

Huxley City Council Minutes
September 18, 2007

SPECIAL WORK SESSION: The Huxley City Council met in special work session on the above date pursuant to rules of the council, notice posted at the city hall, notice mailed to news media as requested. Mayor Nord called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Beglinger, Henry, Krull, Lovig, Nerness

CITY STAFF PRESENT: John Haldeman-City Administrator, Lee Ruddick-City Clerk

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Gabe Nelson-Snyder and Associates

GUESTS PRESENT: Ralph Stiller, Mark Turner, Rick Kennedy, Phyllis Geer, Earl Ogden, Eden Gaul, Cheryl Patterson, Merle Rasmussen, Jacqueline Rasmussen, Trent Petersen-EcoTech, West Stover, Mark Webb-Snyder & Associates, Vance Hikiji, Erin Doyle, Derek Doyle, Michele Kalsem, Amy Walter-Snyder & Associates, Ken May, Steve Birkestrand, Bill Gilbert, Tisha Murphy, Jason Murphy.

Eden Gaul and Cheryl Patterson, representing HERO spoke to the council regarding the request by Slater to share the Fourth of July Celebration and advised council that they probably would not be interested in helping do both within one year. Council advised will be discussing at a future work session and would look at the possibility of rotation of Prairie Fest one year and the Fourth of July Celebration the following year.

Council moved their meeting to First Street at 6:37 pm to review resident specific problems due to the First Street Reconstruction Project. Council left First Street and re-convened at the council chambers at 3C's at 8:14 pm. Further discussion followed and council was given a written list of concerns from several residents. Punch list will be completed and a copy given to city and First St. residents. City Engineer, City Administrator, Mayor and representative from Eco-tech will meet and then First St. residents will be informed by letter of resulting information.

Ken May and Steve Birkestrand from Slater gave the council information regarding the finances of the Slater Fourth of July Celebration. Council member Henry advised council that the Prairie Fest committee and HERO had voted no for taking on the 4th of July, but a suggestion had been made to have Prairie Fest one year, and the Fourth of July celebration the next. Council will discuss at a future work session.

Jason and Tisha Murphy addressed the council and reviewed a timeline of the project work being done on their property. They also asked council for just compensation for additional losses. Council will take under consideration.

City Engineer and City Administrator advised council that they had met with the Ballard superintendent this morning regarding a temporary traffic signal on Hwy 69 at Oak/Main. The school is willing to go 50/50 on the cost (approximately \$15,000) and be willing to provide a crossing guard if necessary. City to get bids/quotes for presentation to council at next council meeting.

Michele Kalsem, web-site coordinator talked to the council and requested a contract for 8 hours a week. Council will take under consideration.

Discussion was held on the rental of the sound equipment and developing a policy. HERO is to pay a \$75.00 deposit and council will discuss and review rental and deposit policy in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion-Henry, second-Krull, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 pm. 5-Ayes, 0-Nays. MC.

Nels A. Nord, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lee A. Ruddick, City Clerk

