

**HECTOR CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Monday, July 15, 2024 at 6:30pm**  
**Hector City Hall**

Meeting called to order by/time: Mayor John Riley at 6:30pm

Council Members:	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present / Absent</u>
	Alderman 1	Samantha Brashear	Present
	Alderman 2	John Mosley	Present
	Alderman 3	Peggy Gregory	Present
	Alderman 4	Carey McGee	Present
	Alderman 5	Hannah D'Amato	Present

Attorney: Bill Smith Present via phone

Meeting opened with prayer by: Peggy Gregory

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome new Superintendent of Hector School District – Dr. Shawn Hettinga

- Dr. Shawn Hettinga was in attendance for the July 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting.
- She introduced herself and spoke on her previous employment with other school districts and expressed her delight in being at the Hector School District.

06-17-24 Council Meeting Minutes: Reviewed & Accepted Motion made by: Samantha Brashear  
 Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Mosley  
 Vote: Passed 100% (5/5)

07-09-24 Special Council Meeting Minutes Reviewed & Accepted Motion made by: Carey McGee  
 Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Peggy Gregory  
 Vote Passed 100% (5/5)

June 2024 Financial Report: Reviewed & Accepted Motion made by: Samantha Brashear  
 Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Hannah D'Amato  
 Vote: Passed 100% (5/5)

Public comments:

- Phil Morley, Tim Morley, and Phillip D'Amato had public comments.
- Phil Morley asked if the Fun Park Grant would go to only one park, the Cecil Riley Memorial Park and if another grant is in the works for Linton Park. Mayor Riley stated the Fun Park Grant has not been submitted yet but when the city submits the grant and if awarded, then it would go to improvements for Cecil Riley Memorial Park. In the future the city could apply for the Fun Park Grant again and potentially use it for improvements to Linton Park. The mayor also stated that the council has discussed potentially putting a community fishing pond at Linton Park in the low area that holds water.
- Phil Morley also had questions about what the city would do with the purchase of the Farmhouse property and expressed his concern with the city purchasing the Farmhouse property. He also asked if a grant was available to help with Farmhouse property. Mayor Riley explained what the city would do with the purchase of the property and that no grant has been submitted for assistance with this property.
- Tim Morley also had related questions and concerns with the City on the purchase of the Farmhouse property. One question is who is performing the inspection of the building. The inspection will be performed within the real estate firm by a commercial inspector. Mr. Tim Morley expressed his thoughts that the city should be enticing potential businesses to the city and not for local government to set up businesses.

- Discussions went on to that the city would need to set up a sewer system and trash service to entice potential business owners. Mayor Riley explained that the City of Hector checked into a sewer system a few years ago and citizens were concerned with the cost and just recently the city checked into having a trash service provider. The trash service is an open item, no actions taken by council members for this item. He also explained how expensive it is and how long the installation process will take to set up a sewer system. In the future, if funding were available the city could check into this again.
- Philip D'Amato asked what amount the city would have in the Farmhouse property after all the improvements. Mr. D'Amato also expressed his concern if not all citizens in the city limits were on board to pay for a sewer system and trash service then he has seen another small town go into financial distress due to these issues.

Police Department Report: Chief Phillip Hubbard Present

- Vests have been ordered.
- Council member Hannah D'Amato asked if constable Ricky Parks could be leased a different police vehicle or provide him with a police radio. Chief Hubbard will check into this request.
- Police Chief Hubbard stated he may be looking into Auxiliary positions.

Streets/Parks Report

- Letter submitted to ARDOT as discussed in last meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Agenda Item A: Update on FarmHouse Property

- The city is under contract and waiting for inspection to be performed.

Agenda Item B: Kubota Tractor (Streets Dept)

- There is clutch issue with the tractor, the city received an estimate, which was over \$5,000 to fix it.
- Council member John Mosley checked into someone he knew who might fix it, but the person did not have the equipment to fix it.
- Mayor suggested to table item temporarily. The tractor does work just cannot engage the PTO.

Agenda Item C: Fun Park Grant resolution and grant management

- Resolution passed at the last meeting to allow the mayor to apply for the Fun Park Grant and to work with the grant writer to put a plan together for submitting the Fun Park Grant application.
- Mayor Riley will pull together items that were discussed at previous meetings by council members to implement at Cecil Riley Memorial Park and send the pictures of the items with prices to council members. If council members want to consider other options, then let the mayor know of the additional requests.
- Items that council members have suggested include providing playground equipment, outdoor seating benches, picnic tables, water fountains, outdoor workout equipment for along the trail, and grills. Council member John Mosley suggested planting trees at the park.
- Installation of bathrooms is not included in this grant. The mayor and council members have discussed at some point in the future that bathrooms will need to be installed at Cecil Riley Memorial Park.
- The city will need to put a plan together and submit it to the grant writer by July 31<sup>st</sup>, so submission of the grant to the Department of Parks and Heritage may be submitted by August.

Agenda Item D: Animal Ordinance amendment

- City of Hector currently has a Vicious Animal Ordinance, it is Ordinance 10-1.



- Attorney Bill Smith's recommendation is to pass a resolution to amend Ordinance 10-1, in oppose to passing a new ordinance.
- Ordinance 10-1 and the proposed draft animal ordinance will need to be reviewed and any conflicting language will need to be identified and removed and any new language will need to be added to ordinance 10-1.
- Mayor suggested to put on next agenda to propose a resolution to amend Ordinance 10-1, to strike conflictive language, and add new language (sections) to Ordinance 10-1.

Agenda Item E: HectorFest Review

- The event was a tremendous success.
- Vendors that set up at the event were pleased with everything.

**New Business:**

Agenda Item A: Discussion regarding the building near the walking trail

- Council member Hannah D'Amato took pictures of inside the building, she passed her phone around to council members to view the pictures. The outside of the building does need some work, but the inside is in fairly decent shape, it does have bathrooms and is tied to the septic system at the fire station.
- The Council member is not proposing this property instead of the Farmhouse property but suggested this might be some property for the city to consider in the future.
- Mayor Riley found the lease and the building is owned by the Hector School District; the lease was signed in 2003; it is a 99-year lease to Brown Sykes Senior Citizen Community Center. Mayor Riley read aloud one section from the lease that stated the property, and the building thereon shall not be used for any type of city, county, state, or federal offices. The lessee shall not sublet the property or assign a transfer pledge of this lease or any interest without the prior written consent of the lesser (Hector School District).
- If council members wanted to check into this building for any future investment for the city, then the city would need to contact the board members on the lease and the Hector School District.


City Council members review and approval of financial transactions.

Meeting adjourned:

Time: 7:48pm  
 Motion made by: Peggy Gregory  
 Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Samantha Brashear  
 Vote: Passed 100% (5/5)

The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held on August 19th, 2024, at 6:30pm.

  
 Recorder/Treasurer

  
 Mayor

By signing, I agree that pages 1-3 are true and correct copy of the meeting held by the Hector City Council on July 15, 2024.