

HERON LAKE CITY COUNCIL

May 14, 2025

7:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING

Attended by: Marlys Olson, Mark Haberman, Andrew Rasche, Glenn Kuhnau, Wayne Rasche, Lance Baumann, Zach Schumacher, John Haberman, Bridgit Preston, Joe Liepold

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Rasche

PLEDGE OF ALLGIENCE

APPROVE AGENDA

- **Any additions**

Added Library Board Addition

- **Approve meeting minutes April 16, 2025**

Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to approve the meeting minutes of April 16, 2025. Seconded by Council Member Haberman. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- **gWorks Update** – Update given
- **Website Update** – Update given – Up and running
- **BioEnergy – Industrial Well** – No new information
- **Senior Room Parking Lot Door – Cement Sinking** – Have not received any estimates
- **Beacon Update** – Login has been completed not sure when we will be live with this
- **Update on the Police Chief** – Discussion on the information received back from the background study. **Motion made by Council Member Haberman to not hire Ryan Murphey as our Chief of Police. Seconded by Council Member Kuhnau. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed.**
- **Update MMCI** Marlys Olson, Clerk, has completed her training to become a Certified Municipal Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution 2025-07 Donation** – Motion made by Council Member Baumann to accept the donation from the Okabena Community Club for the Summer Rec Program. **Seconded by Council Member Kuhnau. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed.**
- **Zoning Permit Application– Nick Carlson** – 131 Strawberry Lane – **Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to approve the building permit for Nick Carlson. Seconded by Council Member Kuhnau. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed.**
- **Zoning Permit** – Bob Kruger – 202 14th St - **Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to approve the building permit for Bob Kruger. Seconded by Council Member Kuhnau. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed**
- **Zoning Variance** – Lisa Jean Smith – 489 4th Street – Update from Public Works Haberman that there is a 20' utility alley between the two parcels which gives resident plenty of room to put shed as requested. **Motion made by Mayor Rasche to approve the building permit for**

Lisa Jean Smith. Seconded by Council Member Schumacher. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed

- **211 2nd Ave – Wayne Rasche – City Lot Purchase** – Wayne Rasche discussed about buying the open lot across the street from him – 1132 2nd Ave. He wants to put up a 50' x 70' shed. He presented a proposal letter of purchase price with contingencies. He will have to be approved for a building permit and get approval from the zoning board committee to place a shed in a residential zone. **Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to approve the sale of the lot for \$5000.00 with contingencies as stated above. Seconded by Council Member Haberman. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed**
- **Shut down 12th Street between 5th & 6th Ave** - Family has requested to shut down 12th Street between 5th and 6th Avenue for an anniversary celebration. Discussion on the matter. Council decided to not let this happen due to liability issues.
- **Zoning Board Questions/Concerns** – Zoning Board question what to do with a resident that did not place a shed in the board requested area. Council said to send them a letter with request to move it to a recommended spot of the Board. Another question from the Board for the Council is in regard to the remaining lots available in Hanson's 4th Edition. Will talk with the lawyer to see what can be done.
- **Library Board** – Replacement for the open position on the library board. **Motion made by Mayor Rasche to accept the recommendation of Anna Diemer to be on the Library Board. Seconded by Council Member Kuhnau. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed**
- **Broadband** – Fish Lake should be completed with the installation of Southwest Broadband. Question brought up was the franchise fee that we should have been getting from the beginning and haven't. Council Member Kuhnau and Council Member Baumann will address that at the next Broadband meeting.

LIQUOR STORE – MONTHLY UPDATE – BRIDGIT PRESTON, MANAGER

- **Security Systems** - Discussion with the liquor store manager on what is needed and the placement of cameras, motion sensors & door sensors. **Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to accept the Heartland bid with 9 cameras, motion sensors & door sensors. Council Member Haberman seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed.** No other issues from the liquor store.

AMBULANCE – MONTHLY REPORT – JOE LIEPOLD, DIRECTOR – There has been 8 medical calls since the last meeting. Widom Area Hospital is borrowing the extra cot while construction has been continuing there. The week of May 18th is Emergency Medical Services Week – thank an EMT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT – CHAD DIEMER, FIRE CHIEF – Had four different department out for a grass fire in the ditch between Miloma and Brewster. Filled out the paperwork to get payment on the last railroad fire to get payment. Purchased a tank & sprayer unit for side-by-side. May practice set up for a Search & Rescue. June practice is Live Burn Trailer with Okabena.

PEOPLESERVICE – MONTHLY REPORT - JOE LIEPOLD, OPERATOR – Reviewed the report in the packets. Will begin the hydrant flushing the end of May. Wastewater was discharged once ready for second discharge. Ponds are low. Wastewater is low.

PUBLIC WORKS – MONTHLY REPORT – JOHN HABERMAN, PUBLIC WORKS

- **Second Help?** Working on the library roof – patched. Working on getting bids for a replacement roof. Sink hole appeared on the corner of 3rd Street and Lakeview Road. It is the Jackson County storm tile – getting locates in – will probably do next week.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

- **Jackson County Report**
 - **Sheriff Shawn Haken** – Reviewed County Sheriff’s report

CLAIMS

- **Review Claims – Motion made by Council Member Baumann to pay the claims presented. Seconded by Council Member Schumacher. Vote on the motion: Aye - Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed**

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Next Council Meeting – June 4, 2025 @ 7:00 pm**

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: _____

Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann