

CITY OF HAWARDEN
APPROVED MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HAWARDEN CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM
Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 5:30pm

The Council Meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Present: Mayor Porter; Council Members, Anderson, Bauder, Borchers, Hedden, Jacobs.
Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jason Metten, City Administrator/City Clerk; Sharole Rens, Finance Director;
Mike DeBruin, Chief of Police; Spencer Haacke, Economic Development Director; Jim Pickner,
City Attorney
Staff Absent: Tom Kane, Public Works Director;

Special Agenda Items

The Mayor and Council met at the Hawarden Public Library for a tour and inspection of the facility.

Standard Agenda Items

1a. Approval of December 26, 2007 Regular Council Meeting and January 2, 2008 Special Council Meeting Minutes... Moved by Jacobs/Bauder to approve the minutes of the December 26, 2007 Regular Council Meeting and January 2, 2008 Special Council Meeting Minutes. .
Motion carried unanimously.

1b. Approval of Claims for Payment. Moved by Anderson/Borchers to approve the Schedule of Claims for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

1c. Open business from the Community (limited to a maximum of 5 minutes per item).
None.

2a. Mayor's Report. Mayor Porter reported that as we enter 2008 that work continues on community improvements and is encouraged by the building in progress and Staff's continued work on economic development. He reported that the Annual Police Departments Report has been received, and he thanks the department for their excellent work. The Police Department responded to 1944 calls in 2007 and continues to provide police service to Ireton. He also reported that he, the Council and Staff toured the Hawarden Public Library and that the library is a Tier 3 Library – the highest level in the State of Iowa and thanked Val Haverhals and her staff for the work. Mayor Porter read a thank you letter from Steve Gaul and Brock Auction Co. for their use of the facilities and excellent service they received for the land auction held in the City Council Chambers.

2b. Council Comments. Council Member Borchers commented on the need to continue work to attract workers of the Hyperion Construction Project. Council Member Jacobs reported on the meeting he and Mayor Porter had with Paul Olsen and Kim Buryanek at West Sioux Schools regarding the reduction in the grant from West Sioux to support the Recreation and Activity Programs. He proposed attending a school board meeting to discuss the issue further, and the council agreed.

2c. Staff Reports/Discussion. City Administrator Metten reported that work continues on the Old City Hall Project and South Pit Project. Economic Development Director Haacke reported that the Investor Group project is moving forward and that he will be analyzing data from his summer Business visits and will present the information to the various businesses. Chief of Police DeBruin presented his 2007 Annual Police Department Activity Report and answered questions from the Mayor and Council. City Attorney Pickner reported that the liquor license suspension for El Sol De Jalisco has been upheld by the State of Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division.

Other Agenda Items

3. Budget Reports – Reports by groups about current budget and upcoming budgets: Hawarden Fire Department – Chief Jon Strong; Hawarden Golf Course – Russ Ruhland; and Historical Society – Dr. Kathleen Keltz. Reports were given followed by questions and discussion from the Mayor and Council.

4. Resolution 2008-01 – Establishing an Assessment Based Housing Grant Program and Criteria for Use in Administering Said Program. Small changes were noted on the

Resolution and moved by Anderson/Jacobs to approve Resolution 2008-01 with these changes. Aye: Borchers, Bauder, Hedden, Jacobs, Anderson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Tax Abatement Resolutions

- Res 2008-02 Marvin & Pam Kaskie**
- Res 2008-03 Steve Wagers, Wagers Properties, Inc.**
- Res 2008-04 Dennis & Dorothy Bohlke**
- Res 2008-05 Francis & Starla Harry**
- Res 2008-06 Wilbur & Sandra Gradert**
- Res 2008-07 Rodney & Jan Matz**
- Res 2008-08 Jerry & Marylin Jensen**
- Res 2008-09 Krause Gentle Corp (Kum & Go)**
- Res 2008-10 Denny Anderson**
- Res 2008-11 Charles Marienau**
- Res 2008-12 Steve Wagers, Wagers Properties, Inc.**
- Res 2008-13 Duane McKee**
- Res 2008-14 Iowa Lamb Corp**
- Res 2008-15 Iowa Lamb Corp**
- Res 2008-16 Iowa Lamb Corp**

Moved by Borchers/Hedden to approve Resolutions 2008-02 through 2008-09 and 2008-11 through 2008-16. Aye: Jacobs, Hedden, Bauder, Borchers, Anderson. Nay: None. Motion Carried unanimously. Moved by Borchers/Jacobs to approve Resolution 2008-10. Aye: Bauder, Hedden, Jacobs, Borchers. Abstain: Anderson. Nay: None. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 abstaining.

6. Staff Budget Presentation – 1st Half of Annual Budget. City Administrator Metten presented the proposed FY 2008-2009 Annual Budget for the General Fund and Special Funds, with questions and dicussion from the Mayor and Council.

Moved by Anderson/Hedden to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Ricard R. Porter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jason R. Metten, City Administrator/Clerk