

Henderson Chamber Meeting

Monday, August 31, 2020

12:00 pm – DOWNTOWN PARK

Sponsor: HENDERSON STATE BANK

Vice President of Henderson Chamber Board of Directors, Luke Fochtman, called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and submitted for approval. Zach Richert motioned to approve. Justin Ott seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for July 2020 was reviewed. No questions posed, Justin Ott made a motion to approve; Corbin Tessman seconded. Motion carried.

The following announcements were presented by Aubrey Saltus, Henderson Chamber Director:

- September 10th – next Women in Business meeting
- November 4th – 5:00 pm – Business After Hours – R & M Aerial at Boardman's
- Due to current status of Husker games – no tailgate planned
- Aubrey is starting the application process for Henderson to be a Leadership Community.

Community Reports:

Heartland School– Brad Best, Superintendent, reported the following:

- School still operating in Green level (masks only strongly recommended by students and teachers) – so far no cases of COVID since beginning of school
- Summer projects completed – drainage issues fixed, new bus barn, and new electronic signage
- Current Directed Health Measures – result in limiting attendance to sporting events; social distancing measures being implemented, even though difficult
- September budget hearing – land values stayed flat; looking at asking for 1 cent increase

City – Connie Brown, City Clerk, presented the following:

- Restroom projects at city park, tennis courts, and ballfield progressing; storm shelter compliant
- Swimming pool had over 8,000 swimmers this summer, even with the increased COVID measures
- Limited ball season/scrimmages over summer; t-ball games in July
- Four streets rebid for repairs – price reduced significantly to \$1.8 million
- New development of subdivision being started

Henderson Health Care Services, Inc. – Luke Fochtman, Marketing/Public Relations

- August 21st – HHCS Foundation Golf Tournament successful – 88 golfers; around \$10,000 raised
- Legacy Square reached Phase III – can have limited visitors
- Legacy Square awarded the Bronze National Quality Award – only LTC facility between GI and Lincoln to receive

Sponsor Report – Kevin Postier, Henderson State Bank

- The bank celebrated its 75th Anniversary a little over a year ago
- Grown to \$270 million plus; large agriculture sector

Speaker: Richard Baier, Nebraska Bankers Association CEO and President

- Association has 170 members in Nebraska
- Discussed several significant, economic implications of the COVID pandemic
- Currently, there are historically low mortgage rates
- Paycheck Protection Program loans – around 44,000 loans were done in Nebraska in about 60 days
- Some positives from the COVID pandemic were also highlighted

Next Meeting: September 28, 2020; location TBA

There being no other business or questions, meeting adjourned at 12:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Lisa Tessman, Secretary