

**CITY OF HANOVER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 2, 2017 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Chris Kauffman called the regular meeting of Tuesday, May 2, 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, City Attorney Jay Squires, City Planner Cindy Nash, Interim Public Works Supervisor Jason Doboszenski. Guests included Joe Kaul from Hanover Historical Society, Fire Chief Dave Malewicki and members of the Hanover Fire Department, Megan Carr of Sand Companies, and a Wright County Sheriff.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Consent Agenda:

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

Consent Agenda Items:

- a. **Approve Minutes of April 18, 2017 City Council Special Meeting**
- b. **Approve Minutes of Reconvened 2017 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization**
- c. **Approve Minutes of April 18, 2017 City Council Work Session Meeting**
- d. **Approve Minutes of April 25, 2017 City Council Special Meeting**
- e. **Approve Claims as Presented:**

➤ Claims	\$ 58,696.08
➤ Payroll	\$ 10,296.91
➤ P/R taxes & Exp	\$ 4,346.10
➤ Other Claims	<u>\$ 1,769.34</u>
➤ Total Claims	<u>\$ 75,108.43</u>
- f. **Res No 05-02-17-44 – Accepting Donation from River Inn**
- g. **Res No 05-02-17-45 – Accepting Donation from Hanover Wine and Spirits**
- h. **Res No 05-02-17-46 – Approving Purchase of Computer**

Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Forum:

Joe Kaul

The attached statement was read aloud by Joe Kaul on behalf of the Hanover Historical Society.

Res No 05-02-17-47

Joe Kaul presented a check to the Hanover Fire Department for the purpose of assisting with the funding of the Antique Fire Truck repairs.

MOTION by Hammerseng to approve Res No 05-02-17-47, seconded by Warpula. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Sand Companies – Housing Proposal

Megan Carr from Sand Companies addressed Council with a proposal to bring an apartment complex for workforce housing to Hanover. She stated Sand Companies have multiple complexes in the western suburb area with the closest two in St. Michael. Carr went on to outline tenant requirements. The tenants would be required to prove an income threshold depending on the number of incomes in the family. I.e. monthly income twice the monthly rent. Carr identified a large waiting list on their two St. Michael locations. The company identified Hanover as a potential location due to its proximity to the metro area, and due to the waiting list in St. Michael. The structure would be approximately 40 unit two story building with

underground parking amenities. Carr invited Council to tour the facilities if this is something Hanover would be interested in learning more about. Council stated they would discuss at the following meeting and be in touch with Ms. Carr.

Public Hearings:

None

Unfinished Business:

Res No 05-02-17-48 – Approving the Promotion of Jason Doboszenski

MOTION by Warpula to approve Res No 05-02-17-48, seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Res No 05-02-17-49 – Approving Contract for Settlers Park Ballfield

Discussion was held regarding the need for a six or eight foot outfield fence. Hagen stated that Hanover Youth Ball would desire an eight foot fence, but they recognize the project has budget constraints. Discussion furthered to the need to hire the fence capping out or complete that in house.

MOTION by Hammerseng to approve Res No 05-02-17-49 with the final fence height to be decided by Hanover Youth Ball, seconded by Zajicek. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Res No 05-02-17-50 – Adopting City Policies

Hagen inquired as to whether Council would like to change the cell phone policy to where the employee is reimbursed each month versus the City paying and owning the cell phone. Council consensus was to leave it as it currently is. Council further directed the elimination on the requirement to place a head stone at a grave site within six months of purchase, but keep the requirement to have a head stone placed within six months of burial.

MOTION by Warpula to approve Res No 05-02-17-150 with the change as stated above, seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

New Business:

Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) – Undeveloped Portion of Crow River Heights

Nash outlined considerations a city council can make when requiring an EAW. The property in question is the area of Crow River Heights that had the preliminary plat expire. Nash questioned whether changes in wetland regulations, the time period that has passed, and other factors would have the Council require an updated EAW. The engineer for the developer stated he felt that the proposed development would follow largely what was previously approved. He felt if anything, there would be less impact on the environment. The engineer further stated that the initial phase would mirror the expired preliminary plat and account for approximately 30 lots. These lots would follow the same dimensions, etc.

Squires stated that Council could waive the requirement on the initial phase if they felt like the impact was not changing, and require an EAW for the remaining portion of the development.

Council supported the option outlined by Squires.

Reports

Doboszenski

- The summer seasonal position started today

Hallstein

- Felt the EDA Business Social was well attended
- Supported the idea of implementing a project page on the City's Website

Hammerseng

- Stated the Planning Commission made a recommendation on a variance application that will be brought to the Council at the May Work Session

Nash

- Stated she has had various calls from developers interested in Hanover. The City may see something more in the future.

Hagen

- Stated he had to increase the hourly wage of the temporary workers for the crack filling project. We were not having any luck finding laborers due to the hourly pay being lower than other opportunities.

Kauffman

- Stated Joint Powers will be getting a new domain name for the website.

Adjournment

MOTION by Warpula to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVED BY:

Chris Kauffman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brian Hagen, City Administrator

Greetings!

My name is Joe Kaul. This evening, I have been asked to represent the Hanover Historical Society as its newly elected President, and to read the following statement on behalf of the organization and its membership.

The Mission of the Hanover Historical Society is "to identify, preserve, and disseminate knowledge about the history of the City of Hanover".

We are all aware of the concerns and statements related to the Settlers Park re-design that were put forth by the previous President of the Hanover Historical Society on behalf of our organization.

Members of our own organization had disagreements on how these messages were being delivered, and our organization has made adjustments to its board as a result.

As an organization, we must also acknowledge that some of these statements escalated emotions and created unsettled reactions from City Council members, leadership and members of the Hanover Athletic Association, and board members the Hanover Youth Ball organization.

For these statements and actions, we would like to offer this public apology and concession.

The Hanover Historical Society plans to show our commitment to re-establish and cultivate these relationships with ALL local organizations and Hanover citizens through our respect, actions, words and initiatives over the months, years, decades and centuries that lie ahead of us.

We are already working toward this goal with monetary donations to the Fire Department for the repair of the Antique Fire Truck, and to the Three Rivers Park District.

Our organization is and will continue to be committed to focusing on our mission and sponsoring the Harvest Festival Car Show, Pumpkin decorating event, & Caroling at the Bridge - along with curating the displays of historic items and information at BankWest and City Hall.

Thank you for your time and consideration.