

**CITY OF EVART
PRE-COUNCIL MEETING
March 6th, 2023 @ 7:30PM
Community Room at the Depot, 200 S. Main Street**

Mayor Chris Emerick called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present Council Members: Sean Duffy, Jim Schwab, Mayor Emerick, Matt Hildebrand, Sandy Szeliga

Present Staff: City Manager Pepper Lockhart, Finance Director/Treasurer Jennie Duncan, Downtown Development Director (DDA) Todd Bruggema, Director of Public Works (DPW) Don Duncan, City Clerk Andrea Grupido

Guests: Jon Nailor, Deb Mishler, Ken Wirth

New Business:

Item added to the agenda – Schmude Oil Lease

Schmude Oil is looking to lease approximately 13 acres owned by the City of Evart. Allen Fox and Mark Fuller will be at the council meeting to present more information.

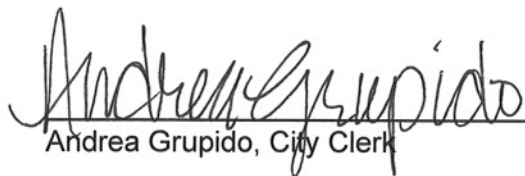
Household Hazardous Waste Program

The contractor used for the last 20 years is no longer available. To keep costs from doubling with the new contractor, the program needed to make some changes. The drop sites will alternate counties annually, and the collection date is a weekday as opposed to a weekend.

Unfinished Business:

Backyard Animals

Hildebrand likes the MSU extension guidelines presented. Schwab inquires about the term “poultry”, and if that includes ducks and geese. Discussion about creating a draft copy of the ordinance with very specific guidelines on enclosures, size, structure, permits and enforcement. Hildebrand suggests providing sample pictures of structures as well. Szeliga proposes the residents who are applying for this permit take a mandatory class provided by the local 4-H office. Lockhart will have both J. White and Chief look over the draft before bringing it back to council. If this passes, there will need to be a public hearing held. Lockhart suggests we combine the vaping ordinance, and water ordinance into that public hearing as well to save on publication costs.



Andrea Grupido, City Clerk