

**Minutes
City of Newhall
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 24, 2017 – 7:00 PM**

Mayor Protem Much called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Council members present: Gessner, Boddicker, Much, Rinderknecht, and Carolan were present.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Boddicker 2nd by Rinderknecht all present aye, motion carried.

Public Forum: Benton County Officer Lynch is assigned to Newhall. He plans to attend meetings quarterly. He shared that 870 hours were spent in Newhall over the last fiscal year, 59 calls in the last 3 months. Information will be forwarded to the City Clerk regarding citizens, mayor, and council that wish to learn more about Benton County Law Enforcement. Body cameras have now been distributed to officers. Ellen Becker asked when the sale would be complete with Country Floors and the City for the old library. The transfer will be finalized when we are ready to move. Ellen also wanted confirmation that we are not moving until the air conditioner is functioning. Which it was agreed, air will be in the library prior to the move. Current slab for air conditioning unit could possibly be going in a bad place where it will stick out. Much will speak with Mayor. Mart Campbell asked about tile work at the ball diamond. He was told that Kinzenbaw is busy and will be getting to it. 1st Street and 5th Avenue intersection still has visibility issues. Much will stop and speak with them. Four residents have received letters regarding not being compliant with city culvert requirements. Zoning board met and wants to know if things in the zoning book have changed since it was published August 10, 1977. Campbell also asked if there was any law regarding smoking cigarettes so far away from a business. Officer Lynch didn't believe there was such a law. Jeremy Mahan asked about the ditch in front of his house. He is tired of parking in a pond. Discussion occurred and it was decided they will schedule a meeting at the next meeting to discuss all the different issues facing the town.

Department Reports:

Maintenance:

Public Works: Small snow plow is in Keystone getting worked on, fire hydrant installed at A Ave & 1st.
City Clerk: Keri will be on vacation from Wednesday, July 26th through Monday, July 31st. Kris Boyles will be at City Hall from 9am – Noon.
Library: Nothing until we have a move date.
Parks: Problems occurred with underground anchors (pitching plates) they will be swapped out. Tennis courts will be done next week when streets are repaired.

Consent Agenda and Bill Consent: Motion by Carolan, 2nd by Gessner to approve the minutes from July 10, 2017 and bills totaling \$10,486.46, all present aye, motion carried.

| VENDOR | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
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| Airgas | Oxygen | \$37.27 |
| Amazon | Videos | \$127.41 |
| Baker and Taylor | Books | \$219.28 |
| Charley Stark Construction | labor for doors, cabinets | \$2,996.35 |
| Eagle Engraving | Fire - Tags | \$50.70 |
| Eric Schoettmer | Supplies | \$593.80 |
| EZ Trash | July Garbage and Recycling | \$4,443.13 |
| Farnonics | Computer Deep Freeze | \$135.00 |
| Iowa One Call | One Calls | \$14.40 |
| Menards | Paper Towels, Raid | \$48.35 |

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| The Star Press Union | Yearly Subscription | \$29.99 |
| Overdrive | FY18 Bridges | \$354.52 |
| Pepsi | Product | \$265.21 |
| Petty Cash | Library Petty Reimbursement | \$19.67 |
| Rita Sebastian | Lysol | \$11.82 |
| Staples | Cleaning Supplies and Paper | \$229.01 |
| State Library of Iowa | FY18 Bridges | \$59.23 |
| State Library of Iowa | FY18 Database Pack | \$77.50 |
| US Cellular | City Cell Service | \$97.82 |
| Welter Storage | Chairs for Library | \$676.00 |
| | | \$10,486.46 |

Council Action:

1. City Ordinance for Nuisances such as long grass, weeds, signs, garbage. Don Anders shared he felt Newhall is one of the most dirty looking towns in Benton County. Houses overrun with weeds, signs, garbage and etc. Keri will take pictures around town and we will speak with Benton County Sherriff's office as to fines associated with those items. We will address at the next meeting.
2. Planning and Zoning Committee met to discuss Bill Much's request for Lot #7 Milwaukee Subdivision. Motion by Boddicker, 2nd by Carolan to approve the committee's recommendation to allow him to split 1 lot to 5 with stipulation of easements of 5 ft for drainage and 10 ft for utility, Much must supply the city a revised plat, Much abstained, Gessner No, All others aye, motion carried.
3. Coaching for Summer Rec Programs – possible issues have come up regarding coaches yelling and possible unsportsmanlike conduct. The council after hearing from the coaches and board feel that issues have been resolved/explained.
4. Power washing concession stand/restroom buildings at the ball park. The City guy's will power wash the buildings at the ballpark and the pavilions.
5. HRGreen final acceptance and release of retainage to Bushman Excavating for \$26,073.18. Motion by Gessner, 2nd by Boddicker to deny payment, all present aye, motion carried. Matt Wildman asked the council to make a list of what needs to be done to complete this job.
6. Approval of Gerald Gessner to perform maintenance on City generators. Gessner would like a set of keys to generators. Motion by Rinderknecht, 2nd by Carolan, to approve Gessner, Gessner abstained, all other present aye, motion carried.

Adjournment: At 8:30 p.m. Carolan moved to adjourn, Rinderknecht seconded, all present ayes, motion carried.

Jan Mattson – Mayor

Keri Touro – City Clerk