

City of Hewitt  
509 East Third Ave  
Hewitt, Minnesota 56453

City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting

October 13, 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  
Donald Fitzgerald, Councilmember  
Alice Melzer, Councilmember  
Alex Weego, Councilmember  
Jim Opelia, Councilmember

Staff present: Luke Mitchell, Maintenance  
Tara Greer, Clerk/Treasurer

Guests: Adam Templin, Andrew Freyholtz, Bonnie Uberto, Josh Goutermont, Sean “Beam” Bhogadia, Lance Grewe, Thersea Hansen, Carolynne Bisel

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

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

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

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT**

Jim Opelia made the motion to **approve checks 14521-14544**, Donald Fitzgerald second, all in favor, motion carried.

**MAINTENANCE  
REPORT**

Luke Mitchell let it be known that Maintenance will be flushing hydrants October 20 – 21. Luke Mitchell then presented the purchase order for hydrant flags, stating they will look for professional and easier to see. Donald Fitzgerald **approved purchase order #15-002 for hydrant flags**, Juanita Mitchell second, all in favor, motion carried.

**CLERK'S  
REPORT**

Donald Fitzgerald **approved Tara Greer's request to assess \$284.36 plus an administrative fee of \$28.44 to Nichole Canfield's property for failure to pay her utility bill, Jim Opelia second**, all in favor, motion carried.

Alex Weego made the motion to **invest \$10,000 from the Water Fund into a 36 month certificate of deposit with the HIWAY Credit Union**, Donald Fitzgerald second, all in favor, motion carried.

**FIRE DEPT  
MINUTES**

Adam Templin informed the council that Fire Department Relief meetings will be held monthly.

Fire Report

In Officer Berndt's report, he had stated that a child of about 10 years old was on the back of the Fire Department's Grass Rig and that brought about huge concerns of liability from the Council. Jim Opelia made the motion to **write the Fire Department a letter stating that only authorized emergency personnel was authorized to be on or in Fire Department vehicles**, Donald Fitzgerald second, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Juanita Mitchell responded to the accusation that she is "against the Fire Department" saying that she has supported the department for almost 20 years and that instead of making accusations about others, we should all be working together as a team in order to make our community better.

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

**Permitted  
Discharge  
Area Map**

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **approve all presented applications to be included in the Permitted Discharge Area**, Jim Opelia second, all in favor, motion carried.

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

**MN Power  
SOLAR  
AGREEMENT**

After much discussion with Josh Goutermont of MN Power, Alex Weego made the motion to **enter into an agreement with MN Power and RREAL to install solar panels on top of City Hall**, Donald Fitzgerald second, all in favor, motion carried.

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

**SANTA  
DAY**

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **donate \$350 from the Charitable Gambling Fund towards Santa Day**, Alex Weego second, Juanita Mitchell abstained because she is on the committee, the rest in favor, motion carried.

**GOEDEN  
FENCE  
PERMIT**

Jim Opelia made the motion to **approve the land-use permit for Danielle Goeden to build a five foot tall metal fence**, Donald Fitzgerald second, all in favor, motion carried.

**Closed  
Meeting**

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **close the meeting per Minnesota State Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3.A for employee evaluations**, Alice Melzer second, all in favor, motion carried.

**Reopen  
Meeting**

Donald Fitzgerald made the motion to **reopen the meeting**, Alex Weego second, all in favor, motion carried.

Alex Weego made the motion to **approve a \$1.50 per hour pay raise for City Clerk/Treasurer Tara Greer and Lead Maintenance Supervisor Luke Mitchell**, Donald Fitzgerald second, all in favor, motion carried.

**Meeting  
Adjournment**

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

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_