

**Approved Minutes
City Council Regular Session
May 26, 2015
Monday 7:00 p.m.**

The regular session of the City Council, City of Renville, Minnesota was called to order on May 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Wertish

City Council Members present were Al Rohlik, Jeff Pike, Jeremy Hinderks, Brent Dahl and Shane Wohlman. Also present were Mayor Janette Wertish, City Administrator/Clerk Kari Gislason, Police Chief Ben Dehmlow and City Attorney Jon Saunders. Several community members were present in the audience.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Al Rohlik and seconded by Jeff Pike to approve the agenda. The motion carried 5 to 0.

3. Ben Dehmlow Proceedings

City Attorney, Jon Saunders, attended the meeting to facilitate discussion regarding Police Chief Ben Dehmlow's performance. Saunders indicated the need to enter into a closed meeting to discuss Dehmlow's performance unless Dehmlow requested an open meeting. Dehmlow requested an open meeting. City Administrator/Clerk Kari Gislason shared information regarding Dehmlow's performance. Mayor Janette Wertish shared information regarding Dehmlow's performance. Dehmlow requested copies of the final 2014 budget, the 2015 year-to-date budget and his last employee evaluation. Dehmlow then addressed the information Gislason and Wertish had shared; he also provided additional information to the council.

A motion was made by Al Rohlik and seconded by Jeff Pike to terminate Ben's employment with the city of Renville immediately. The motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Jeremy Hinderks and seconded by Brent Dahl for a 5 minute recess. The motion carried 5 to 0.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Al Rohlik and seconded by Jeremy Hinderks to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2015 Regular Council Meeting. The motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Al Rohlik and seconded by Shane Wohlman to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2015 Emergency Meeting. The motion carried 5 to 0.

5. Invoices Payable

A motion was made by Al Rohlik to approve the following invoices:

Check #	Name	Amount	Comments	Date
31685	WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE	\$444.00	Locate Leak - 2nd St. SE and Colfax	5/7/2015
31686	ICMA	\$50.00	Sunvold, Nathan #302283	5/18/2015
31555	FLAGSHIP RECREATION LLC	VOID	Check lost after received by Flagship	5/19/2015
031687	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$40.00	SEWER FIRE EXT MAINT	5/26/2015
031687	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$60.00	STREET FIRE EXT MAINT	5/26/2015
031687	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	\$83.00	WATER FIRE EXT MAINT	5/26/2015
031688	CENTURYLINK	\$74.28	Police Dept. Telephone	5/26/2015
031688	CENTURYLINK	\$59.16	Public Works Telephone	5/26/2015
031688	CENTURYLINK	\$64.40	Library Telephone	5/26/2015
031688	CENTURYLINK	\$134.56	Water Dept. Telephone	5/26/2015
031688	CENTURYLINK	\$205.61	City Hall Telephone	5/26/2015
031688	CENTURYLINK	\$59.93	Sewer Dept. Telephone	5/26/2015
031689	DANUBE UPHOLSTERY & SHOE REPAIR	\$35.00	Repair zippers on Fire Dept. uniforms	5/26/2015
031690	FLAGSHIP RECREATION LLC	\$97.00	Brown Chain - Reissued for Voided Check	5/26/2015
031691	HASLER FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$299.01	Postage & Ink for Postage Machine	5/26/2015
031692	HILLYARD FLOOR CARE SUPPLY	\$56.57	Community Center Supplies	5/26/2015
031692	HILLYARD FLOOR CARE SUPPLY	\$98.57	Community Center Supplies	5/26/2015
031693	HOMETOWN WATER	\$59.85	Softener Salt - Community Center	5/26/2015
031694	LMC INSURANCE TRUST	\$9,264.75	City Insurance	5/26/2015
031694	LMC INSURANCE TRUST	\$2,545.50	Sewer Insurance	5/26/2015
031694	LMC INSURANCE TRUST	\$841.75	Water Insurance	5/26/2015
031694	LMC INSURANCE TRUST	\$999.25	Fire Insurance	5/26/2015
031695	LOFFLER	\$72.30	Copier Service Contract	5/26/2015
031696	MAILFINANCE	\$178.59	Lease 3/12/15-6/11/15	5/26/2015
031697	MVTL LABORATORIES, INC.	\$287.75	Sewer Testing	5/26/2015
031697	MVTL LABORATORIES, INC.	\$233.75	Sewer Testing	5/26/2015
031697	MVTL LABORATORIES, INC.	\$29.50	Water Testing	5/26/2015
031698	NEWLIFE COMMUNICATIONS	\$694.61	Community Center Sound System	5/26/2015
031699	RENVILLE AMBULANCE	\$21,921.00	Ambulance Service	5/26/2015
031700	RENVILLE COUNTY SOLID WASTE	\$42.00	Blue Recycling Tubs	5/26/2015
031701	RENVILLE-SIBLEY COOPERATIVE	\$628.02	Water Electric	5/26/2015
031702	S.W. DISTRIBUTINGINC.	\$845.00	City Wide Clean up - Recycling	5/26/2015
031703	SCHROEDER, GARRET	\$393.75	Street Dept. Maintenance	5/26/2015
031704	SMITH PLUMBING & HEATING	\$41.00	Repair Urinal - Community Center	5/26/2015
031705	USABLE LIFE	\$12.26	Life Ins.	5/26/2015
031705	USABLE LIFE	\$20.53	Life Ins.	5/26/2015
031705	USABLE LIFE	\$20.53	Life Ins.	5/26/2015
031705	USABLE LIFE	\$20.53	Life Ins.	5/26/2015
031705	USABLE LIFE	\$29.72	Life Ins.	5/26/2015
031706	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$70.04	Police Dept. Telephone	5/26/2015
031706	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$50.85	Police Dept. Telephone	5/26/2015
031706	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$59.35	Public Works Telephone	5/26/2015
031707	VOSS PLUMBING & HEATING	\$191.25	Repairs - Wastewater Plant	5/26/2015
031707	VOSS PLUMBING & HEATING	\$106.25	Repairs - Water Plant	5/26/2015
031708	XCEL ENERGY	\$2,117.06	Street Electric	5/26/2015
	Total	\$43,637.83		

Brent Dahl seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

6. Public Comments:

Joy Peterson, Quinn Peterson, Dawn Eischens, Dan Rath and Jeremy Spieker addressed the council with concerns regarding the termination.

