

**CITY OF HANOVER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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

Mayor Chris Kauffman called the regular meeting of Tuesday, September 3, 2019, to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor Chris Kauffman, Councilors Doug Hammerseng, Ken Warpula, Jim Zajicek and MaryAnn Hallstein. Also present were City Administrator Brian Hagen, Public Works Supervisor Jason Doboszenki and Accountant / Deputy Clerk Jackie Heinz. Guests included Dave Malewicki, Tony Wychgram, Adam Lange, Brian Gronsberg, Dave Pinor, Ben Scherer, George Diaz and Gary Fehn.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Consent Agenda:**

Hallstein inquired about the WSB invoice included in claims, specifically the charges for pavement updates. Council consensus to not pay the WSB invoice and request an explanation regarding the pavement update charges.

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

**a. Approve Minutes of August 20, 2019 City Council Work Session Meeting**

**b. Approve Minutes of August 28, 2019 Special City Council Meeting**

**c. Approve Claims as Presented:**

➤ Claims	\$ 42,203.51
➤ Payroll	\$ 10,317.61
➤ P/R taxes & Exp	\$ 3,725.06
➤ Other Claims	<u>\$ 2,602.31</u>
➤ Total Claims	<u>\$ 58,848.49</u>

**d. 09-03-19-74 – Approving Liquor License**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Citizen's Forum:**

None

**Public Hearings:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

**Res No 09-05-19-73 – Ratifying FRA Pension Increase**

Councilor Warpula abstained from discussion due to conflict of interest.

Hagen stated the e-mail received from City Attorney Jay Squires was forwarded with the same message as previously stated, if an amount was owed, it would be owed in July when calculated. Hammerseng stated the fund must remain at a certain percentage, if the percentage falls below 100% money would be paid in by the City assuming all members retired at the same time. Hagen stated when the report is calculated in July, if the bottom dollar amount indicates the fund is show, then the City would pay in. Hagen further stated the report assumes everyone would retire on the same day and also covers if a member

retired 5 years ago and isn't old enough to collect as well as a member who isn't fully vested. Kauffman inquired if the FRA knows what amount the fund is at and stated the FRA decides regardless of the City decision. Kauffman stated to not choose the bottom or the peak levels but rather set a guaranteed amount. Discussion continued regarding a cushion amount, FRA goal percentage, investment types, the market and non-vested members.

Hammerseng stated for example, if the market crashes, the City would pay \$50k to bring the fund back to 100%, the next year market is good, now there is an extra \$50k in the fund. The formula forces a non-realistic situation. Pinor stated large increases were not liked by the council, so the FRA plays it safe with small increases. Hallstein asked the FRA for amounts at difference percentages and different scenarios to help understand the difference in amounts. Discussion continued regarding percentages and scenarios to make the City pay in, recalculating the formula and setting up a separate fund to pull funds from. **MOTION** by Hallstein to table Res No 09-05-19-73 to a future meeting for better clarification, seconded by Kauffman.

**Aye: Kauffman, Hammerseng, Zajicek, Hallstein.**  
**Abstained: Warpula**

#### **New Business:**

##### **Res No 09-03-19-75 – Approving Amendment to IUP for Mahler Mine**

Hagen stated this resolution is an extension of the current IUP, it was extended one year ago to get the new application approved and now is needing to extend again. Hagen further stated the new application is close to being submitted, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and approved the extension. **MOTION** by Hallstein to approve Res No 09-03-19-75, seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

##### **Community Hall Maintenance**

Hagen stated the hall floors will get stripped and waxed at the end of October, maintenance of the walls has been lax and there has been talk of removing the display cases on the wall. Warpula inquired what staff recommended. Hagen stated staff has observed the display cases and clock wall being covered up during events. Hagen further stated the cases in the hallway could be utilized for displaying items as 2/3 of the hall display cases are not touched and contain historical trophies. Hagen stated the Historical Society updates their cases on a regular basis and there is sufficient space in the hallway cases. Hammerseng inquired if there is any obligation written or verbal with the Historical Society. Hagen stated nothing written. Hammerseng inquired if the organizations knew of the possible changes, Hagen stated no. Hallstein inquired about a plan to notify the organizations and begin work. Hagen stated each organization could rearrange items to the hallway display cases or box up and store by a certain date in October. Warpula stated to offer the display cases to the Historical Society for use in their building.

Council consensus to paint the walls in the hall and remove the display cases in the hall and donate to the Hanover Historical Society.

##### **November 5, 2019 Council Meeting Date Change**

Hagen stated the Buffalo School District will be holding an election at City Hall on November 5, 2019 and a new date needs to be determined to hold the meeting.

Council consensus to reschedule the meeting to Monday, November 4, 2019.

## Reports

### Doboszenski

- Waiting on paint to restripe the Hall parking lot, Handicap stalls will be widened per new standards.
- Hammerseng inquired on the chip seal project, Doboszenski stated the project went well, staff did curb and asphalt repairs on Lynwood prior to the project starting.
- Kauffman inquired about staining the Mallard Gazebo, Doboszenski stated the gazebo is made of cedar which is not stained.

### Hagen

- The Crow organization which has organized the river clean up in the past has disbanded, a new organization has taken over and are asking for the City to pay for the dumpster as in years past. Cost of dumpster is roughly \$200.00 and areas cleaned up are the tube, around both bridges and at Riverside Park. Council consensus to pay for the dumpster.
- Explained the Bechtold lot split where Kevin Luedemann has built on County Road 20 is not a Hanover address according to the US Postal Service, but rather a Buffalo address. Thinking on a larger scale with future homes being built, should we push the Hanover Post Office to deliver. USPS recommended a Hanover address with a Buffalo zip code, or a zip code change can be requested. Hammerseng inquired if this affects taxes or the census, Hagen stated no. Council consensus to have a Hanover address with a Buffalo zip code.

## Adjournment

**MOTION** by Warpula to adjourn at 8:11 pm, seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVED BY:

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Chris Kauffman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brian Hagen, City Administrator