

**CITY OF HANOVER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 2, 2020 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Chris Kauffman called the regular meeting of Tuesday, June 2, 2020 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Chris Kauffman, Councilors Doug Hammerseng, Jim Zajicek and MaryAnn Hallstein. Also present were City Attorney Jay Squires, City Administrator Brian Hagen and Accountant Jackie Heinz. Guests included Mat Meyer, Fire Chief Dave Malewicki and Brad O’Neil from the Crow River News. Absent was Ken Warpula.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Consent Agenda:**

Hagen stated the 5/19/2020 Work Session Minutes have been corrected to show MaryAnn Hallstein as absent.

Hagen added Res No 06-02-20-56 Approving Hire of Seasonal Public Works Employee as item e, Res No 06-02-20-57 Appointing Probationary Firefighter as item f and Res No 06-02-20-58 Appointing Probationary Firefighter as item g.

**MOTION** by Hammerseng to approve the amended consent agenda, seconded by Zajicek.

**a. Approve Minutes of May 19, 2020 City Council Work Session Meeting**

**b. Approve Claims as Presented:**

➤ Claims	\$ 31,215.11
➤ Payroll	\$ 9,369.82
➤ P/R taxes & Exp	\$ 3,923.75
➤ Other Claims	<u>\$ 2,640.94</u>
➤ Total Claims	<u>\$ 47,149.62</u>

**c. Res No 06-02-20-52 – Approving Purchase of Tires for Fire Department Ranger**

**d. Res No 06-02-20-53 – Approving Purchase of Fire Department Exercise Equipment**

**e. Res No 06-02-20-56 – Approving Hire of Seasonal Public Works Employee**

**f. Res No 06-02-20-57 – Appointing Probationary Firefighter Clifford Rippel**

**g. Res No 06-02-20-58 – Appointing Probationary Firefighter Saera Cook**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Citizen’s Forum:**

**Mat Meyer – 1027 Emerald Street NE**

Meyer stated he would like to install solar panels on his home, he is here to find what needs to be done. He has talked with City Planner Cindy Nash and feels he shouldn’t carry the burden of adding the ordinance to the City. Hallstein stated the first step is to go through Planning Commission, the Council cannot discuss first. Meyer stated Nash said there were two options, the first to have Council initiate the conversation or apply. Squires stated the applicant shouldn’t have to pay to add an ordinance. Kauffman stated to have the Planning Commission look at the ordinance. Hagen stated solar panels were reviewed about 4 years ago and were not supported at the time, but opinions could have changed. Hammerseng stated he remembers the discussions, there was talk of installing solar panels on the City Hall roof and decided it wasn’t cost effective, at the time no one was pushing so it was easy not to go there.

Meyer stated he has read the 6 pages of the St. Michael ordinance on solar panels and is wondering how new signs being ran off solar is different. Hallstein stated there are concerns about solar, even as green as

it is, it isn't green to dispose of, only 96% of the panel is recyclable and the remaining is considered hazardous waste which can't be disposed of in MN, the closest disposable site being WI. Kauffman inquired the size of the solar panels, Meyer stated 28 panels that are each 3' x 6'. Meyer inquired why the ordinance didn't pass 4 years ago. Kauffman stated no residents were pushing for it. Hammerseng stated they are not cost effective. Meyer stated he would be paid back within 5 years and plans to live here for 10 years. Meyer further stated the solar company has gone through text amendments in the past and could help with the process. Squires stated to have the Planning Commission discuss the subject and if there's interest. Kauffman asked Meyers if he has talked to his neighbors, Meyers stated no. Hammerseng stated they could be the push back and don't want to look at the panels. Meyers stated he will help in getting anything ready. Hagen stated City Planner Nash has an example ordinance that can be tweaked for Hanover, Planning Commission can discuss at the June Meeting, could advertise for a public hearing at the July meeting and bring to Council the first meeting in August. Council consensus to have the Planning Commission discuss a solar panel ordinance at their next meeting.

