

Mayor Kim Lohse called the budget hearing meeting to order at 5:30pm. Council members present were Scott Jueneman, Nick Garber, Coby Sedlack, Chuck Garber and Don Spencer. Employees present were Katlin Bruna and Melissa Minge. Guest included Markus Frese, Frese CPA. Employees Scott Wieden and Andrew Gugenhan were absent.

1. Markus Frese, Frese CPA, reviewed the 2025 budget with the council.
 - a. During this discussion, there were no questions or concerns from the council.
 - b. There was no public comment during the budget hearing.
 - c. Nick made a motion, seconded by Don to approve the 2025 budget. Motion carried.
2. Adjourn
 - a. Don made a motion, seconded by Coby to adjourn the budget hearing meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Kim Lohse called the regular meeting to order at 6:10pm. Council members present were Scott Jueneman, Nick Garber, Coby Sedlack, Chuck Garber and Don Spencer. Employees present were Katlin Bruna, Scott Wieden, Andrew Gugenhan, and Melissa Minge. Guest included Anthony Bruna, city attorney.

3. Shawn Minge, Fire Chief
 - a. Waiting on prices for repairs to the fire trucks.
 - b. Will continue to look for trucks to replace the van.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Tabled to next meeting for corrections.
5. Expenditures
 - a. Don made a motion, seconded by Chuck to approve the 2024 July expenditures. Motion carried.
6. Minutes
 - a. Don made a motion, seconded by Scott to approve the 2024 July regular minutes, with an addition to the reasoning of the increase of water rates, and special minutes. Motion carried.
7. Public Hearings
 - a. No public hearings.
8. Public Comments
 - a. There were no public comments.
9. Water/Sewer Department
 - a. Water Emergency Plan
 - i. During the water inspection, Marsha Flemming with KDHE wanted the cities water emergency plan re-typed with changes where needed and have water commissioner review and council sign
 - ii. The Water Commissioner reviewed, council signed, and clerk will email to Marsha for the inspection to be marked as completed.
 - b. Water Project Remaining Funds
 - i. Key Equipment Price for Vac & Valve Exerciser: \$77,994.50
 - ii. Clerk informed the council that USDA said that the remaining funds could be used towards the Vac & Valve Exerciser.
 - iii. Nick made a motion, seconded by Don to approve the purchase of the Vac & Valve Exerciser from Key Equipment; \$63,000 will be from the remaining water project funds and the remaining \$14,994.50 will come from equipment reserve. Motion carried.
 - c. Utility Bills
 - i. Some citizens have called different months and stated they had not received their utility bills and the city is not sure the reason for this. Council wants to make a notice in the newsletter so citizens understand the utility bill process and what to do if they don't receive their bill.
 1. The meters are read the 15th of each month and if no issues arise, they are mailed out around the 20th. If citizens have not received their bill shortly after the 20th they can call the city office for more information.
 2. The city also offers emailing bills out! If citizens are interested in receiving their utility bill by email, please contact the city office.
 - d. Wells

- i. The council discussed the steps on drilling their own wells in the city limits.
 1. Water commissioner and clerk mentioned to the council that the first step would be to have Marsha Flemming with KDHE to explore these options and what the council would need to do to start the process.
10. Street Department
 - a. North Denver Ave: there are huge holes in front of the property of 410 N Denver and the property south of it; the reason for this is because of the water that runs from the north along the curb and gutter and then washes out in front of the properties (that has no curb and guttering).
 - i. City maintenance has had an issue on North Denver Ave brought to their attention several times and has tried several different things to fill the holes and keep the rock from washing out, but nothing has held up.
 - ii. Council members looked at the problem areas and stated that the solution that would work the best would be for the property owners to put in curb and gutter. The clerk is going to talk to property owners to let them know.
 - b. Ranger Complaints
 - i. Council has gotten complaints from a few citizens about underage driving on atv/utv/golf carts. Council discussed this and wants a reminder of requirements of driving atv/utv/golf carts.
 - c. Intersection of South Hollenberg & West South Streets
 - i. Councilmembers Chuck and Nick brought to the attention of the council that property owners put in a culvert extending the cities box culvert. They were concerned that due to this change, the city would not have access to clean out the box culvert and if not cleaned out the water would not be able to flow and would back up.
 - ii. After discussion, the council decided that it needed to rain and see how the box culvert and new culvert worked and if no problems arose then nothing would have to be changed. If there were problems, then the council would address them with the property owners.
11. Anthony Bruna, GWB, City Attorney
 - a. Scott made a motion, seconded by Nick to go into executive session for 15 minutes for attorney-client privilege at 7:45pm. Motion carried.
 - b. Scott made a motion, seconded by Nick to come out of executive session at 8:00pm. Motion carried.
 - c. Don made a motion, seconded by Chuck to approve Anthony sending a letter out to a citizen regarding the alley way with an addition to the letter that they will have thirty (30) days to unblock the alley. Motion carried.
12. Buildings and Properties
 - a. Community Building
 - i. Days of 49: the council reviewed the bills during the time period of days of 49.
 1. Don made a motion, seconded by Scott to bill the Hanover Chamber of Commerce \$3,650.98 which covers the utilities and the port-a-potty bill. Motion carried.
13. Park and Pool
 - a. Bleachers and Picnic Tables
 - i. Chuck made a motion, seconded by Scott to approve the purchase of materials to repair the bleachers at the ball diamonds and picnic tables at the parks. Motion carried.
 - b. Insurance Claim: City Park
 - i. The city office was notified that the city park, by the city library, had been vandalized and had inappropriate things written and drawn all over the equipment including the wooden structure, the slides, tunnel, etc. The clerk notified the council, which then decided to turn the vandalism into insurance.
 - ii. Fortunately, the cities insurance will be covering the cost to replace the playground equipment and has sent the first check to start the process. The only part that the insurance will not cover is the mulch that goes under the playground and will have to be paid separately from the insurance money.
 - iii. Clerk asked the council if they would consider ordering extra mulch and she pay for the extra so she can put more mulch where needed on her playset at her home; council approved as long as clerk paid for the extra mulch herself.
 - iv. Don made a motion, seconded by Nick to approve to start the process of ordering the new playground set that will be paid for with insurance money. Motion carried.
14. Council
 - a. Website
 - i. Clerk is to get an estimate from MKS Design for website management and design. Tabled to next meeting.
15. Adjourn

- a. Scott made a motion, seconded by Coby to adjourn the August 2024 meeting. Motion carried.