7. Committee/Staff Reports

A. Public Safety

- Police Coverage Discussion:

City Administrator/Clerk asked for feedback and input regarding a handout she prepared to handout for informational purposes. Suggestions for changes/edits included: more details on estimated benefit payouts and unemployment, more details regarding a different location and prices for a new building, on item #1 of the FAQ's noting the fact that deputies would not be in city limits if they had court or possible other obligations and more details regarding a different location and prices for a new building, The ambulance building cost about \$84,000 ten years ago.

Renville County Sheriff Scott Hable and Chief Deputy Doug Pomplun were on hand to discuss and answer questions regarding county coverage. Sheriff Hable believes the best option for a city is its own department. In Renville County, Bird Island and Morton are utilizing county services. He recommended a city the size of Renville should not go below 80 FTE hours of coverage per week. He discussed pros and cons of county coverage: some of the pros being not having to provide new equipment and training for officers; some of the cons being possibly not having a deputy that lived in town and increased response time if a deputy is not on duty. He recommended the city take its time in reaching a decision.

City Administrator/Clerk said the primary reasons the city is exploring County coverage are space needs for the police department and finances. A recent space needs study concluded the building is not adequate for the police department. Depending upon what level of coverage is considered, there may or may not be a cost savings. Most of the cost savings would be long term in not building a new facility or the purchase of a new vehicle. The city's current financial status was discussed. The fund balance has continued to decline in large part due to the water and sewer funds.

A suggestion was made to look further into options for a police station location. Police Chief Dehmlow believes the present location may be an option. Some did not agree.

The committee recommends renewing the police department lease for 12 months.

A motion was made by Brent Dahl and seconded by Shane Wohlman to renew the police department lease for 12 months. The motion carried 5 to 0.

- April Police Department Activity Report was shared with the committee:

RENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

April 2015

Activity

129 Calls for Service

(2014 = 158, 2013 = 92, 2012 = 148)

5 arrest, 12 citations issued.

Coverage

720 total hours in the month.

61% Covered On Duty

18% On Call

21% No Coverage

567 Hours Covered = 79% coverage via on-duty or on-call.

153 hours with no coverage.

(Broken into 12 segments)

At least 5* calls handled by other agencies.

*No firm way to track this number.

Unknown number of missed calls.

Budget

April (33%)

100.5 Hours of Part-time coverage used.

PT budget used YTD = 13.49% (-19.84%)

* Approx. 80 hrs of April PT was paid in May = .05%

Total Budget used YTD = 29.37% (-3.96%)

- Sugar Beet Days Information

The police chief asked for recommendations for staffing during Sugar Beet Days. City Administrator/Clerk recommended similar coverage to what has been used in the past. Possible assistance from the county was also suggested

The police chief also asked for input regarding attending a special Olympics event in Olivia. Brent Dahl asked for further information before making a council recommendation.

- Follow up for next meeting - ideas for building locations and costs. Are there options for the present building? Examining the budget further

A motion was made by Al Rohlik and seconded by Shane Wohlman to approve the Public Safety report. The motion carried 5 to 0.

B. City Administrator/Clerk

- Update on Rembrandt: County Road 21 closed May 22, it will be closed for approximately 2 weeks. Crews are in town depopulating the birds. Temporary layoffs will start June 1 - 39 employees.
- Two issues: Personnel Issue and County Coverage Research
- Update on FCOC project: a pond is required for storm water. Pond will be relocated to the North East corner of the site and it will be a dry pond versus a wet sediment pond.

A motion was made by Jeremy Hinderks and seconded by Al Rohlik to approve the City Administrator/Clerk report. The motion carried 5 to 0.

8. Discussion Items

A. Zone Permits: Mark Molenaar, Sara Wilson, Renville County West

For informational purposes, a copy of the zone permits for Mark Molenaar, Sara Wilson, and Renville County West were included in the packet.

9. Action Items

A. Renville Area Ducks Unlimited Application for Exempt Gambling Permit for 6/4/15

A motion was made by Al Rohlik and seconded by Brent Dahl to approve the Renville Area Ducks Unlimited application for an exempt gambling permit for 6/4/15. The motion carried 5 to 0.

B. Set a date for Public Hearing regarding RCW Plan Review and Variance Application

A motion was made by Jeremy Hinderks and seconded by Jeff Pike to schedule a public hearing for the RCW Plan Review and Variance Application for 6:45 pm on June 22, 2015. The motion carried 5 to 0.

C. Emmet Fire Contract

A motion was made by Al Rohlik and seconded by Brent Dahl to approve the 2015 Emmet Township Fire Contract. The motion carried 5 to 0.

10. Mayor's Report

The mayor thanks everyone for attending the meeting as it was not easy and she appreciated the input. She requested everyone respect the decision and move on.

11. Adjourn

A motion was made by Al Rohlik and seconded by Jeff Pike to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5 to 0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Dated at Renville, Minnesota this 26th day of May, 2015.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY
OF RENVILLE, MINNESOTA

BY _____
Janette Wertish, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____
Kari Gislason, City Administrator/Clerk