

**Hayfield City Council Minutes**  
**August 22, 2019**

Pursuant to due call and notice a special meeting was held on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 at city hall. Mayor Fjerstad called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm. Anderson, Feist, Subbert, Siemers, and Fjerstad were present. Also present were Paul O'Brien, Greg Rud, and Lori Kindschy.

The council held a small discussion on the invoice from Matt Rahlf for \$3500 to move the half house from 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. The council will not pay the invoice. The matter is between Mr. Rahlf and the owner of the house, Marco.

Lori presented the 2020 Sheriff's contract. The contract has an increase of 3%. The council will approve the contract at a later date.

Greg Rud reported that 9500 feet of sewer will get jetted on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was able to negotiate a reduction with Hydro Klean and their yearly 2019 cleaning fee from \$13,000 to \$10,000. Also the 2020 fee to clean and line parts of the sewer was reduced from \$42,000 to \$37,000. The city crew will be hosting classes and demonstrations to receive the discount. Hydro Klean will also fix 3 manhole for the price of one (\$9000 to \$3000).

Dave Subbert asked Greg to get a price for videoing 1<sup>st</sup> St NE before the 2020 street project. He would like to see if the camera project could still be done in 2019.

The council worked on the 2020 budget. The following items were discussed and included in the "proposed" 2020 budget.

**2020 budget discussions**

- Motion by Anderson, seconded by Feist to increase snow removal helper's pay from \$14.00/hour to \$16.00/hour. All voted yes with Siemers abstaining from the vote.
- Motion by Subbert, seconded by Anderson to increase mowing helper's pay from \$12.00/hour to \$14.00/hour. All voted yes.
- \$20,000 for Field Crest's ECPN payment stayed in the budget.
- \$50,000 was added for the water tower restoration. (\$150K is in fund)
- \$10K remains in the 2019 budget for Emerald Ash borer – this can be moved to another account at any time.
- \$8500 for 2 new lawn mowers
- \$90,000 was included for Doc Reid building (\$15K for city wall, \$75K for Reid building)
- \$75,000 for streets
- \$100,000 for residential sidewalks
- \$10,000 to remove trees on 9<sup>th</sup> Street SE
- A 2% wage increase for the 5 full-time employees was included in the budget.
- Motion by Subbert, seconded by Feist to approve Resolutions 08/22/19A and 08/22/19B adopting the "proposed" 2020 budget with an increase of 15.23% to the levy over last year. Everyone voted YES on the "proposed" levy increase and budget.

Motion to adjourn at 10:10 pm by Feist, seconded by Siemers. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Kindschy  
City Clerk-Treasurer