# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING March 18, 2015

# CITY OF HENDRUM

Professional Building Board Room: 308 Main St E, Hendrum, MN 56550

**PRESENT:** M. Alm,P. Baukol, C. Johannsen , M. Smart and S. Tommerdahl. Also present: S. Hempeck, J. Quam, C. Woeck, Maintenance Supervisor; and K. Plemmons, Clerk-Treasurer. Absent: None.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Johannsen called the meeting to order following the EDA meeting at 7:32 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**CITIZENS’ FORUM:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*MOTION*:S. Tommerdahl moved; seconded by M. Alm to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled council meeting held on February 9, 2015.

Ayes: Alm, Baukol, Johannsen, Smart and Tommerdahl. Nays: None. Absent: None. *MOTION DECLARED PASSED*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*MOTION:*M. Smart moved; seconded by P. Baukol to approve the agenda with the following additions: New Business: C. LGA Resolution; D. Riverland Conference; E. Stash’s Request; and F. Safety Training.

Ayes: Alm, Baukol, Johannsen, Smart and Tommerdahl. Nays: None. Absent: None. *MOTION DECLARED PASSED*

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** The wastewater conference was busy, although the city truck had mechanical difficulties. The construction of the benches for the ball field at the park is in progress. One residential property is struggling with poor water pressure. Discussion occurred over trying to jet water from the house to the curb stop as a first step in determining where the problem lies.

***Inspector’s License:*** The qualifications for licensure were researched and reviewed and it was determined that this option will not work.

**CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT:**

***Monthly Financial Report and Claims:*** K. Plemmons presented the monthly financial report and claims in the amount of $13,930.24.

*MOTION:*S. Tommerdahl moved; seconded by M. Alm to approve the financial report and pay the claims in the amount of $13,930.24.

Ayes: Alm, Baukol, Johannsen, Smart and Tommerdahl. Nays: None. Absent: None. *MOTION DECLARED PASSED*

***Voided Checks:*** *The following check numbers have been voided:* 12792, 12898, 12899, and 13030.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The 17th Annual Steak Supper will be held on March 28th. The event is also being promoted through the new City and EDA Facebook page. Several fire department members have been attending recent training. A donation was received by the Georgetown Elevator.

MOTION: M. Alm moved; seconded by P. Baukol to adopt Resolution #2015-05: Monetary Donation.

Ayes: Alm, Baukol, Johannsen, Smart and Tommerdahl. Nays: None. Absent: None. *MOTION DECLARED PASSED*

POLICE DEPARTMENT: No report.

PARK UPDATE: A donation to Rask Park was received.

MOTION: M. Smart moved; seconded by S. Tommerdahl to adopt Resolution #2015-04: Monetary Donation.

Ayes: Alm, Baukol, Johannsen, Smart and Tommerdahl. Nays: None. Absent: None. *MOTION DECLARED PASSED*

OLD BUSINESS:

Nuisance Violations: Ordinance violations were discussed. There has been increased ATV activity which has been observed to be violating Minnesota state law and has caused some reported incidents where the underage and unsupervised violators have nearly collided with oncoming traffic. Discussion occurred over increased patrolling.

Employee Evaluations: Tabled.

Personnel Policy/Sick Pay: Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

FEMA Grant Application: The Wild Rice Watershed District is interested in pursuing a hazard mitigation grant offered through FEMA to attempt to get funding for the roads raises for Hendrum. They are requesting a monetary contribution from the city to apply for the grant.

MOTION: M. Alm moved; seconded by M. Smart to approve a financial contribution to the Wild Rice Watershed District for $1250.00 which is approximately half of the expense of applying for the FEMA hazard mitigation grant.

Ayes: Alm, Baukol, and Smart. Nays: Tommerdahl. Absent: None. Abstain: Johannsen. *MOTION DECLARED PASSED*

LMC Support Requests: The League of Minnesota Cities sent out information on a bill that would allow an early voting process as another option for voters in order to save taxpayer dollars and provide better service to voters.

MOTION: M. Smart moved; seconded by S. Tommerdahl to adopt Resolution #2015-09: A Resolution in Support of Legislation Establishing an Early Voting Process for Voters in Minnesota.

Ayes: Alm, Baukol, Johannsen, Smart and Tommerdahl. Nays: None. Absent: None. *MOTION DECLARED PASSED*

A second request is for supporting an omnibus transportation funding bill that provides additional dedicated state funding for city streets including funding that can be used for non-Municipal State Aid city street maintenance, construction and reconstruction.

MOTION: M. Alm moved; seconded by P. Baukol to adopt Resolution #2015-07: Supporting Dedicated State Funding for City Streets.

Ayes: Alm, Baukol, Johannsen, Smart and Tommerdahl. Nays: None. Absent: None. *MOTION DECLARED PASSED*

LGA Resolution: Another piece of legislation has been introduced with bipartisan authorship to support an increase in Local Government Aid funding to restore it to its 2002 levels.

MOTION: M. Alm moved; seconded by P. Baukol to adopt Resolution #2015-06: Support of Local Government Aid Funding Restoration (HF 685/SF 874).

Ayes: Alm, Baukol, Johannsen, Smart and Tommerdahl. Nays: None. Absent: None. *MOTION DECLARED PASSED*

Riverland Conference: A conference is being held in Crookston on how to further opportunities available through tourism and its economic impact. There is a $35 registration fee and Mayor Johannsen and Mick Alm, EDA chairman, requested to attend.

MOTION: M. Smart moved; seconded by P. Baukol to approve Mayor Johannsen and Mick Alm to register to attend the Riverland Conference being held in Crookston.

Ayes: Alm, Baukol, Johannsen, Smart and Tommerdahl. Nays: None. Absent: None. *MOTION DECLARED PASSED*

Stash’s Request: Discussion occurred on S. Hempeck’s request to purchase or lease the Evergreen Addition from the Hendrum EDA. No action was taken.

Safety Training: The Norman County Highway Department is considering inviting city personnel to attend a safety training class at a date and time still to be determined during the month of April.

MOTION: M. Smart moved; seconded by P. Baukol to approve attendance for council members and employees to the county sponsored safety training class.

Ayes: Alm, Baukol, Johannsen, Smart and Tommerdahl. Nays: None. Absent: None. *MOTION DECLARED PASSED*

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. March 13, 2015 – NCW Alumni Basketball Game/Fundraiser
2. March 28, 2015 – Hendrum Fire & Rescue 17th Annual Steak Supper
3. April 13, 2015 – Regular Council Meeting

Having no further business, M. Alm moved; seconded by M. Smart to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried. The above minutes are unofficial until approved at the next regularly scheduled council meeting on April 13, 2015.

Keri Plemmons, City Clerk-Treasurer