shortfall in funding for the project. Messner further explained the costs which are yet to come. Between the \$275,000 construction shortfall and \$60,000 additional engineering costs the project has a gap in funding of \$340,000. The tentative agreement reached between the representatives of the three parties is the following:

- Hennepin County provide an additional \$100,000 plus provide staff to complete the survey and observation of the project totaling \$150,000 in additional contributions
- Three Rivers Park District contribute an additional \$95,000
- Hanover contribute an additional \$95,000

Messner explained this would put the City on the hook for \$35,000 of unexpected funding because the initial funding agreement had Hanover paying all engineering costs. Messner further explained if the bid is awarded then most of the project would be done by this fall. Once staff hears back from Hennepin County and Three Rivers on their board's final decision, a resolution awarding or rejecting the bid will be placed on the March 3, 2015 agenda.

10 Acres Discussion

Hagen informed Council that the Athletic Association approached the City with another alternative for constructing ball fields on the 10 acre parcel. The Athletic Association is willing to provide donations over the next few years to compensate the City for the ball fields. In turn, the City would be responsible

for constructing and owning the fields. The Athletic Association would like to see two fields built on the 10 acres if possible. The new alternative is focused on the 10 acre parcel. Council questioned what would happen with the Settlers Park ball fields and if those would be restructured with the donation money as well. Hagen was unsure of the Athletic Associations intent with Settlers Park.

Hammerseng stated that the Council needs to decide what the setup of the land in this area of the City will be in the future. Hammerseng feels that if Hanover is going to be a City with ball fields and the fields are to be centrally located then the 10 acres may be the parcel for those fields. There was some further discussion on where Public Works would be located if the 10 acres is ball fields. Hammerseng would like to consider the current Settlers Park ball field area as a potential Public Works site if the 10 acres becomes all ball field use. One alternative is a shared site between Public Works and a ball field depending on whether two regulation size fields could fit on the 10 acre parcel. Council continues to be in favor of working with the Athletic Association. Council still is in favor of doing soil digging on the front portion of the 10 acres in order to gain a better understanding of what is or is not buried there.

Hanover Hills Stop Sign Survey

Hagen provided a summary of the responses from a survey sent to the Hanover Hills properties. Of the 19 responses, 12 were in favor of a stop sign. Also included in the summary were comments submitted. Hagen informed Council of Public Works comments on the stop sign location. There is a concern for safety particularly in the winter months and icy road conditions on the hill. Council discussed other methods of traffic control by either a permanent driver feedback sign to show rate of travel compared to the 30 mph limit or temporary speed bumps to be installed during the summer months when the vehicles travel the fastest through the area. An estimate for driver feedback signs cost \$2,700 each and temporary speed bumps would cost \$700 per location. There was no decision made at this time.

Reports

Mayor Kauffman directed Councilor Warpula to obtain ridership numbers at the next WCAT meeting from Trailblazers.

Vajda stated the first Harvest meeting was good. They are looking into booking Shane Martin for the live band.

Zajicek stated he has been in contact with a local person who does woodworking. This individual would be interested in cutting the old bridge decking down for the band shell as long as he can retain a percentage of the decking as payment.

At this time Councilor Warpula excused himself from the meeting for fire department medical training.

Hagen reminded Council of the Wright County Economic Development Partnership board meeting hosted by Hanover on February 20th. After the meeting everyone is invited to tour local business, Plug Technologies. Hagen also passed an invite along to Council to tour the Hennepin County 911 Center on February 18th.

Adjournment

MOTION by Vajda to adjourn at 7:29 p.m., seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVED BY:

Chris Kauffman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brian Hagen, City Administrator