

## **HERON LAKE CITY COUNCIL**

**January 8, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**Attended by:** Chief Fauglid, Council Member Baumann, Council Member Haberman, Council Member Schumacher, Council Member Kuhnau, Mayor Rasche, John Haberman, Joe Liepold, Chad Diemer, Bridgit Preston, Marlys Olson

### **SWEARING OF COUNCIL & MAYOR**

**Oath of Office said by council Member Kuhnau, Council Member Schumacher and Mayor Rasche.**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**Regular meeting brought to order by Mayor Rasche.**

#### **APPROVE AGENDA**

- **Any additions**

**Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Haberman. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none.**

- **Approve meeting minutes December 4, 2024**

**Motion made by Council Member Haberman to approve the December 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Council Member Baumann. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **FEMA – Heron Lake Recovery Scope Meeting**

Report from the Clerk that for Category A (Debris Removal)= \$10,591.38 funds received, Category B (Emergency Protective Services) = \$14,628.49 received, Category C (Road & Bridges) = \$ 4,492.25 received, Category Z (Management Costs) = \$ 1,586.10 received.

- **Squad Car Update**

Running good until today. Noticed expansion tank had a pin hole in it. Coolant leak.

- **gWorks Update**

Everything is installed but trying to fix some issues with bill cards and some of the fees.

- **Forfeited House Update**

Just waiting. Wanting to get everything out of house into the garage before spring to have basement filled in.

- **Website Update**

Patti Schieder had been in to help with the website. Was not able to down load the program that she said was necessary to do things on the website.

- **BioEnergy – Industrial Well**

Discussed information received from the attorney in regards with the Industrial Plant paid off – why do we have it in our names and not HLBE. Andrew offered to call the attorney tomorrow to discuss the situation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Fee Schedule – Resolution 2025-01**

No changes except for to update the IRS Milage to \$.70 per mile. **Motion made by Mayor Rasche to approve the Fee Schedule with the updated IRS milage change.. Seconded by Council Member Schumacher. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none.**

- **Setting Appointments – Resolution 2025-02**

Need to fill the openings left by bank President. Will table to find someone to fill those spots.

- **Meeting Dates**

**Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to approve the Meeting Dates. Seconded by Council Member Baumann. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none.**

- **Birkholz Agreement**

Tabled to have the amounts of the services on the contract.

- **Westberg/Eischens Audit Engagement Letter**

Engagement Letter reviewed. **Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to accept the engagement letter. Seconded by Council Member Kuhnau. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none.**

- **Variance/CUP for 201 10<sup>th</sup> Street Resolution 2025-03**

Discussion on this topic and request more info from the owner. Tabled until the owner can provide off-street parking due to the location of building on County Roads on both the front and sides of the building. Clerk will inform the owner of issue.

- **Approval to Hire EMT student for the HL Ambulance**

New EMT starting with classes this month – Ariel Svoboda. Ambulance Director Liepold requesting approval to hire Svoboda for a position on the Heron Lake Ambulance. **Motion made by Mayor Rasche to approve the hiring of Ariel Svoboda for a position on the Heron Lake Ambulance. Seconded by Council Member Kuhnau. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none.**

- **Resolution 2025-04 Voting Precinct Location**

Yearly required resolution for a voting precinct location within the City of Heron Lake. **Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to approve the voting precinct at the Heron Lake Community Center for the City of Heron Lake. Seconded by Council Member Baumann. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none.**

- **Southwest Regional Development Contract**

Contract reviewed. **Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to approve the Southwest Regional Development Contract for 2025. Seconded by Council Member Baumann. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none.**

## **LIQUOR STORE – MONTHLY UPDATE – BRIDGIT PRESTON, MANAGER**

Increased beer and liquor prices \$.25 on all sales. Increased the snacks \$.25. Inventory issues discussed due to not matching with the manager. She stated that it seems like that Beverly Program is not communicating with the Clover Program causing counts off. Needs to be figured out and Council Member Schumacher will recheck to see if issues have been resolved.

### **AMBULANCE – MONTHLY REPORT – JOE LIEPOLD, DIRECTOR**

New hire has started classes and will finish mid-May. Was quite busy through the holidays. Two-year biannual BLS training and CPR will be in February. During this, will also have the staff meet with the billing company to discuss the changes happening and the billing issues that they have seen with the Heron Lake Ambulance.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT – CHAD DIEMER, FIRE CHIEF**

OSHA Rules is having a second comment session set up for January 17. Annual Heron Lake Fire Relief meeting will be held January 16. On January 28, will be the annual training on BBP, RTK, etc at 7:00 pm at the Community Center. DNR Forestry has a side-by-side available for purchase. It is a 2012 model with just over 2000 miles on it for \$4500. Discussion will be brought up at the Fire Relief Meeting next week. **Motion made by Council Member Baumann to approve the purchase. Seconded by Council Member Kuhnau. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none.**

### **PEOPLESERVICE – MONTHLY REPORT - JOE LIEPOLD, OPERATOR**

Found the catch basin at the Corn Palace of New Vision with water in it. Have Riley's coming to camera the area. There was a warm spot noticed where there was a house sitting at once that was not thawed. New equipment at the wells. Waste Water quite frozen over – in winter mode. People's Service is wondering if want to clean. Will get costs or will be able to sign sheet if don't want done.

### **PUBLIC WORKS – MONTHLY REPORT – JOHN HABERMAN, PUBLIC WORKS**

- **Billion quote for F-250**
- **Midway Commercial quote for F-250**
- **Higley quote for F-250**

Discussion on the quotes received for a new truck for public works. Midway will take 3-4 months to get. Higley does not have the taxes taken out. Higleys can go down to \$51,861 – that's the lowest. Tabled for next month.

- **Beecks – Spirit Lake**

New company - will do \$2.25 a yard for seal coating.

- **Pearson Brothers**

Received a bid for street summary of base bid = 11,482 yards squared @ \$2.25, 28,000 yards squared would be at \$1.96 = same unit price as 2023. 30,000 yards squared would be the same as the 2003 price. What should be done is 18 blocks seal coated every other year. Bid should be good until 2/6 – question to table until next meeting. **Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to approve the Pearson Bid @ \$1.96 as close to 25,000 yards as possible. Seconded by Council Member Haberman. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none.**

- Library circulation pump went out. Kaufman fixed. Put in in 2008
- Discussion on Disaster Mitigation. Have a different place to disperse the water instead of on the street or township road. Questioned a control structure at the right-of-way along gravel road. Will get prices on control structure

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT – TONY FAUGLID, POLICE CHIEF**

- **Heron Lake Police Report**

Did Shop With A Cop in Lakefield for kids from our town in December. Presented the end of year report showing low calls and low crime. Falcon Height apartment resident until January 31 to vacate.

- **Jackson County Report**

## **CLAIMS**

- **Review Claims**

**Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to approve the payment of claims. Seconded by Council Member Haberman. Vote on the motion: Aye - Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Mayor Rasche abstained.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Next Council Meeting – February 5, 2025 @ 7:00 pm**

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Rasche.