

**Minutes  
City of Newhall  
City Council Regular Meeting  
May 9, 2016 – 7:00 PM**

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

Council members present: Gessner, Much, Rinderknecht, and Carolan were present, Boddicker was absent.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Much, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gessner to approve the agenda after moving items B and C to the end of the list. All present aye, motion carried.

**Public Forum:**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** A city resident, who has inappropriate signs in his yard, is currently in violation of several ordinances, including the signs, not mowing his grass, and parking his camper. A letter will be sent to him with copies of the ordinances in violation.

**City Clerk:** Keri will be on vacation from the 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. Limited hours will be posted in the window at City Hall.

**Consent Agenda and Bill Consent:** Motion by Rinderknecht, seconded by Carolan to approve the minutes from April 25, 2016 and bills totaling \$21,634.99. All present aye, motion carried.

| VENDOR                    | DESCRIPTION   | AMOUNT      |
|---------------------------|---|-------------|
| ALLEN, VERNON & HOSKINS   | KERI \$13.90 (BALL PARK), MATTSON \$13.91 (BIDDING) | \$27.81     |
| ALLIANT ENERGY            | CITY - ELECTRIC AND GAS                             | \$12,292.79 |
| ATKINS LUMBER             | SCREEN REPAIR                                       | \$22.99     |
| BAKER PAPER CO. INC.      | WATER BILL FORMS                                    | \$343.40    |
| GAZETTE                   | MARCH 21ST AND 28TH MINTUES                         | \$200.66    |
| HAWKINS, INC.             | AZONE 15 - EPA REG NO 7870-5                        | \$595.50    |
| IOWA VALLEY LEAGUE        | PARKS - LEAGUE FEES                                 | \$150.00    |
| J&r ENTERPRISES           | CITY GARBAGE AND RECYCLING                          | \$4,385.64  |
| KEYSTONE LABS             | WATER TESTING AND CHEMICALS                         | \$230.60    |
| MENARDS                   | BLUE TEFLON AND BRAUNY TOWELS                       | \$18.23     |
| NEWHAL 1ST STOP           | CITY FUEL   | \$435.99    |
| P&K MIDWEST               | MISC PARTS  | \$218.29    |
| PERSONAL CONCEPTS         | REQUIRED POSTERS                                    | \$234.24    |
| PICKERING BACKHOE SERVICE | JETTED STORM SEWER CLEANED OUT DITCH                | \$587.50    |
| RADEKE, CHRIS             | METER REFUND  | \$125.00    |
| RITA SEBASTIAN            | COFFEE POT  | \$33.99     |
| SOUTH SLOPE               | INTERNET, CABLE AND TV                              | \$559.60    |
| STAPLES                   | LABEL CARTRIDGE AND KEY RACK                        | \$140.34    |
| THE HIRED HAND            | PARKS - CAPS, VISORS, NAMES                         | \$331.00    |
| VISA                      | IDRIVE, ANTIVIRUS, GLOBAL                           | \$701.42    |
|                           |   | \$21,634.99 |

**Council Action:**

- a. Set Public Hearing for May 23, 2016 to approve resolution 05092016 FY16 Budget Amendment. Motion by Much, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gessner, all present aye, motion carried.
- b. Approval of an in home massage therapy business in a residential. Motion by Gessner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolan, all present aye, motion carried.
- c. Approval of Hydrants Unlimited as our Water Operator Affidavit on a monthly basis. Motion by Much, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gessner, all present aye, motion carried.
- d. J&R Enterprises is saying that their contract for yard waste pickup requires each home be charged \$2.50 to start the yard waste service, whether they use this service or not. The current contract reads "\$2.50 per house for each time we pickup yard waste" He is now saying no tags. The city was under the impression it meant \$2.50 a house that uses the service, not every house. Motion by Much, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolan to not pay for this service until we speak with J&R.
- e. Application received for Mike Rammelsburg replacement. Motion by Much, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rinderknecht, all present aye, to conduct interview on Thursday at 4:00pm, motion carried.
- f. Bruce Cross is being required to purchase a dissolved oxygen reader. The cost is approximately \$600. Motion by Gessner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rinderknecht, all present aye, motion carried.
- g. Contract from Mike Warden for Grovert Building. Motion by Rinderknecht, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolan, all present aye, motion carried.
- h. Update from Jennifer Zahradnik regarding advice on issues with the Main Street project. Mayor Mattson has spoken to her and we still don't have any update. Tabled for future meeting.
- i. Main Street Updates on completion. HRGreen communicated through email that changes have occurred in front of Suttons and Post Office, and Chiropractor changes are pending. Matt Wildman was present and shared that change in front of Suttons was communicated and agreed on by Sutton, HRGreen and Bushman. The change eliminates 1 tier of the sidewalk and Suttons are happy with the change. There is now a plan to replace the ramp in front of the post office. The Mayor is disappointed that communication breakdowns continue. Progress meetings are missed, changes are not communicated, deadlines are not being met, and contractors are not showing up to work. Matt will communicate concerns back at HRGreen.
- j. Ricklefs has inquired if the city would like to add some rock to a strip of area at the WWTP. Formal pay request/change order pending. Motion by Much, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolan, all present aye, motion carried to allow Ricklefs to submit necessary change request and proceed if costs do not exceed \$1,000.00.
- k. Nelson Environmental would like to make some experiential changes to the treatment plant. All improvements would be paid by Nelson. The experiment would add a pump at no cost to the city and require the city to supply additional samples. Motion by Rinderknecht, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gessner, all present aye, motion carried.

**Adjournment:** At 8:04 p.m. Carolan moved to adjourn, Gessner seconded, all present ayes, motion carried.

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Jan Mattson – Mayor

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Keri Touro – City Clerk