

City of Hewitt  
509 East Third Ave  
Hewitt, Minnesota 56453

City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting

March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
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  
                             Michael Dagen, Clerk/Treasurer

Guests:                Tara Greer, Karen Weego, Tammy Maijala,  
                             ReAnn Thompson, Amber Bartylla, Wally Wiese, Ralph Botzet, Laura Botzet, Amber Fletschock, Carolynne Bisel,

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**            Alex Weego requested adding Mr. Wally Wiese from the Hewitt Lions Club, League of MN Cities conference and city clean up day to the meeting agenda.

Alex Weego made a motion **to accept the February 10<sup>th</sup> Hewitt City Council meeting minutes as presented**, Donald Fitzgerald 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL  
REPORTS**

Jim Opelia made a motion **to approve check #'s 14243-14260**, Donald Fitzgerald 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**MAINTENANCE  
REPORT**

Donald Fitzgerald made a motion **to approve the purchase of the John Deere lawn mower for \$6000**, Jim Opelia 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**CLERKS  
REPORT**

Alex Weego made a motion **to hold a comprehensive plan meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm at City hall**, Jim Opelia 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

The council suggested that to receive the senior rate for garbage service, a senior citizen will need to be paying the water/sewer/garbage bill whether they are the property owner or not.

Clerk Michael Dagen stated that he is willing to postpone his resignation until March 26<sup>th</sup> so that he (Michael) can train in his replacement Tara Greer.

Donald Fitzgerald made a motion **to accept Michael Dagen's revised resignation, changing his last day from March 16<sup>th</sup> to March 26<sup>th</sup> in order to train Tara Greer**, Jim Opelia 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**

Donald Fitzgerald made a motion **to approve William J Jansen's application to the Hewitt Fire Department pending the passing of a background check and drug test**, Jim Opelia 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

Donald Fitzgerald made a motion **to approve the Hewitt Fire Department's purchase of LED lighting for the fire truck not to exceed \$950**, Jim Opelia 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

\*\*\*New Business\*\*\*

**WALLY  
WIESE FROM  
THE HEWITT  
LIONS CLUB**

Wally Wiese from the Hewitt Lions Club presented to the council that there is a need for a new furnace in the Hewitt Community Center. There was a discussion about different options for funding a new furnace for the community center. It was decided that the Hewitt Lions club should bring estimates for the furnace system to the council.

**REQUEST  
FOR  
EXEMPTION  
TO CITY  
ORDINANCE  
#500-011**

ReAnn Thompson submitted a request for exemption to City Ordinance #500-011 to house two cows at her property at 521 Pickle St. even though she owns less than the 10 acres required by the ordinance.

Donald Fitzgerald made a motion to deny ReAnn Thompson's request for exemption to City Ordinance #500-11, Alex Weego 2<sup>nd</sup>, non in favor, motion failed.

Alex Weego made a motion **to allow ReAnn Thompson to keep her cows until October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with the understanding that after this date there will be no further livestock at the property**, Donald Fitzgerald 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**LAKESWOOD  
HEALTH  
SYSTEM  
COMMUNITY  
UPDATE**

An invitation letter from the Lakewood Health System for a Community Update breakfast on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm was included in the council packets.

**RESOLUTION  
#15-004  
SUPPORTING  
DEDICATED  
STREET  
FUNDING**

Donald Fitzgerald made a motion **to approve Resolution #15-004 supporting dedicated state funding for city streets**, Alice Melzer 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**CERT  
CONFERENCE  
MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**

Alex Weego requested permission to attend the CERT Conference March 11<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud.

Jim Opelia made a motion **to approve Alex Weego attending the CERT Conference on March 11<sup>th</sup>**, Donald Fitzgerald 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**CITY CLERK**

Jim Opelia made a motion **to hire Tara Greer as the new city clerk and treasurer**, Donald Fitzgerald 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor motion carried.

**LMC  
ANNAUL  
CONFERENCE**

Jim Opelia made a motion **to approve Alex Weego, Tara Greer and Juanita Mitchell attending the League of MN Cities Conference on June 24<sup>th</sup> in Duluth**, Donald Fitzgerald 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jim & Alice in favor, Fitz no, Alex & Juanita abstained, motion carried.

**CITY CLEAN  
UP DAY**

Alex Weego asked if the council wants to hold a city cleanup day this year. It was decided to not hold a cleanup day this year because the city now has organized garbage service.

**BRIAN  
KOEHN 2014  
HEWITT  
FINANCIAL  
AUDIT**

Brian Koehn presented the City of Hewitt's 2014 financial audit.

Jim Opelia made a motion **to approve the audit**, Donald Fitzgerald 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

**MEETING  
ADJOURNED**

Alice Melzer made a motion **to adjourn the meeting**, Jim Opelia 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor except Fitz no (because he wanted to stay), motion carried.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_