

January 29, 2021
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 on January 29, 2021 at 12:00pm.

Mayor Darin Johnson called the special meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

The following council members were present: Mayor Darin Johnson, Brandon Mickelson, Mike Trygg, Donna Scholl

The following council members were absent: None

The following person(s) were in attendance: Lucas Spaeth- HMU Superintendent; James Hess- NCW Superintendent; Bruce Lee- Halstad citizen.

The purpose for the special meeting was announced to council and attendees. The city is involved in efforts to obtain the NCW School Building in Halstad. The facility is closed and unheated presently. In order to preserve the flooring and interior of the south gym, a solution for heating the space is necessary as temperature readings inside are below freezing. All present were observing through electronic means.

Mayor Johnson advised that city officials were informed of an industrial / commercial heating unit fueled by propane and electrically powered for sale at a reduced price, substantially lower than market value. The unit was "like new" meaning it had not been used but did have some minor cosmetic blemishes. Cost was \$1,700 for a general savings of up to \$800 for new and was available immediately. Further, the unit uses very minimal electricity while operating.

Lucas Spaeth informed the council of HMU's ability to install the heater with purchase of some additional materials of up to \$500; and arrangements could be made for a propane tank and propane from Nepstad's in Hendrum.

Discussion ensued about this being least expensive, rapid, efficient, and safer option to other methods. The heater could be repurposed and utilized in other city spaces or sold to recover some costs after it was no longer needed for this purpose.

Dr. James Hess of NCW inquired about the costs for additional electricity being monitored and paid by city of Halstad. Lucas Spaeth will address those details.

Motion by Brandon Mickelson and second by Donna Scholl to approve up to \$3,500 in expenditures by the city toward this solution. Roll call vote was unanimous, motion carried. Work to begin shortly. Precautionary steps to be taken to prevent unintentional damage to facility by equipment utilized during installation of heater.

Motion to adjourn by Donna Scholl second by Mike Trygg. Darin Johnson adjourned the Special Meeting at 12:22pm.

Mike Trygg, *Deputy City Clerk*