

City of Hewitt  
509 East Third Ave  
Hewitt, Minnesota 56453

City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting

July 12, 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  
Adam Templin, Fire Chief

Guests: Trinity Gruenberg, Officer  
Bobby Berndt, Marietta Mathews

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Alex Weego made the motion to **approve the minutes as written**, Donald Fitzgerald second, all in favor, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT**

Alex Weego made the motion to **approve checks 14814 – 14847**, Donald Fitzgerald second, all in favor, motion carried.

**Maintenance  
Report**

Luke Mitchell stated that Braaten Aggregate suggests that Kings Hill Road get five inches of gravel applied to it for the cost of \$10,000. He was instructed by the Council to find out where exactly it would need the gravel or if it would be to the whole road.

**Fire Dept Report**

Fire Chief, Adam Templin, shared that they have received a \$750 donation from Wolf Lake Wolf Pack and are expecting another one from the Minnesota DNR.

Fire Dept Report  
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Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to approve the hiring of Austin Ortiz pending a clean drug test and background check, Juanita Mitchell second, all in favor, motion carried. Juanita Mitchell stated that Officer Bobby Berndt should do the background checks from now on.

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

Unightly  
Properties

The abatement process will start when the City Clerk, Tara Greer, is back from maternity leave in September.

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

Off-Site Training

Alex Weego will tentatively set up off-site training at the NJPA in Staples for the end of September.

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

Insurance  
Coverage  
Renewal

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **increase the office building from \$50,000 to \$120,000 in order to cover the solar panels that were installed this year and to increase the community center to \$40,000 to cover the recent upgrade in the heating system**, Jim Opelia second, all in favor, motion carried

Rental Homes

It was discussed that the utility bills need to go to the landlord who owns the property, even if they do not wish to receive it. This will be done so that if a renter decides to leave town with an outstanding balance, the landlords will be aware of it.

Prairie Sanitary  
Rate Increase  
Letter

The Council wanted to make it known that Todd County Solid Waste is responsible for the garbage rate increase, not the City of Prairie Sanitary Service. They invited the general public to contact their County Commissioners if they would like to voice their complaints over the rate increase set forth by the County.

Pickle Fest

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **donate \$500 to Pickle Fest**, Alice Melzer second, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution  
#16-008

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **approve Resolution #16-008 Approving 2016 Election Judges**, Jim Opelia second, all in favor, motion carried.

LMC Workshop

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **reimburse Alex Weego \$45, which is the cost of attending a workshop held by the League of Minnesota Cities on August 14<sup>th</sup>**, Jim Opelia second, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting  
Adjournment

8:38 pm

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

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_