**Public Hearings:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**Res No 06-02-20-54 – Approving Conditional Use Permit for 9054 10<sup>th</sup> St SE**

Hagen stated applicant Kevin Luedemann is not present but has applied for a conditional use permit due to the accessory building being larger than the home. Hallstein inquired when the building permit was pulled. Hammerseng stated based on discussion Luedemann stated he thought a permit was needed based on what City staff had told him, he will pay a fine. Hagen stated the fine will be an additional \$1,000 give or take. Hammerseng stated instead of opening a can of worms, he has agreed to the terms and we can move forward. Hallstein stated she is upset Luedemann didn't follow proper procedure. Hagen stated if Luedemann would have applied on the front end, would it have been approved. Hallstein stated not all permits are approved. Hammerseng stated Planning Commission doesn't disagree, but this was the best solution.

**MOTION** by Hammerseng to approve Res No 06-02-20-54, seconded by Hallstein. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Res No 06-02-20-55 – Approving Non-Enforcement of Gov. Walz Executive Orders**

Kauffman stated we are in week 11 of the emergency powers for COVID, although it is not the focus these days, another message needs to be sent to the Governor that it is time. Kauffman inquired if Albertville passed a similar resolution, Hagen stated no. Kauffman stated two changes should be made, remove "law enforcement" in the final paragraph and change last sentence to "Gov. Walz' COVID Emergency Executive Orders." Hammerseng stated he felt the resolution from Princeton was better written, why are we not using that one. Hagen stated the resolution is generally stating the same thing, the amendment verbiage was removed. Kauffman stated the City hasn't spent resources yet and no one is following the recommended guidelines.

Hallstein inquired what other cities are doing. Kauffman stated using common sense such as face masks and sanitizing. Hallstein stated as a Council member she does not support the resolution from the City. Kauffman stated it's an opportunity to send a message the Governor needs to hear to allow more businesses to open. Hammerseng stated he personally wrote a letter to Governor Walz with no response and supports this resolution. Hammerseng further stated he wrote letters to Representative Kiffmeyer and

Lucero and received responses from both. Zajicek stated he agrees with Hammerseng, Council should send a message as a City. Zajicek inquired on Squires opinion of the resolution. Squires stated he has already weighed in, the City would be exposing themselves to liability, no one has a crystal ball to know what will happen in 2 months. Kauffman stated Governor Walz has taken our individual rights and freedom, we are all adults. Hallstein stated she is not disagreeing, Kiffmeyer and Lucero are responsive to items, but we shouldn't put the City in a position for liability and doesn't see how this is affecting our local businesses. Hagen stated the temporary patio agreement is a positive way the City has used its' resources to help local restaurants and meet the Governors Executive orders. Kauffman stated we are the City of Hanover, which is a part of Minnesota, this resolution sends a message to the Governor. Hallstein stated the restaurant industry is putting a response together with plans to move forward. Kauffman stated in his personal opinion there is no emergency crisis anymore, now it's the rioting, they have changed their focus. Kauffman further stated the curfew and wearing masks is not being enforced.

**MOTION** by Kauffman to approve Res No 06-02-20-55, seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion passed 3:1**

**Aye: Kauffman, Hammerseng, Zajicek**

**Nay: Hallstein**

## Reports

### Heinz

- The Hanover Harvest Festival has officially been cancelled with no plans to postpone
- FYCC who coordinates Reading in the Park is asking for approval to spray paint 8' diameter circles which are 6' apart at Settlers Park for the event to take place. Council consensus to approve request.

### Hagen

- Public Works is crack filling, Council okay with possible overtime the next two weeks, council consensus yes
- There will be an RFP coming for Mercantile Pass
- The June Planning Commission meeting will be held via Zoom due to the number of public hearings on the agenda
- In preparation for when Hall Rentals resume, should the renter be responsible to wipe down all used tables and chairs or the cleaner. Council consensus to have the cleaner be responsible and pass fees onto the renter

## Adjournment

**MOTION** by Hallstein to adjourn at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVED BY:

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Chris Kauffman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brian Hagen, City Administrator