

CITY OF THE HIGHLANDS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, 6:00, September 12, 2022
Crazy Horse Sports Club, 922 W. Crazy Horse Dr. 67502

This meeting is being recorded.

Minutes

I. Meeting called to order

- A. Welcome by Mayor Carol More
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call of the Council Members by Jennalee Boggs, temporary recording secretary
Present: Butch Neel, Kenny Nuss, Mark Kerschen, Jeff Jackson
Absent: Brain McElgunn
ARZ: Mo Penny
Guests: Vickie Nuss, Brad Easter, Zane Jackson

II. Approval of the agenda with addition

Butch Neel motioned to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Kenny Nuss. Motion passed.

III. Public Comment(s): None

IV. Approval of August 8, 2022. minutes.

- Jeff Jackson motioned to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Butch Neel. Motion passed.

V. Reports

A. Mayor

- 1. Report regarding Reno County 150 year celebration. The City of the Highlands had a booth at the recent Third Thursday where Hutchinson was recognizing the 150 year celebration. Mayor Moore shared that many positive comments were received by those walking by The City of the Highlands' booth.
- 2. Acknowledge the work of the Flag Taskforce. The Flag Taskforce has purchased a new flag. Kenny Nuss shared that Craig Walle a member of the Flag Taskforce is a Hutchinson fire fighter who is currently deployed to California and helping fight the wild fires there.
- 3. Dennis Carlton asked the mayor to represent this area as the Reno County Wildfire Coordination and Mitigation group is pursuing a federal grant opportunity through CWDG (Community Wildfire Defense Grant). If a grant is approved, it will be the first step in obtaining federal funding. Highlands is a high risk area. Mayor, Carol Moore attends many of the Reno County Commission Meetings to stay apprised of the Planning Commissions operations.

B. Treasurer's Report

- 1. Current financial report
The current balance is \$216,338.65
- 2. Invoices
 - Kenny Nuss motioned to approve payment of the following invoices. It was seconded by Butch Neel. Motion approved.
Wayne's Printing \$115.42 (Clean up letter for ROW)
Sign Source \$95

Hutchinson News \$369.83 (Publish Ordinance)
Dixon \$600 (Spraying weeds around signs)
Kenny Ness \$ 74.03 (New flag)
Ark Valley Electric Bill \$114.24

- Butch Neel motioned to approve payment of the invoice to Power By Me for road repairs. It was seconded by Mark Kerschen. Motion approved.
Power By Me \$26,204.75

C. AZC report

1. Road repair invoice
\$26,204.75
2. Progress report on road repairs
After Dull Knife is finished, PBM will move to Pinnacle Park and from there go east on Crazy Horse.
3. Dilbecks lots clean up
This is approximately 95% cleaned up.
4. Diekman - warning loose dog
Mo Penny talked to Jack Diekman about the dog being loose. He was apologetic and will make every effort to keep the dog controlled.

D. Welcoming Committee report

Vickie Nuss updated the council on the work of the committee. They are going to start sending a member of their committee to each council meeting. They plan to continue the Welcome Bags, City Directories, Welcome Visits, etc. As they are almost out of directories,. Since there have been numerous changes every year, this alleviates the need to print and distribute an addendum each year. The committee has been and will be encouraging neighborhood get acquainted gatherings so new residents can meet others in the neighborhoods.

- Jeff Jackson motioned to update the city directories annually. Butch Neel seconded the motion. Motion carried

VI. New Business

A. Website discussion

After a lengthy discussion regarding managing a website, this topic was tabled until a city clerk has been hired.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Solar Energy Ordinance—final approval

Since Ordinance 2022-29 has been on the city website for four weeks and no comments have been received, it will now be published in The Hutchinson News.

- Jeff Jackson motioned to approved it. Butch Neel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. ROW committee report

Kenny Nuss has been contacted by a number of residents with questions about the ROW clean up letters they received. He was able to answer their questions and received positive feedback as residents were able to get their names off the list. Kenny has offered to contact residents to help them identify what needs to be done to remedy the ROW

situation as well as have a message posted on Facebook to contact him when the work has been completed so their names can be taken off the list.

C. Drainage/culvert updates (2022 Goal #3)

A bid was received for surveying drainage/culvert issues. Due to the high costs, Butch Neel recommended this item be tabled for further investigation.

D. Report on Parks and Recreation

Brad Easter and Zane Jackson were in attendance to give an update. Some trees have been marked (on the city owned lots along Monroe north of the entrance) for removal. They propose to get several dumpsters for use in clean-up of the area. Brad would like the council's approval to contact AT&T about their fence and whether it is even necessary. The poison ivy will need to be sprayed again

- Jeff Jackson motioned to give said permission. Motion seconded by Butch Neel. Motion passed..

E. Progress report on lot clean-up for Phase I and II (2022 Goal #5)

1. Status of assessing fines and clean-up to property tax

Jeff is currently looking for this information on the computer he has.

F. Northwest exit discussion

- Jeff Jackson motioned to give Mo Penny permission to have a conversation with John Mollhagen about land and options for the city to acquire it as an entrance. Kenny Nuss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A. As may arise

B. Date for next City Council Meeting

- Jeff Jackson motioned to cancel the September 26, 2022, council meeting. Kenny Nuss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The next city council meeting will be Monday, October 10, 2022, at 6:00 at Crazy Horse Sports Club.

A. Agenda items for next meeting:

1. Drainage/culvert update

X. 2022 Goals

1. Develop long-term plans for roads (obtain estimate from civil engineer)(completed)
 2. Identify what needs to be done with roads this year (short term)(completed)
 3. Identify drainage concerns
 4. Establish Parks & Recreation committee (completed)
 5. Continue with vacant lot clean-up
- (2021 goals: Road repairs, vacant lot clean-up, signage [completed], future drainage concerns.)

XI. Motion to adjourn by Jeff Jackson. Seconded by Butch Neel. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.