

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Henderson, Nebraska was held at 7:00 p.m. on March 12, 2024, at City Hall in Henderson, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was posted at City Hall and published in the March 7, 2024, *Henderson News*.

Mayor Corbin Tessman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Tessman declared the meeting to be legal and properly advertised with all members having been informed of the nature of the meeting and having received related information. Mayor Tessman referred to the open meetings law poster and stated if a member of the public wishes to speak on matters not listed on the agenda, they may speak during the Public Forum Period. Speakers will be given five minutes to address the Board. The public should be aware that the Board is unable, by law, to deliberate or act on the items raised during the Public Forum Period. The public may request the item to be placed on a future agenda for deliberation and/or action.

Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Corbin Tessman. Council members: Teri Pollet, Kevin J. Friesen, Brian Hiebner and Mitch Huxoll.

Minutes from the February 13, 2024 regular council meeting were reviewed. Mitch Huxoll made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Mitch Huxoll, Teri Pollet, Brian Hiebner and Kevin Friesen. Motion carried.

Kevin Friesen made a motion to pay the claims as presented. Mitch Huxoll seconded. Roll vote: Ayes - Kevin Friesen, Mitch Huxoll, Teri Pollet and Brian Hiebner. Motion carried.

Two building permits were issued since the last meeting including LaRoy Hiebner for a fence at the Cedar Street duplex and Burton Peters for an egress window.

Shannon Goltz from Aurora presented to the council the Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) Program that she operates in Aurora to help with feral and/or community cats in Henderson. She is funded through fund raisers and donations and does the actual TNR program on her own. She is willing to train someone to help in Henderson if the council chooses to implement the TNR program. She encouraged the council to adopt an ordinance limiting the number of cats per house address and then communicate and educate those that are harboring and feeding the feral and/or community cats about the TNR program and the benefits of it. She informed the council that cats live in colonies and are territorial and by just removing the cats will be ineffective as new cats or other animals will move in to the areas where the cats have been removed to form their own colony and claim the territory. Shannon said along with the TNR she also has the veterinarian vaccinate and ear-tip the cats to identify those that have been spayed/or neutered. For the listed services a male cat costs approximately \$150 and a female cat costs \$200. She also talked about different humane options on places to take the excessive number of cats after they have been vaccinated and neutered or spayed. The clerk will continue to work on the ordinance with the city attorney. No formal action taken.

The council reviewed the engineer's estimate to repair the edges of Oak Street from 10th Street to N Main Street. The estimate ranged from \$294,250 to \$358,000 to mill 3" of asphalt from both sides 6' from gutter and overlay with new asphalt and to remove and replace 10th Street intersection and N. Main Street valley pan with new concrete. No formal action was taken at this time.

The draft of the snow emergency route ordinance was given to the council for review. This will continue to be discussed in future meetings. No formal action taken.

Jane Jost asked if the city would consider placing Horse Rider Crossing signs on Walnut Street between the two arenas. The council recommended the two entities purchase their own signs and place on their property or to contact Perennial Public Power District for permission to mount to the street light poles. No formal action taken.

Kevin Friesen made a motion to adjourn. Teri Pollet seconded. Roll vote: Kevin Friesen, Teri Pollet, Brian Hiebner and Mitch Huxoll. Motion carried.