

City of Hewitt
509 East Third Ave
Hewitt, Minnesota 56453

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting

May 10, 2016
City Hall, 7:00 p.m.

**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, Councilmemeber
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, Officer
Bobby Berndt, Dennis Fore, Julie Denny, Tim

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

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

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Alex Weego made the motion to **approve checks 14744 - 14757**, Donald Fitzgerald second, all in favor, motion carried.

**Maintenance
Report**

Luke Mitchell asked the Council if he could purchase salt early for next winter from the Bertha-Hewitt Baseball Fundraiser. The Council had no objections.

Luke Mitchell presented an invoice of \$1750 from Daryl Schlueter Excavating for the repairs to the water line at Julie Denny's house. Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to pay Daryl Schlueter Excavating \$1750, Jim Opelia second, all in favor, carried.

Maintenance
Report
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Mitchell then asked the council how they wanted to handle the repairs to Ms. Denny's tar driveway since a portion of it was destroyed due to digging. The Council agreed to pay to have the ruined portion repaired.

Clerk's Report

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **approve the Arvig security package for only the doors leading into the Clerk's office and a panic button**, Jim Opelia second, all in favor, motion carried.

FIRE DEPT
REPORT

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **burn down the house at 303 E 3rd Ave no later than May 26th**, Jim Opelia second, all in favor, motion carried.

**** UNFINISHED BUSINESS ****

City Clean-Up

Alex Weego made the motion to **hold a City Clean-Up Day on June 4th with four bins**, Donald Fitzgerald amended the motion to **include the time of the Clean-Up Day to be 9am – 1pm**, Jim Opelia second, Fitzgerald no because he feels it is a waste of money, the rest in favor, motion carried.

Unightly
Properties

Juanita Mitchell made the motion to **send those property owners that have made significant improvements in cleaning up their properties a letter of thanks, while also sending those property owners who have made little to no effort in cleaning their properties a separate letter stating they need to get their properties cleaned up and to appear in front of the Council at the next meeting, as well as inviting all to take advantage of the City Clean-Up Day on June 4th**, Jim Opelia second, Alex Weego and Donald Fitzgerald no because they think they should have a procedure in place, the rest in favor, motion carried.

After an outburst from Dennis Fore who was in attendance accusing a councilmember of baseless illegal actions, Alex Weego made the motion to **send a letter to the occupants of 605 E 3rd Ave telling them that they need to have a legitimate business at that address in order to live there with Council approval**, Juanita Mitchell second, Donald Fitzgerald, Jim Opelia, and Alice Melzer no, Alex Weego and Juanita Mitchell yes, motion is not carried.

**** NEW BUSINESS ****

Pickle Fest

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **allow the Hewitt Event Committee use the generator for the Tractor Pull and \$500 in order to build a shelter area for the Tractor Pull announcers**, Jim Opelia second, all in favor, motion carried.

**** Requests & Complaints ****

**Hendrickson
Fence Permit**

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **approve Rebecca Hendrickson's fence permit for a 5ft high and 65 foot long fence made of wood**, Jim Opelia second, all in favor, motion carried.

**Meeting
Adjournment
8:41 pm**

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

Mayor _____

Clerk _____