

February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Council of the of Halstad was duly called and held electronically in said on February 8, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor Darin Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.

The following council members were present: Darin Johnson, Brandon Mickelson, Mike Trygg, and Donna Scholl. The following council members were absent: None

Others in attendance: Lucas Spaeth-HMU Superintendent, Alli Tice-HMU Office Coordinator/Treasurer

Approval / Additions to Agenda-Motion to approve by Mike Trygg second by Brandon Mickelson. Roll call vote unanimous, motion carried.

Approval of January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. January 29th-Special Meetings-Motion to approve by Brandon Mickelson second by Mike Trygg, roll call vote unanimous, motion carried.

Public Forum, Jeremy Melting-Spoke on behalf of HBL who was contacted for preliminary interest in bringing a call center to Halstad and possibly using the school building as it's quarters. No offer, no action

Motion by Brandon Mickelson second by Mike Trygg, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The following items were on the consent agenda:

- A. Monthly claims for (including Sunrise and Wimmer Homes)
- B. General checking bank reconciliation for January 2021

Department Reports.

Sunrise Apartments-Eight vacancies currently, The three bedroom apartment needs repair.

Wimmer Homes-Discussed rent increases.

Utilities report-Online billing software services is available. COVID precautions still practiced and Utility office closed to public. Halstad getting onto list of state public improvement projects for water tower work or possible rural water supply TBD. Presentation by ECRW will be at legion 2/9/2021.

Rental property licensing agreements discussed. Mike Trygg gave examples of improvements/ changes to ordinances for rental properties. Mayor Darin Johnson discussed possibility of building inspection. No Action

Approval to close the TIF bank account since we don't need the bank account. Motion by Donna Scholl Second by Mike Trygg. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Discussed snow fence west of Hwy 75 that would have joint participants Norman County and MNDOT. No Action

Regular Meeting adjourned and Public Hearing for well head protection plan opened at 6:00. MRWA representative Mike Strautmen gave presentation on the well head protection program the utilities is putting in place. Showed evidence of our wells being in a low vulnerability zone. Motion to close public hearing by Brandon Mickelson Second by Mike Trygg. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried and regular meeting was resumed at 6:14.

Discussion of taking care of over grown grass along Hwy 75 next to lumber yard. Utilities will take care of it for the foreseeable future.

Old business

Norman county west high school building. Heater was installed in gym to keep gym floor from heaving so if the city buys the building, the gym may be used. Discussed future purchase and ideas for school building and grounds. No action required or taken.

Donna asked to open up a committee for looking at potential prospects for school to include council members, HBL members, EDA members. No action.

Council vacancy Kristie Melting declined, Blaine Merkins is thinking about it.

Future city council times will remain the same.

Mayor Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn at 6:50. Motioned by Mike Trygg. Second by Donna Scholl roll call vote unanimous. Next Meeting to be held on March 8th, 2021.

Jessica Spaeth/City Clerk