

**CITY OF HANOVER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 19, 2020 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order:

Mayor Chris Kauffman called the regular meeting of Tuesday, May 19, 2020 to order at 7:07 p.m. Present were Mayor Chris Kauffman, Councilors Doug Hammerseng, Ken Warpula and Jim Zajicek. Councilor MaryAnn Hallstein was absent. Also present were City Planner Cindy Nash, City Attorney Jay Squires, City Administrator Brian Hagen, Public Works Supervisor Jason Doboszinski and Accountant Jackie Heinz. Guests present included Catherine Reller, Josh Jacobs, Nancy Schulzetenberg from Bergan KDV, Doug Voerding from Wright County Journal Press, and Brad O’Neil from Crow River News.

Approval of Agenda:

Warpula added 15th Street as item 7b.

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

Consent Agenda:

Hammerseng inquired about if the road patches being in one area was planned, Hagen stated no, just the way it happened, it is letting up in one area.

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

a. Approve Minutes of May 5, 2020 City Council Meeting

b. Approve Claims as Presented:

➤ Claims	\$ 62,587.48
➤ Payroll	\$ 9,785.06
➤ P/R taxes & Exp.	\$ 4,046.76
➤ Other Claims	<u>\$ 2,640.94</u>
➤ Total Claims	<u>\$ 79,060.24</u>

c. Res No 05-05-20-50 – Approving Quote for Road Patches

Motion carried unanimously.

Review: 2019 Audit

Schulzetenberg provided an overview of the City’s 2019 Annual Audit. Schulzetenberg stated there were no compliance findings, however there were audit findings regarding lack of segregation and sufficient collateral. The Lack of Segregation is the same as last year and not uncommon, the Sufficient Collateral has been corrected. Schulzetenberg further noted when looking solely at the City’s finances, the City received an unmodified opinion, which is the best a city can receive.

Res. No. 05-19-20-51 – Approving Development Agreement River Town Villas of Hanover

Nash stated enclosed is the agreement to approve the development agreement for River Town Villas, last summer / fall the grading agreement was approved. Approval of the agreement will allow final plat recording and allow construction to begin on certain public improvements including streets, sidewalks, drainage and curb and gutter. Kauffman inquired if this correlates to extending the date of the final plat. Nash stated this agreement goes along with the final plat and both must be recorded by the extension date of July 31st, 2020. Hammerseng inquired if the City is in a good position if they default. Nash stated an escrow is in place and they must provide a letter of credit which is 125% of the engineers estimate to complete the job.

MOTION by Hammerseng to approve Res No 05-19-20-51, seconded by Zajicek. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion: Liquor License Ordinance

Hagen stated the current Liquor License Ordinance is included in the packet and notes have been made where discussion needs to happen. Hagen stated to begin on page 171 with the days, a language adjustment should be made to state patios exempt. Hammerseng inquired about sidewalk cafes. Hagen stated the description in the premise's states may not include sidewalk or parking lot and the verbiage could be removed. Zajicek inquired if this would change the footprint as River Inn has been doing this already. Zajicek further inquired if the temporary agreement handles this. Hagen stated the temporary agreement is until business is back to normal. Hagen stated with regards to selling outside, for example could River Inn use tables on the sidewalk. The ordinance would be changed to include the parking lot and exclude the sidewalk. Kauffman stated it needs to be a case by case scenario. Hammerseng stated the sidewalk is not on River Inns property.

Hagen moved on to Hours, our Ordinance follows the typical liquor license, language needs to be added for 2:00 am closing. Hagen inquired if there was outdoor music, would they be allowed to play outside until 2:00 am or go inside at midnight. Council consensus to leave as is.

Hagen moved on to Fencing, for example with the River Inn, it would be difficult to retrofit the building for patio access, the patio and parking lot areas need to be clearly defined. Kauffman stated he does not like the idea of fences. Hagen inquired about using landscaping such as large rocks or plants. Kauffman stated yes.

Hagen moved on to Music and Entertainment, does the council view a single acoustic performance the same as a full band. Kauffman stated they are hard to distinguish between, and midnight is late for an outdoor performance. Hagen state Big Bore would like to have a Thursday Bike Night with a band. Hammerseng stated as a consumer it would be okay, as a neighbor it would not be. Hagen suggested scaling back the hours to 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm on weeknights and 8:00 pm – midnight on weekends. Nash stated they could be categorized by amplified and non-amplified. Hammerseng stated a coffee shop who has one individual playing is not loud. Kauffman asked for examples from other cities. Hammerseng stated Chops had outdoor speakers playing music during volleyball, would that need to be discussed as well. Hagen stated Council has given good feedback and have enough information to move forward.

