

## **HERON LAKE CITY COUNCIL**

**OCTOBER 1, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

Attended by: Marlys Olson, Glenn Kuhnau, Cheryl Knutson, Andrew Rasche, Lance Baumann, Zach Schumacher, Dave Euerle, John Haberman, Mark Haberman

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Rasche

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

- **Any additions**

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

- **Approve meeting minutes from September 3, 2025**

**Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to approve meeting minutes from September 3, 2025. Seconded by Council Member Kuhnau. Vote on the motion: Aye – Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Beacon Update**

Still a work in progress, waiting for Banyon files to be corrected

- **gWorks Update**

Nothing really new

- **Banyon Update**

Going through individual resident information to make sure everything is correct to start out with.

- **Senior Room Parking Lot Door – Cement Sinking**

Have it scheduled

- **Update on the Police Chief**

No new news

- **Age Friendly Community Projects Update**

Update given on last meeting. Went over poll results. Looking at meal services, education with speakers and ways to get information out with no local paper.

- **Library Roof**

Received a quote from Patton Roofing with 2 options. With discussion, option 1 was the best option for now.

**Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to approve the quote from Patton Roofing with option one and will use the funds that were distributed by the county. Seconded by Council Member Baumann. Vote on the motion: Aye – Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed.**

- **Public Works Applicants**

Joshua Eigenberg has been hired for the part-time position in the Public Works Department.

- **Increase of Postage and Utility Billing**

- **Encourage Email Billing?**

Tabled until Spring

- **Minnesota Paid Leave**

Discussion on what is all entails. Still working on the policy.

- **Closed Point of Dispensing Planning**

Tabled until more information

- **Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances**

Discussion from the Mayor. He has started to read it but would prefer a paper copy versus trying to read it off his phone. Tabled for now.

- **Civil Defense**

Tabled for now, Fire Department will have a meeting, and a suggestion will be brought up to see if anyone is interested.

- **Good Shred**

Everything has been sent in and waiting for the cart for the papers yet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **David Eurele – Audit Review**

Mr. Euerle said that there were no issues. Suggested that we try to keep the Community Center Fund with at least a balance of \$0.00 with a transfer from the General Fund to cover the negative. The 2008 Water Main Bond of \$93,000 has been fulfilled in February 2024.

- **Christmas Lighting in the City Park – Blue Heron Days**

Cheryl Knutson from the Blue Heron Days committee discussed decorating the HL City Park for Christmas. Becky Strieff has received some different Christmas scenes/lights that they are restringing. Discussion on plug-in availability. Looking at putting out donation buckets. **Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to approve the Christmas lights in the park. Seconded by Council Member Kuhnau. Vote on the motion: Aye – Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed.**

- **Local Board of Appeals – Rasche '26, Haberman '27, Schumacher '27**

Presented paperwork with who is current with the Local Board of Appeals for this year's Board of Appeals.

- **Security Camera Policy**

New policy set up for the use of security cameras. **Motion made by Mayor Rasche to approve the Security Camera Policy. Seconded by Council Member Schumacher. Vote on the motion: Aye – Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed.**

- **Resolution 2025-19 Ambulance Donation**

**Motion made by Council Member Baumann to accept the donation of \$200 for the HL Ambulance from Bob Kruger. Seconded by Council Member Kuhnau. Vote on the motion: Aye – Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed.**

- **Resolution 2025-20 Fire Department Donation**

**Motion made by Council Member Haberman to accept the donation of \$200 donation from Bob Kruger for the HL Fire Department. Seconded by Council Member Baumann. Vote on the motion: Aye – Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed.**

- **Resolution 2025-21 Library Donation**

**Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to accept the \$200 donation from Bob Krueger for the HL Library. Seconded by Council Member Kuhnau. Vote on the motion: Aye – Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed.**

- **Accept Resignation of Deputy Clerk**

**Motion made by Council Member Schumacher to accept the resignation of Shelley Pohlman as the deputy Clerk. Seconded by Council Member Kuhnau. Vote on the motion: Aye – Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed.**

- **Library Board Meeting Minutes**

Reviewed

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

- **Different Package for Small Parties**

Manager not in attendance.

Public Works would like Schwalbach to be available with the fire up of the boiler in the liquor store to watch for leaks, etc.

Will have karaoke and costume judging on October 31, 2025, for Halloween.

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

Director not in attendance

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

Fire Chief was not in attendance

**CD due** – Clerk will email fire chief of CD that is due to see what to do.

**WATER/WASTEWATER – TED VANDENBOSCH, OPERATER**

Operator not in attendance

Discussed the KLM recommendation of the water tower cleaning. Waiting for Travis from Bolten & Menk to see how he is doing with getting information to replace the water tower.

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

- **Steffl**

Received a quote for the North and South well maintenance. **Motion made by Mayor Rasche to approve Steffl to do the well maintenance. Seconded by Council Member Kuhnau. Vote on the motion: Aye – Rasche, Kuhnau, Schumacher, Haberman, Baumann. Nay – none. Motion passed.**

- **Thein Well**

Quote received

- **Patten Roofing**

Quote discussed earlier with the library roof

- **Police Car (Radar & Lidar Certification on 11/6/25 @ 11:45 am.)**

Wondering about the police car just sitting in the garage. Can it be driven around since has not been moved since February. Clerk is to talk with the Sheriff.

Discussion on the tenant on Main Street and the parking of the car on the street. Clerk is to send a email to the owner to remind him of the stipulation that was set for his Conditional Use Permit.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT**

- **Jackson County Report**

- **Sheriff Shawn Haken**

**CLAIMS**

- **Review Claims**

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Next Council Meeting – November 5, 2025 @ 7:00 pm**
- **2026 LGA Amount for Heron Lake is \$252,989 down \$5,980.00.**

