

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 17, 2024-6:00pm

700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348

Zoom Virtual Meeting information

Meeting ID 852 6377 0247 Passcode 492081

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, Mahony, Wacker

Absent: Frost, Hunter

Motion by Mahony, second by Novotny to excuse Trustees Frost and Hunter from the September 17, 2024

Regular meeting of the Village of Hemingford Board of Trustees

Voting Aye: Novotny, Mahony, and Wacker

Consent Calendar items included the Minutes of the August 20, 2024 Regular meeting, minutes of the August 27, 2024 Special meeting and Budget Workshop. Claims against the Village of \$134,804.98, Claims against the Utilities of \$140,766.27 Claims against the Hemingford Street Project Phase 1 of \$245,555.76. August 2024 Village Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations reports. August 2024 Library Report. Acceptance of Resignation of Janelle Visser from the Hemingford Housing Authority Board.

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

Voting Aye: Novotny, Mahony, and Wacker

Absent: Frost, Hunter

Discussion and possible action: Approval of payroll for the Hemingford Pool Manager A. Frost in the amount of \$967.50

Motion by Mahony, second by Novotny to approve payroll for A. Frost in the amount of \$967.50

Voting Aye: Novotny, Mahony, and Wacker

Absent: Frost, Hunter

Discussion and possible action: Approval of payroll for Hemingford Lifeguard B. Hunter in the amount of \$565.92.

Motion by Novotny, second by Mahony to approve payroll for B. Hunter in the amount of \$967.50

Voting Aye: Novotny, Mahony, and Wacker

Absent: Frost, Hunter

Discussion and Possible action: Barb Keegan of the Hemingford Volunteer Fire Department started her report saying the roster is full with no changes, C. Kaman has earned her EMT certification, and C. Buchheit is doing ride a-longs with the department but will be leaving in the next few weeks. The new ALS agreement is final. Call and training statistics 833 fire calls, 87 EMS calls, 13 trainings. The department attended Hazard

mitigation Round 1 meeting and will continue to attend these. New ambulance production is expected to be complete in August of 2025 with delivery in September of 2025. Boss's Night will be held on November 9th

Open Public Hearing for Rezoning at 6:08 pm

Discussion and possible action: Planning Commission recommendation is to add a permitted use to the agriculture zone relating to governmental buildings and use.

Discussion and possible action: Request for rezoning was rescinded by Box Butte County Roads Department, Barb Keegan, so no further action was taken and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:16 pm.

Discussion and possible action: Approval of Resolution 2024-06 setting the Property Tax Request and an additional 1% Restricted Fund Authority.

No action taken at this time; this will be added to the agenda for the special meeting to be held on Friday September 20, 2024 at 11:30 am at the Hemingford Municipal Building

Discussion and possible action: First Reading, Approval of Ordinance # 825 Adopting the Village of Hemingford's 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion by Mahony, Second by Novotny to move Ordinance #825 to the second reading to take place at the special meeting held on Friday September 20, 2024 at 11:30 am at the Hemingford Municipal Building

Voting Aye: Novotny, Mahony, and Wacker

Absent: Frost, Hunter

Discussion and possible action: First Reading, Ordinance # 826 Establishing Salaries for Village officials and Employees.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR VILLAGE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion by Mahony, Second by Novotny to move Ordinance #826 to the second reading to take place at the special meeting held on Friday September 20, 2024 at 11:30 am at the Hemingford Municipal Building

Voting Aye: Novotny, Mahony, and Wacker

Absent: Frost, Hunter

Administrators Report: BBCSO report 17 calls for service and 3 traffic stops, a full report of activity is included in the Board packet, Splash Pad equipment has been paid for \$82509.70 with funds use were \$37,000 from the Pool Sales Tax account, \$41,000 from the Pool Donation account, and \$4,506.70 from the Keno account, we are still waiting on invoice for installation and electrical work, On Wednesday September 18 we will do Splash Pad start up and Shari Sorenson from Nebraska game and parks will be here to do the grant close out inspection, playground update we are getting closer to choosing the system, the installer

has a spot held for us in the spring of 2025 in hopes that we will have the new equipment installed by Memorial Day.

Utilities Department Report: Street Project update 2 blocks of Cheyenne from Miles to Kearney have been completed just waiting for the cure time on the concrete, expecting to open that street on Thursday of this week. The project has moved to Kearney from Cheyenne to Sidney with demolition and pouring of curb and gutter and then next week pour the street portion. Water testing on well 5 have all come back good as soon as we have word back from the State that well will be able to be put back on line in conjunction with the SCADA installation. Josh and Austin attended underground training in Sidney, and will be at another training this week in Sidney. With the water main break on Niobrara there was some concrete work that needed to be done; while completing that project we also corrected the low spot at Box Butte Ave. and Kearney southbound that holds water. Well 4 still has not been fixed, with the high amount of water usage it was determined rather than take that well off line now it would be better to wait a bit longer until usage was lower.

Code Enforcement Report: Yard of the Month for September was Dave and Carol Timmens, again thank you to Daves Pharmacy and the Village for yard of the month awards. A vacant and abandon property list has been created with 37 properties on it. There are 36 nuisance or complaint cases open 13 of which are new in the last 30 days and 3 dog complaints and there are two dogs in the pound waiting to be picked up.

Public Comment: No comments

Motion to adjourn at 6:47 pm by Mahony, Second by Novotny

Voting Aye: Novotny, Mahony, and Wacker

Absent: Frost, Hunter

ATTEST:

Richard Wacker, Chairman

Barb Straub, Village Clerk