

**Minutes  
City of Newhall  
City Council Regular Meeting  
July 13, 2015 – 7:00 PM**

Mayor Mattson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present: Rinderknecht, Gessner, Much, Childers, and Carolan were present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Carolan, seconded by Childers to approve the agenda. All present aye, motion carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Jeremy Mahan would like some answers on how his culvert issues can be corrected. Bruce Cross will look at it and see what can be done. Mayor Mattson will stop also.

- a) Beverly Myers requested for a waiver of her sewer fees. The council explained that we do not credit for watering gardens.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- b) Public Works – Prairie Road Builders will begin work on 7/14/2015. Bruce will be working with them on certain areas of town. Soccer nets need attention. Parks should consider new nets. Keri will speak with CLS to see about their soccer schedule and possibility of them assisting in cost of replacing. Large trash pump has been repaired.
- c) Council – Childers asked about traps for shed for shed at ball field. Rinderknecht added that the fireworks were great.
- d) Library – Summer reading program – 5<sup>th</sup> week, going really well. Sheriff Dog came and the fire truck came out. July 3<sup>rd</sup> issue in Cedar Valley Times highlighted the Summer Reading Program.
- e) Fire – Hydrant questions regarding raised hydrants and if they are all working. Bruce said all work, some pull hard. Bruce and Jeremy will discuss. 1990 International Tanker is for sale online in Mount Vernon. Council recommended someone go and look at it prior to bidding on it.

**Consent Agenda and Bill Consent:** Motion by Rinderknecht, seconded by Much to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2015 meeting and bills totaling \$89,009.41. All present aye, motion carried.

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| Alliant                   | City - Electricity and Gas                     | \$3,986.22          |
| <b>Atkins Lumber</b>      | <b>Ball Park and Library Repairs</b>           | <del>\$648.75</del> |
| Atkins Lumber             | Coil Chain and Safety Snap                     | \$19.86             |
| Benton County Solid Waste | Garbage - Gate Fee                             | \$748.00            |
| Benton County Solid Waste | Garbage - Per Capita (4th Qtr)                 | \$7,218.75          |
| Blomberg, Bryan           | Parks - Coaching - LL Girls                    | \$450.00            |
| Childers, Jarrod          | Parks - Coaching - LL Boys                     | \$450.00            |
| Childers, Skyler          | Parks - Coaching - Teeball, Coach Pitch        | \$150.00            |
| CNH Capital               | Streets - Misc Supplies                        | \$89.37             |
| Cross, Bruce              | Insurance Reimbursement                        | \$143.00            |
| D&N Fence Co.             | Parks - Fence Repair                           | \$24.40             |
| DNR                       | Annual Water Supply Fee                        | \$102.13            |
| <b>Fire Dept Stipends</b> | <b>1-1-2015 thru 6-25-2015 (27 volunteers)</b> | <b>\$1,515.00</b>   |
| Gazette                   | Publications - Minutes June 8th                | \$47.93             |

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| Holland, Harry and Diane | Meter Deposit Refund                         | \$18.54     |
| HRGreen                  | Engineering - Storm water Phase 1            | \$2,424.36  |
| HRGreen                  | Engineering - Storm water BMP's Design       | \$37,403.29 |
| Ingalls, Loren           | Parks - Coaching - PL Girls                  | \$450.00    |
| Iowa Library Services    | Library - E-Books Subscription Platform Fees | \$65.00     |
| Iowa Library Services    | Library - E-Books Subscription Content Fees  | \$313.75    |
| Iowa One Call            | Streets - One Calls                          | \$16.20     |
| John Deere - Theisens    | Coupling and Supplies                        | \$74.30     |
| Keystone Labs            | Water - Analysis                             | \$200.20    |
| Kinzenbaw Earthmoving    | Streets - Culvert Repair                     | \$779.65    |
| Kithcart, Justin         | Parks - Coaching - PL Boys                   | \$450.00    |
| Lund Jake                | Parks - Coaching - Coach Pitch               | \$100.00    |
| Menards                  | Shop - Misc Supplies                         | \$25.73     |
| Newhall First Stop       | City - Fuel                                  | \$799.37    |
| Newhall First Stop       | Fire Fuel                                    | \$22.51     |
| Newhall Locker           | Parks - Taco Meat                            | \$600.00    |
| Northway Corporation     | Water - Labor and Chemicals, supplies        | \$18,412.50 |
| P&K Midwest              | Streets - Wheel                              | \$114.69    |
| Pepsi                    | Parks - Concessions                          | \$221.92    |
| Radio Communications     | Radio Service                                | \$204.60    |
| Rammelsburg, Mike        | Insurance Reimbursement                      | \$269.75    |
| South Slope              | Telecommunications - City                    | \$482.55    |
| Touro, Keri              | Website/Facebook Promotions (2012-2015)      | \$614.07    |
| TrueGreen                | Railroad Park, City Park, Ball Park          | \$1,476.60  |
| US Cellular              | Monthly Cell Service                         | \$96.32     |
| Utility Service Co.      | Water Tower Qtrly Maintenance                | \$7,616.18  |
| Visa                     | Parks - Screens, Water - Small Pump          | \$162.92    |
|                          |  | \$89,009.41 |

**Duplicate Payment to Atkins Lumber for \$649.75 and Fire Stipends should have been \$1515. New Total should be \$88,359.66**

**Council Action:**

- a. Anderson Insurance – west park swing area base area needs to be expanded 6 feet. Then other areas of both parks need additional pea rock added for the required inches of base material. Motion by Childers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Much, for Bruce to get with Anderson Insurance and make the required changes per insurance audit findings from EMC; all present aye, motion carried.
- b. City Culvert Procedure – Bruce is getting calls from residents that want a culvert added to their yards, or want a ditch. Council discussed making a culvert as a zoning item. It was then decided that since culvert area is city property, any culvert/ditch changes need to be approved by the council prior to construction beginning.

- c. Zoning Administrator position – Keri will contact attorney regarding paying the Mayor for the \$455.00 that is due to him and can our city maintenance workers do this job and receive the funds as stipends.
- d. Grovert Building – Building was checked out for asbestos. We should know by July 15<sup>th</sup> if there is an issue. Contractors interested in working on renovating building, please contact City Hall. Block work quote from Scheer is all we have received.
- e. Main Street Project – DNR was supposed to be here last week. Tanks are still underground and DNR will be digging them out for nothing. Keri will call on street light etc.
- f. Waste Water Plan Project – Motion by Carolan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Much, to pay Ricklefs Excavating, LTD \$480,367.50; all present aye, motion carried.

**Adjournment:** At 8:05 p.m. Carolan moved to adjourn, Childers seconded, all present ayes, motion carried.

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JAN MATTSON - Mayor

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