

VILLAGE OF HANNA CITY  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Hanna City Village Council was called to order by Mayor Winterroth at 7:30 p.m. with pledge to the flag and a moment of silence to honor those serving our country. Present: Trustees: Gibson, Stear, Fryxell, Isbell, Pahl ... Treasurer Strough, Attorney Connor, Engineer Lott and Clerk Klatt. Trustee Weaver arrived at 7:55 p.m.

**Minutes:** Trustee Gibson made motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting September 6, 2011 as printed ... Fryxell seconded ... all ayes ... motion carried.

**Guests:** **Jeremy Hunt**, associate of Attorney Connor, to observe. Charles de Casteja and Philip Carr from GoodEnergy with presentation on Electric Opt-Out Aggregation. IL legislation permits municipalities to propose a referendum which, if approved, entitles Municipal Authorities to put the electric load of their residential consumers and small businesses out to bid to an alternative supplier in order to save money. By aggregating the electricity load, it is possible to gain a significantly better price from alternative suppliers as a result of buying in bulk and stripping out marketing costs from standard residential and small business pricing. GoodEnergy proposes working as aggregation consultant for Village. If referendum is approved, Consultant and Municipality develop "Aggregate Plan of operation and governance" for approval by the ICC. Residents would have several opportunities to "opt-out" if they didn't wish to seek alternative supplier. Residents could realize \$125-\$150 savings per year if alternative supplier is chosen at lower supply rates. Contracts are usually written for 24 months. They mentioned that their company's fee is paid from the savings to the customers and the Village has no fee to pay to them.

**Treasurer's Report:** Trustee Isbell made motion to accept Treasurer's Reports and pay all outstanding bills ... Pahl seconded. ROLL CALL VOTE: Gibson: yes, Stear: yes, Fryxell: yes, Isbell: yes, Pahl: yes, Weaver: yes: motion carried.

**Engineer's Report:** Have had communication with IEPA ... financing has been approved ... very hopeful for approval of low interest loan by next meeting. After discussion, Weaver made motion to authorize Mayor to approve low interest loan from IEPA with maximum annual payment of \$40,000 after consultation with Engineer Lott and Attorney Connor ... Gibson seconded. ROLL CALL VOTE: Stear: yes, Fryxell: yes, Isbell: yes, Pahl: yes, Weaver: yes, Gibson: yes ... motion carried.

**Attorney's Report:** Continuing to work with bank on property declared unsafe ... spoke to foreclosure company ... think cleanest way is to take over by eminent domain ... Mayor will contact resident after getting appraisal from Randy Neff. Resident who received letter from Attorney has moved some more items from yard ... will keep watch to make sure clean-up work is progressing. Since didn't receive letter from DCEO as promised re Park District grant issue, Attorney will speak with Ryan Granata at Tri County. Auditor will work with Park District auditor on compliance issues. Wrote letter to MediaCom disputing dropped franchise fee ... received information from them so will research matter farther and hopefully have resolved by next meeting.

**Finance:** Presented budget analysis for first four months (43%) of fiscal year.

**Sewer:** Still working on problems with new generator and pumps at JoDan Court lift station ... now believe corrosion in control panels is causing problems ... will get bids to replace electrical panels.

**Streets & Alleys:** Weaver approved Invoice 6064 (in amount of \$59.63) and Invoice 6094 (in amount of \$70.30) from SD Henry dba Westside Agg. for top soil for streets and Invoice 10-898264 (in amount of \$98.93) from Econo Signs for replacement sign ... all to be paid from MFT funds. After discussion, Weaver made motion to approve Invoice HW00000039 (in amount of \$29,419,63) from Peoria County Highway Dept. (previously approved by IDOT) for MFT seal coat work performed this summer as part of approved 2011 MFT program ... Stear seconded. ROLL CALL VOTE: Fryxell: yes, Isbell: yes, Pahl: yes, Weaver: yes, Gibson: yes, Stear: yes ... motion carried.

**Police & Planning:** Nothing to report.

**Water:** Fryxell approved one refund check totaling \$4.85 to be paid from General Fund. Had 21 water shut-offs this month for total of \$5,878.72, two sewer only totaling \$3,089.30. Approximate gallons of water sold totaled 2,828,943 with bulk water sales of \$208.50. Illinois American digging to find source of water leak along Route #116.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Village will host Fall Rabies Clinic for residents on Saturday, October 15, from 1-3 p.m. by Big Hollow Animal Hospital.

**Other Business:**

1. Weaver presented proposal for new Case backhoe. After discussion, Weaver made motion to purchase Case 580 from Birkey's of Galesburg under State Program for price of \$56,000 minus \$10,000 trade-in of old backhoe ... Gibson seconded. ROLL CALL VOTE: Isbell: yes, Pahl: yes, Weaver: yes, Gibson: yes, Stear: yes, Fryxell: yes ... motion carried.
2. Stear made motion to purchase new computer for water/sewer department not to exceed \$700 ... Fryxell seconded ... ROLL CALL VOTE: Pahl: yes, Weaver: yes, Gibson: yes, Stear: yes, Fryxell: yes, Isbell: yes ... motion carried. Mayor and Fryxell will work on getting purchased soon.
3. Since both Glasford and Hanna City have only one licensed waste water/water operator, discussed possibility of one Village using the other's licensed operator in an emergency. Attorney Connor will research about liability, etc. but believe best option is for each community to hire licensed operator as consultant rather than loan employees. Employees could act as consultant if they choose or there are other companies available with licensed operators.
4. Pahl made motion to have Attorney draw up proposal on energy service agreement with GoodEnergy for approval at next meeting ... Fryxell seconded ... all ayes ... motion carried.
5. Received Thank You from St. Peter's Lutheran Church for donation in memory of Lawrence Kroepel.
6. Correspondence from OSF re preserving tax exempt status for non-for-profit hospitals.
7. Mayor will report on IML conference at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Submitted by Myrna Klatt, Village Clerk