

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 15, 2024-6:00pm

700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348

**Zoom Virtual Meeting information**

**Meeting ID 822 9774 9205 Passcode 803527**

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by – Will Mahony

Public Open Meeting Act poster location was pointed out on the north wall of Council Chambers located at the Village office.

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Novotny, Hunter, Mahony, Wacker

Absent: Frost

**Motion** by Novotny, second by Mahony to excuse Trustee Frost from the October 15, 2024 Regular meeting of the Village of Hemingford Board of Trustees

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Hunter, Mahony, and Wacker

**Consent Calendar** items included the Minutes of the September 17, 2024 Regular meeting, minutes of the September 16, 2024 Budget Hearing, and minutes of the September 20, 2024 Special Meeting. Claims against the Village of \$64,667.37, Claims against the Utilities of \$193,337.25 Claims against the Hemingford Street Project Phase 1 of \$260,602.67. September 2024 Village Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations reports. September 2024 Library Report.

**Motion** by Hunter, second by Mahony to approve the consent calendar as read.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Hunter, Mahony, and Wacker

**Absent:** Frost

**Discussion and Possible action:** Chairman Wacker reported that appraisal of trash containers was complete and Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska (SWANN) made an offer to purchase trash containers from H & H in the amount of \$57,000. According to SWANN the offer was accepted and expected to be completed by the end of October. This would mean that the Village would no longer be making lease payments to H & H beginning November 2024.

**Discussion and possible action:** Planning and Zoning recommendation; the Hemingford Planning and Zoning Commission, represented by Kyle Huss recommends to the Board of Trustees that the property located at 216 Box Butte Ave, be rezoned to class (A) Agricultural from (R-1) Residential and further that permissible uses in the Agricultural Districts include Public uses or *governmental buildings*, parks and playgrounds, including public recreation or service buildings, *public utility buildings, storage, or structures other than power plants*, administrative buildings police and fire stations.

Discussion and possible action: First Reading of Ordinance #827

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD, NEBRASKA AMENDING CHAPTER 11, SECTION 107 OF MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD, NEBRASKA DEALING WITH PERMISSIBLE USES IN AGRICULTURAL "A" DISTRICTS REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH CHAPTER 11, SECTION 107, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM.**

**Motion** by Mahony, Second by Hunter to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance # 827.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Hunter, Mahony, and Wacker

**Absent:** Frost

**Motion** by Novotny, Second by Hunter to pass and publish Ordinance # 827.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Hunter, Mahony, and Wacker

**Absent:** Frost

Discussion and possible action: First reading of Ordinance #828

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD TO REZONE THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SETION 18, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 49 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M. OF BOX BUTTE COUNTY NEBRASKA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 216 BOX BUTTE AVENUE, FROM A RESIDENTIAL "R-1" DISTRICT TO AN AGRICULTURAL "A" DISTRICT; REINCORPORATING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, AS AMENDED; REPEALING PRIOR SECTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Motion** by Mahony, Second by Hunter to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance # 828.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Hunter, Mahony, and Wacker

**Absent:** Frost

**Motion** by Mahony, Second by Hunter to pass and publish Ordinance # 828.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Hunter, Mahony, and Wacker

**Absent:** Frost

Discussion and possible action: First reading of Ordinance #829

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ESTABLISH REVISED SEWER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REPEALING ANY EXISTING ORDINANCES OR OTHER PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

**Motion** by Mahony, Second by Hunter to advance Ordinance # 829 to the second reading at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Hemingford Board of Trustees.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Hunter, Mahony, and Wacker

**Absent:** Frost

**Discussion and possible action:** The Library roof is leaking and causing water damage to the common wall between the library and Rabens Market. LARM has issued a check for hail damage to the roof in the amount of \$4743.92. Weathercraft prepared an estimate for repair in the amount of \$1550 and for replacement of \$34,266.

**Motion** by Hunter Second by Mahony to approve the Weathercraft quote for the repair of the library roof in the amount of \$1,550.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Hunter, Mahony, and Wacker

**Absent:** Frost

**Administrators Report:** BBCSO reports 10 traffic stops and 33 calls for service, a full activity report is included in the board packet. The current BBCSO agreement has been sent to R. Hunter, W. Mahony, and K. Huss for review in preparation for negotiations with BBCSO. Hail damage insurance report based on the adjustor's inspection. Randy Langemeier was in to review retirement contributions with the employees. I will be on vacation starting Wednesday 10/16 thru 10/21 returning to the office on Tuesday 10/22

**Utilities Department Report:** New hire Carson Cobb resigned; 6 new electric poles have been set east of town. The well 5 test results all came back good and the State of Nebraska is removing the emergency use status. All sprinklers, the pool, splash pad, baseball concession stand and park bathroom have all been winterized. The street project will proceed to Ogallala Street between Kearney and Custer, once this section is complete work on the street project will be done for the winter and resume in the spring. AMI metering equipment is here and will be starting to install the water meters in the next couple of weeks.

*Trustee Frost entered the meeting during the Utilities department report.*

**Code Enforcement Report:** There are 30 open cases that include 3 new ones and 8 cases have been resolved in the last 30 days, working on adding/changing/editing Animal Ordinances for review at the November 2024 Board meeting. A "Quick Reference" brochure for residents has been created that highlights some of the reminders and ordinances that many may not be aware of, and are located at the Village office in the racks with the other brochures and flyers.

**Public Comment:** No comments

**Motion** to adjourn at 6:30 pm by Mahony, Second by Hunter

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Frost, Hunter, Mahony, and Wacker

ATTEST:

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Richard Wacker, Chairman

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Barb Straub, Village Clerk