River Road Speed Limit

Catherine Reller – 11539 Lynwood Court NE – Reller thanked the Council and stated her property backs up to the path on River Road. Reller is concerned about the safety of the people on the path. The trucks are traveling from 45 mph down to 30 mph which is too fast for the large trucks. She is asking to lower the speed limit to 30 mph. Kauffman stated the 15th Street project will finish quickly, should take one month once started. Reller stated there are 300 passes in one day, the trucks are too big, and 45 mph is too quick for them.

Hagen asked Wright County Sheriff to sit on River Road and observe, the trucks were not speeding. Hagen further stated staff has seen the amount of truck traffic at the office. Hagen reached out to Gary Fehn to remind him of the hauling hours being 7:00 am – 7:00 pm with no weekend work and the average trips per day. Hagen further stated River Road is a collector road which means it is not strictly residential and used by commercial as well. The City does not have authority to change the speed limit on River Road. To change the speed limit a speed study would need to be completed and submitted to MN DOT, then

they recommend the speed limit. Squires stated Hagen is correct. Hagen inquired of Squires if there are temporary exemptions the City could put in place. Squires stated to ask MN DOT, but in review of the statute a study would need to be done. Hammerseng inquired if the City could put up temporary reduced speed limit signs due to a construction zone. Warpula stated 15th is not currently being worked on.

15th Street

Warpula stated he thought it was good to move the truck route from 15th Street to River Road, but in hindsight it was not. There are more than 97 passes per day, and he has talked with Doboszinski regarding patching spots on 15th Street. Kauffman inquired where the project is at. Hagen stated plans and specs are to be delivered to the City this week or next for review. Once the plans are approved by the City, they will go to the City of St. Michael for review. Hagen further stated there is no construction happening during the festival, the project is scheduled to begin right after and be completed mid-September. If the festival cancels, then dates would open and could possibly start sooner. Nash stated there will be 3 weeks of review. Kauffman stated he likes the patch plan. Warpula recommended switching traffic to 15th street once the patch is complete. Doboszinski stated the patch is a temporary fix, Pat Meister is also concerned about River Road getting beat up. Doboszinski further stated staff is starting to see the true numbers of trucks coming through town, 5th Street is backing up and trucks are going through downtown. Doboszinski stated they will use Rogers hot patch truck for the temporary fixes to help keep the pounding of the trucks to a minimum. Kauffman inquired how long it will take. Doboszinski stated one day. Kauffman inquired if the work could be coordinated in the next week, Doboszinski stated weather pending and truck availability.

Nash stated she will keep pushing Fehn to keep 15th Street project going. Nash further stated there is a specific condition in the IUP stating 15th Street cannot be used as the haul route until it is reconstructed, can Council modify the agreement without an IUP amendment. Warpula stated for staff to check and get back to Council. Hammerseng clarified for the haul route to move back to 15th and use River Road only during construction. Nash inquired if Council could make a motion to not bring back, Squires stated yes, to change upon review.

MOTION by Warpula to approve temporary patching of 15th Street and move the haul route to 15th street upon review of the IUP and approval of the City Attorney, seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion: Sample Resolutions Adopted by Other Local Entities

Kauffman stated sample resolutions are included from Princeton Township and the City of Albertville, however there is not confirmation that Albertville passed it. Hagen stated the Albertville resolution was not drafted by the City. Kauffman stated Cities and Counties need to ratchet up their conversations, suggested looking at something at the June meeting. Warpula agreed. Hammerseng stated he agrees but does not want to shoot ourselves in the foot. Hagen stated the Council meeting is June 2nd. Hammerseng asked if something could be ready to go at that meeting. Hagen stated he would know by the time the packet goes out.

Reports

Doboszinski

- Was approached by St. Paul's Lutheran Church to shut down Church Street for 1.5 hours on Sundays beginning June 6th to have drive in masses. Cars will park in the parking lot and a stage would be parked on Church Street.

MOTION by Kauffman to allow the closing of Church Street on Sundays for 1.5 hours, seconded by Warpula. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- Inquired about putting flags up on poles for Memorial Day, Council Consensus Yes

- Stated all the parks are open with signage, the shelter bathrooms will be open by this weekend.

Zajicek

- Asked for Public Works to stop and look at the culvert in his year, there is a river running through it now.

Hagen

- Tamara Sorsoleil was sent a letter due to lack of grass in her yard and is very upset. She is not being harassed but treated like any other resident when a complaint is made. She has threatened a lawsuit based on discrimination. Warpula stated he drove by the property and agrees with the staff decision. Hammerseng stated he agreed as well.

Kauffman

- Asked for meetings to be in person at city hall beginning June 2nd. Hagen stated they need to be all in person or all online so there is no confusion. With the withdrawing of the Duinick Pit until fall, there are no large attendance meetings in the future.

Adjournment

MOTION by Warpula to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVED BY:

Chris Kauffman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brian Hagen, City Administrator