

**FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

Juanita made a motion **to pay check #'s 14084- 14100**, Don Fitzgerald 2nd all in favor motion carried.

**MAINTENANCE
REPORT**

Lead maintenance Luke Mitchell updated the council on the sewer pond access road culvert replacement.

Donald Fitzgerald shared that Luke filled the sidewalk cracks in front of the café with cold patch.

Luke Mitchell said that the bill for the plow truck being DOT'd came to \$841.

Luke explained that the Hewitt Post Office is having their snow plowed onto the adjacent city property. Mitchell said that in the spring when the snow melts there is a pile of gravel and debris left on the city's property that takes a day or two to clean up. Donald Fitzgerald suggested that a letter be sent to the Hewitt Post Office requesting that they change their snow plowing procedure.

**CLERKS
REPORT**

Clerk Michael Dagen requested permission to have Widseth Smith & Nolting (WSN) review the Fire Department's AFG application for \$250. Alex Weego asked if the \$250 would come out of the fire department fund and Dagen said yes.

Donald Fitzgerald made a motion **to approve WSN reviewing the Hewitt Fire Department's AFG application for \$250**, Jim Opelia 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Jim Opelia made a motion **to transfer \$5000 from the Fire Department fund to the Fire Department Capital Fund**, Fitz 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Donald Fitzgerald made a **motion to approve a NJPA IT department visit to the Hewitt Office at \$60 per hour**, Jim Opelia 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Dagen shared that the city received the \$2000 grant check from the Initiative Foundation for the city's comprehensive Plan.

**MAYORS
REPORT**

Mayor Juanita Mitchell read a thank you from the Community Concern for Youth program to the City of Hewitt.

****Old Business****

**MILL
REMOVAL**

Donald Fitzgerald stated that the old mill is still there.

**MUNICIPAL
DERIVATIVES
SETTLEMENT**

Alex Weego asked if anything more has been learned in regard to the Municipal Derivatives Settlement and clerk Dagen said no.

****New Business****

**HANSEN
FENCE
PERMIT**

Mayor Juanita Mitchell said that she was upset to hear that the Hansens had started installing a fence without applying for a permit or calling gopher one. Alex Weego asked if the fence was up and Therese Hansen said yes. Juanita said that there are already horses on the 2.5 acre property even though the city ordinance requires 10 acres for farm animals. Jeff Motschke said that the property has always been agricultural. Mayor Mitchell said that the land being zoned agricultural isn't the issue, the issue is that the property is only 2.5 acres. Alex Weego asked how many horses are on the property and Jeff said 4 horses. Juanita shared that the city ordinance governing fences lists a misdemeanor and a fine up to \$500 for building a fence without a permit. Jeff Motschke said this process is all new to him and if he would have known that they needed a permit for the fence he would have got one.

Donald Fitzgerald made a motion **to table the Hansen fence permit application**, Juanita Mitchell 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

**HANSEN
WATER BILL
COMPLAINT**

Therese Hansen stated that it was not explained to her that by turning on their water they would automatically have a \$44 monthly bill. Jeff Motschke said that they would like one

**HANSEN
WATER BILL
COMPLAINT
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month off of their water bill. Jim Opelia said that it works similar to a cable TV bill, if the cable is turned on you get a bill. Jeff Motschke said that they will withdraw their water complaint.

**GARY
ALTRICHTER
SEMI TRUCK
PARKING**

Gary Altrichter said that he wasn't aware that he was parking his semi-truck illegally and didn't know that there was a designated truck parking area. Donald Fitzgerald asked Gary to use the city's semi truck parking lot. Gary stated that he would no longer park along the street and that he would use the city's semi truck parking lot unless it isn't plowed. Mr. Altrichter asked if he stops in at the café if he needs to use the semi truck parking and Mayor Mitchell said yes during snow time. Alice Melzer said that if Gary wants to park for an hour or two there shouldn't be a problem unless it is during snow removal.

**MOVE
MINNESOTA
REQUEST**

There was a discussion about Move Minnesota's request for support for their effort to find a comprehensive transportation funding solution in 2015.

Donald Fitzgerald made a motion **to table the Move Minnesota request so that more information can be learned about the program**, Juanita Mitchell 2nd, Alex, Juanita & Alice in favor, Jim & Don no, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
#14-016 2015
FINAL LEVY**

Donald Fitzgerald made a motion **to approve resolution #14-016 setting the final tax levy for 2015**, Alice Melzer 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
#14-017
CERTIFYING
THE 2014
ELECTION**

Donald Fitzgerald made a motion **to approve Resolution #14-017 certifying the results of the November 4th 2014 election**, Alice Melzer 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

**AED
BATTERY &
ELECTRODE
ESTIMATE**

Alex Weego made a motion **to replace the city's AED batteries as presented on the Advanced First Aid Invoice**, Donald Fitzgerald 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

**JIMMY
WURST BAR
LIQUOR
LICENSE
RENEWAL**

Donald Fitzgerald made a motion **to approve the Jimmy Wurst Bar & Grill Liquor License Renewal**, Juanita Mitchell 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

**SIDEWALK
REPAIR &
TRASH
PICKUP
HOURS**

There was a discussion about the Prairie Sanitary trucks picking up garbage before 6 am. Alex Weego suggested that the city send Prairie Sanitary a letter asking them to not pick up Hewitt Citizens' garbage before 6 am.

**HEWITT
WELCOME
PACKET**

There was a discussion about creating a Hewitt welcome packet for new citizens. Alex Weego made a motion **to create a Hewitt Welcome Committee headed by Donald Fitzgerald**, Donald Fitzgerald 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

**LEAGUE OF
MN CITIES
MEETING
REPORT**

Alex Weego & Alice Melzer gave a recap on the League of MN Cities meeting that they attended on October 29th in Vergas.

****Requests & Complaints****

Luke Mitchell mentioned that nothing has been done with the congested alley even though the adjacent property owner was sent a letter requesting the alley to be cleared last month.

Donald Fitzgerald made a **motion to send a certified letter to the property owner whose items are congesting the alley behind their property, with a two week deadline for clearing the alley from the time that the letter is received**, Alex Weego 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Luke asked what alleys he should be plowing. Jim Opelia suggested that Luke only plow the alleys that he has done before.

**REQUESTS &
COMPLAINTS
CONT...**

Lead Maintenance Mitchell asked about clearing the snow pile that collects in front of the Hewitt Service Station. There was a discussion about snow plowing along the sides of highway 210. Jim Opelia suggested that if one side of 210 is cleared of snow, the other side should be as well.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Lead Maintenance Luke Mitchell requested to close the meeting.

Donald Fitzgerald made a motion **to close the meeting per State Stature 13D.05 Subd 3.A to discuss personnel issues**, Alice Melzer 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Alex Weego made a motion **to open the meeting**, Donald Fitzgerald 2nd, Alex, Don, Alice in favor, Jim & Juanita no, motion carried.

**MEETING
ADJOURNED**

Alex Weego made a motion **to adjourn the meeting**, Donald Fitzgerald 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor _____

Clerk _____