

**Approved Minutes
City Council Regular Session
February 8, 2016
Monday 7:00 p.m.**

The regular session of the City Council, City of Renville, Minnesota was called to order on February 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Wertish

City Council Members present were Jeff Pike, Brent Dahl, Shane Wohlman and Jeremy Hinderks. Also present were Mayor Janette Wertish and City Administrator/Clerk Kari Gislason. Present in the audience were Nelida Marcus, Scott Johnson, and Lee Bjerk. Councilmember Al Rohlik was absent.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Jeff Pike and seconded by Jeremy Hinderks to approve the agenda. The motion carried 4 to 0.

3. Public Comments:

A. Scott Johnson, Xcel Energy

Scott Johnson, Xcel Energy Manager of Community Relations, attended the meeting to address concerns from the council regarding recent Xcel rate increases and condition of equipment. He explained how rate increases are implemented and how customers are notified of increases. He also suggested their designer and someone from our public works department together inspect equipment that needs to be repaired. Presently, light outages are reported online. Staff may need to direct Xcel as to where these light are in town when they come to do the repair.

B. Lee Bjerk, Geronimo Energy

Lee Bjerk had previously attended an EDA meeting and attended the council meeting to provide information regarding the city possibly subscribing to a solar garden. Subscribers are required to commit to a 25-year agreement and estimated savings for the city are \$237,302.65 over the 25-year period. There is no upfront investment for the city. Savings are achieved by a monthly billing credit (rebate). This does not have any impact on billing for residents. It will be a savings for city electric bills. The city has the option of utilizing up to 120% of usage on the contract. 120% would mean larger rebates but would not allow for any flexibility in utilizing solar incentives in other ways.

A motion was made by Jeremy Hinderks and seconded by Jeff Pike to give Kari authorization to have Saunders review the contract and bring to the council for approval. The motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Jeremy Hinderks and seconded by Shane Wohlman to subscribe to 100% usage for the Geronimo Contract. The motion carried 4 to 0.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Shane Wohlman and seconded by Jeremy Hinderks to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 Regular Council Meeting The motion carried 4 to 0.

5. Invoices Payable

A motion was made by Jeff Pike to approve the following invoices:

