

City of Hewitt  
509 East Third Ave  
Hewitt, Minnesota 56453

City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting

February 9, 2016  
City Hall, 7:00 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER** The Hewitt City Council met in regular session. Mayor Juanita Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The City Council and all present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Council present: Juanita Mitchell, Mayor  
Jim Opelia, Councilmember  
Donald Fitzgerald, Councilmember  
Alice Melzer, Councilmember  
Alex Weego, Councilmember

Staff present: Luke Mitchell, Maintenance  
Tara Greer, Clerk/Treasurer  
Adam Templin/Fire Chief

Guests: Trinity Gruenberg, Sarah Hayden

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **approve the minutes with the correction, Jim Opelia second**, all in favor, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** Alex Weego made the motion to **approve checks 14647 -14673**, Donald Fitzgerald second, all in favor, motion carried.

**Maintenance Report** Luke Mitchell will be taking his Class C Water License Exam the first weekend in March in St Cloud.

**Clerks Report** Jim Opelia made the motion for **Tara Greer to attend the 2016 Clerk's Conference in St Cloud, March 16-18 at a cost of \$200 to attend plus hotel stay, and to approve both Luke Mitchell & Tara Greer to attend the Safety & Loss Control Workshop in Fergus Falls, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at a cost of \$40**, Donald Fitzgerald second, all in favor, motion carried.

**Mayors Report**

Juanita Mitchell stated that because All-American Roadhouse has not been able to use their 2016 liquor license for 39 days of 2016, she suggested that a prorated amount be refund. Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **refund a prorated amount based on the total cost of the license (2400) divided by the days in a year (366) and multiple that amount by the number of days All-American Roadhouse was out of operation (39)**, Jim Opelia second, all in favor, motion carried.

**FIRE DEPT REPORT**

Adam Templin informed the Council that the Fire Department will be meeting with the Townships on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to discuss renewing service contracts and explaining associated fees.

**\*\*UNFINISHED BUSINESS\*\***

**MN ENERGY FRANCHISE**

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **approve Ordinance #300-010 granting Minnesota Energy...a natural gas franchise...within the present or future corporate limits of the City of Hewitt, Minnesota**, Jim Opelia second, all in favor, motion carried.

**\*\*OLD BUSINESS\*\***

**COUNCIL PAY**

Alex Weego made the motion to **table the council pay discussion until the next meeting**, Donald Fitzgerald second, all in favor, motion carried.

**\*\* NEW BUSINESS \*\***

**CERTs GREEN CITY**

Sarah Hayden explained the benefits and process of becoming a Green Step City. The Council agreed to look more into it.

**\*\*REQUESTS & COMPLAINTS\*\***

**BERTHA/ HEWITT POST PROM**

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **donate \$200 to the Bertha-Hewitt Post Prom**, Jim Opelia second, all in favor, motion carried.

**Meeting Adjournment 8:37pm**

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **adjourn the meeting**, Jim Opelia second, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor: Juanita Mitchell

Clerk: Tara Greer