

**March 4, 2020
Special Meeting**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Halstad was duly called and held at the Halstad Telephone Company Meeting Room in said City on March 4, 2020 at 5:15pm.

Mayor Lori DeLong called the special meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

The following council members were present: Darin Johnson, Brandon Mickelson, and Bruce Purrington

The following council members were absent: None

Others in attendance: Halstad City Attorney Cynthia Julin, Wayne Tenneson, Bjorn Furuseth, John Hinkley, and Bruce Lee

The City Attorney presented information regarding the flow through of government funds to an organization such as the Halstad Business League (HBL). She informed the City Council that it is illegal to do so. The School could not give the HBL money and the School could not give (gift) money to the City of Halstad and then to the HBL. The School could only "gift" money and/or property to the City or to another government entity. She warned of implications should the City decide to purchase the school building from the School. She said the City would have to do due diligence before considering it. Discussion also ensued regarding the asbestos in the building and possible chemical contamination in the soil behind the building.

City Council decided it should get a quote to get an idea of how much it will cost to actually have a hazard assessment done on the school building. Lori DeLong, Deputy Clerk, will do so. Lori DeLong will also call Dr. James Hess to ask about having a Special meeting with the School Board.

Motion by Brandon Mickelson and second by Darin Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Lori DeLong, Mayor/Deputy Clerk