Check #	Name	Amount	Comments	Date
32234	ICMA	\$50.00	Sunvold, Nathan #302283	1/25/2016
32235	SOUTHWEST MN HOUSING PARTNERSH	\$24,239.00	Owner Occupied Rehab - Deed #2	1/25/2016
32236	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	\$204.05	Postage Utility	1/27/2016
32237	RENVILLE COUNTY RECORDER	\$46.00	Smith Annexation	1/28/2016
32238	A.H. HERMEL CO.	\$154.93	Community Center Supplies	2/8/2016
32239	AFLAC	\$51.52	Insurance	2/8/2016
32240	AMERIPRIDE SERVICES, INC	\$122.78	Community Center Contractual	2/8/2016
32241	ARVIG COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	\$47.85	Fire Hall Internet	2/8/2016
32241	ARVIG COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	\$45.90	Police Dept. Internet	2/8/2016
32241	ARVIG COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	\$38.40	Public Works Internet	2/8/2016
32241	ARVIG COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	\$66.90	City Hall Internet	2/8/2016
32241	ARVIG COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	\$44.90	Sewer Internet	2/8/2016
32242	AVENET, LLC	\$450.00	Website Annual Service pkg	2/8/2016
32243	COMMUNITY ELECTRIC	\$33.90	CC Supplies	2/8/2016
32243	COMMUNITY ELECTRIC	\$22.01	Well Heaters	2/8/2016
32244	GENERAL FUND	\$500.00	Water Bookkeeping	2/8/2016
32244	GENERAL FUND	\$500.00	Sewer Bookkeeping	2/8/2016
32245	GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL, INC	\$50.00	Sewer Contractual	2/8/2016
32245	GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL, INC	\$50.00	Water Contractual	2/8/2016
32246	GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS	\$256.49	Fire Dept. Gas	2/8/2016
32246	GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS	\$254.99	Clerk Gas Service	2/8/2016
32246	GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS	\$160.11	Library Gas Service	2/8/2016
32246	GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS	\$251.30	Police Dept. Gas	2/8/2016
32246	GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS	\$708.76	Water Gas Service	2/8/2016
32246	GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS	\$507.78	Sewer Gas Service	2/8/2016
32246	GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS	\$24.06	Parks Gas Service	2/8/2016
32246	GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS	\$177.92	Community Center	2/8/2016
32247	HAWKINS INC.	\$1,103.63	Water Supplies	2/8/2016
32247	HAWKINS INC.	\$536.06	Sewer Supplies	2/8/2016
32248	HILLYARD FLOOR CARE SUPPLY	\$39.61	Community Center Supplies	2/8/2016
32248	HILLYARD FLOOR CARE SUPPLY	\$343.22	Community Center Supplies	2/8/2016
32249	LANG S AUTOMOTIVE CENTER, INC.	\$193.84	Street Dept. Supplies	2/8/2016
32250	LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES	\$340.00	PATROL Subscription	2/8/2016
32251	MAIN STREET BAR & GRILL	\$700.00	PD Building rent	2/8/2016
32252	MVTL LABORATORIES, INC.	\$269.75	Sewer Testing	2/8/2016
32252	MVTL LABORATORIES, INC.	\$215.75	Sewer Testing	2/8/2016
32252	MVTL LABORATORIES, INC.	\$233.75	Sewer Testing	2/8/2016
32253	NCPERS MINNESOTA	\$96.00	Insurance	2/8/2016
32254	NORTHERN BUSINESS PRODUCTS	\$31.16	Office Supplies - Water Dept.	2/8/2016
32254	NORTHERN BUSINESS PRODUCTS	\$31.16	Office Supplies - Street Dept.	2/8/2016
32254	NORTHERN BUSINESS PRODUCTS	\$73.81	Office Supplies	2/8/2016
32254	NORTHERN BUSINESS PRODUCTS	\$31.16	Office Supplies - Sewer	2/8/2016
32255	OLIVIA HARDWARE INC.	\$27.98	Ice Melt	2/8/2016
32256	RENCO PUBLISHING, INC.	\$355.88	Publishing - Budget Summary, Vendor list	2/8/2016

32256	RENCO PUBLISHING, INC.	\$56.08	Publishing - PD Ad	2/8/2016
32257	RENVILLE SALES INC.	\$12.45	Snow Plow Parts	2/8/2016
32258	SW/WC SERVICE COOPERATIVES	\$293.50	Medical Insurance-Jodi	2/8/2016
32258	SW/WC SERVICE COOPERATIVES	\$3,270.00	Medical Insurance-Police	2/8/2016
32258	SW/WC SERVICE COOPERATIVES	\$1,090.00	Medical Insurance-Street	2/8/2016
32258	SW/WC SERVICE COOPERATIVES	\$1,090.00	Medical Insurance-Water	2/8/2016
32258	SW/WC SERVICE COOPERATIVES	\$1,090.00	Medical Insurance-Sewer	2/8/2016
32258	SW/WC SERVICE COOPERATIVES	\$796.50	Medical Insurance-Jodi	2/8/2016
32259	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	\$112.50	First Class Presort Fee	2/8/2016
32259	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	\$112.50	First Class Presort Fee	2/8/2016
32260	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$74.84	Street Dept. Telephone	2/8/2016
32260	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$51.09	Police Dept. Telephone	2/8/2016
32261	XCEL ENERGY	\$93.48	Police Electric	2/8/2016
32261	XCEL ENERGY	\$2,233.03	Street Electric	2/8/2016
32261	XCEL ENERGY	\$107.47	Fire Dept. Electric	2/8/2016
32261	XCEL ENERGY	\$54.26	Park Electric	2/8/2016
32261	XCEL ENERGY	\$238.47	Library Electric	2/8/2016
32261	XCEL ENERGY	\$379.81	Community Center	2/8/2016
32261	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,169.01	Water Electric	2/8/2016
32261	XCEL ENERGY	\$5,742.32	Sewer Electric	2/8/2016
32261	XCEL ENERGY	\$264.97	City Hall Electric	2/8/2016
	Total	\$52,014.59		

Jeremy Hinderks seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

6. Monthly Financials

A motion was made by Shane Wohlman and seconded by Jeremy Hinderks to approve the monthly financials. The motion carried 4 to 0.

7. Committee/Staff Reports

A. Public Works

Public Works Meeting

5:30 February 3, 2016

- Public Works Director would like to get a rotation list started for equipment. He shared a list of equipment with suggested years for replacement.
- City Administrator will be meeting with Jeff Marlowe, Renville County Public Works Director, and County Commissioner Lamont Jacobson regarding the following Main Street items: speed limits, parking and the Main Street truck route.
- There have been some issues with drainage from the eaves causing slippery spots on the sidewalk in front of the Community Center. It was suggested that the holes be plugged.
- An electronic motion sensor will be installed for the lights at the Water Tower Park.
- Request for changes to bypass lane or speed limit need to be done via a Resolution for MnDOT

- Funding through PFA for the Wastewater UV project may not be the best option for Renville's UV Project. Checking into options with Rural Water.

A motion was made by Jeremy Hinderks and seconded by Jeff Pike to approve the Public Works Report as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0.

B. City Administrator/Clerk

City Administrator/Clerk Notes:

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- Met with Amy Renneke, Recruiter from SMBSC and Michelle Mortensen, RCW Superintendent regarding working ways to collaborate efforts in building our local work force
- Attended LGA meeting in Granite Falls - Representative Tim Miller and Marty Seifert from the CGMC attended and about 15 people from local communities attended - discussed the importance of LGA to our communities.
- Janette, Paul and I met with Saunders regarding Paul working as a consultant for the city in regards to the Minaqua property - Regarding the property - Saunders does think it is our best interests to gain control of the property. We will need to find out from the County, the next steps and timeline as the bankruptcy flag has been cleared. Also, checking with the league regarding liability coverage for Paul acting as a consultant, but Saunders did not have any issues with this. Paul is willing to do this at no cost except mileage and meal reimbursements.
- Light Beam Update - Dan Keltgen from Light Beam will be contacting Dan Richter to make sure there is no interference for MVTV on the water tower. Light Beam is also in communication with Xcel about their requirements and expenses. Light Beam has the list of city owned poles. Need to get the water tower details figured out first and then the poles. I let Mitch know we are considering a rental rate of \$1200/yr for the tower and \$2.00/pole/month for poles. He's going to analyze these numbers.

A motion was made by Jeremy Hinderks and seconded by Brent Dahl to approve rental fees of \$1200/year for water tower rental and \$2.00/month/pole for Light Beam to utilize for their equipment. The motion carried 4 to 0.

- Upcoming Community Events:

Revitalizing Renville's A Night on the Town event February 13, starting at 5 pm at the Community Center

Ecumenical Community youth group hosting Valentine's Day Dinner February 14 at 5 pm at the Community Center.

A motion was made by Jeremy Hinderks and seconded by Brent Dahl to approve the City Administrator/Clerk report as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0.

8. Discussion Items

A. Renville 10 Meeting:

The next Renville 10 Meeting will be held Monday, February 29, 7:00 pm at the Renville County Government Center, Room 116

B. Upcoming Meetings: 5:30 Wed. Feb. 10 Public Safety; 5:30 Tues. Feb. 16 Ad Hoc; 5:30 Wed. Feb. 17 EDA, 12:15 Mon. Feb. 22 HR

For informational purposes, next committee meeting dates were provided.

C. Council Wages

Research regarding council wages:

If we changed the Renville ordinance increasing salaries, according to state statutes, no change in salary shall take effect until after the next succeeding regular city election -- the increase could not be effective until 2017. This includes any increase that may occur in going from a per meeting to a salary type of compensation. The only way salaries could change in 2016 is if the

Statute also states "The salary of an official covered by this subdivision (local elected officials) may not be diminished because of the official's absence from official duties because of vacation or sickness."

Therefore, if a council member misses a meeting due to being on vacation or sick they should still be paid.

9. Action Items

A. Community Center Liquor Providers

Letters were sent to Main Street Bar and Grill, Bart's Place and Stoney Creek requesting interest in being on the approved beverage provider list for the Community Center effective March 1, 2016 - February 29, 2017. Main Street Bar and Grill and Bart's Place returned applications.

A motion was made by Brent Dahl and seconded by Jeff Pike to approve the following as 2016 liquor service providers: Bart's Place and Main Street Bar & Grill. The motion carried 4 to 0.

B. Resolution 05-16: Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements

**CITY OF RENVILLE
RESOLUTION 05-16**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF
RENVILLE ON BEHALF OF ITS CITY ATTORNEY AND POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Renville on behalf of its Prosecuting Attorney and Police Department desires to enter into Joint Powers Agreements with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to use systems and tools available over the State's criminal justice data communications network for which the City is eligible. The Joint Powers Agreements further provide the City with the ability to add, modify and delete connectivity, systems and tools over the five year life of the agreement and obligates the City to pay the costs for the network connection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Renville, Minnesota as follows:

1. That the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements by and between the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the City of Renville on behalf of its Prosecuting Attorney and Police Department, are hereby approved. Copies of the two Joint Powers Agreements are attached to this Resolution and made a part of it.

2. That the City of Renville Chief of Police, Aaron Slagter, or his successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the Police Department. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the City's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.

To assist the Authorized Representative with the administration of the agreement, Jeremy Spieker is appointed as the Authorized Representative's designee.

3. That the Renville City Attorney, Jon C. Saunders, or his successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the Prosecuting Attorney. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the City's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.

To assist the Authorized Representative with the administration of the agreement, Griffin R. Leitch is appointed as the Authorized Representative's designee.

4. That, Janette Wertish, the Mayor for the City of Renville, and Kari Gislason, the City Administrator/Clerk, are authorized to sign the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements.

Passed and Adopted by the Council on this 8th day of February, 2016.

This resolution was offered by: Jeff Pike

This resolution was seconded by: Jeremy Hinderks

Voting in favor: Jeff Pike, Jeremy Hinderks, Shane Wohlman and Brent Dahl

Voting against: none

CITY OF RENVILLE

By: Janette Wertish
Its Mayor

ATTEST: _____
By: Kari Gislason
Its City Administrator/Clerk

C. Resolution 06-16: Requesting a MnDOT Traffic Study

**CITY OF RENVILLE
RESOLUTION 06-16
RESOLUTION REQUESTING A MNDOT
TRAFFIC STUDY TO ADDRESS CHANGES TO
US HIGHWAY 212**

WHEREAS, the city of Renville has a new convenience store located at 712 East Park Avenue
and

WHEREAS, there is not a bypass lane for traffic entering the convenience store
and

WHEREAS, the speed limit at this location is 30 miles per hour and when traveling east
changes shortly thereafter to 60 miles per hour
and

WHEREAS, the traffic patterns on the east side of Renville have changed and the city believes
these issues are safety concerns.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the city of Renville is requesting a MnDOT study in order
to consider a bypass lane and also consider extending the 30 mile per hour speed limit further
east on US Highway 212.

Passed and adopted this 8th day of February, 2016, by the City Council of Renville, Minnesota.

This resolution was offered by: Jeff Pike

This resolution was seconded by: Jeremy Hinderks

Voting in favor: Jeff Pike, Jeremy Hinderks, Brent Dahl and Shane Wohlman

Voting against: none

Attest:

Janette Wertish, Mayor

Kari Gislason, City Admin./Clerk

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Wertish requested members of the council provide a list of fun things/events they remember attending in Renville, Renville County, or Redwood Country. This will help her in coordinating a Mayor's Memory Contest for 2016 Sugar Beet Days.

11. Adjourn

A motion was made by Jeremy Hinderks and seconded by Brent Dahl to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 to 0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Dated at Renville, Minnesota this 8th day of February, 2016.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY
OF RENVILLE, MINNESOTA

BY _____
Janette Wertish, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____
Kari Gislason, City Administrator/Clerk