

**Special Meeting
March 29, 2021**

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 March 29, 2021 at 5:15 pm.

Mayor Darin Johnson called the special meeting to order at 5:15 pm. The following council members were present: Mayor Darin Johnson, Mike Trygg. The following members entered in progress: Brandon Mickelson, Shirley Weeding and Jessica Spaeth- Clerk. The following council members were absent: Donna Scholl. The following person(s) were participating invitees in attendance: Lucas Spaeth- HMU Superintendent; Charles Aarestad- President Halstad EDA; Jeremy Melting and Emily Finney- Halstad Business League. All those mentioned were participating through electronic means. Other members from the public were observing electronically.

The purpose for the special meeting was announced to council and attendees. The city is involved in efforts to obtain a portion of the NCW School Building in Halstad. Recently a group has toured and continued to show interest in leasing space for their trades training program but needs a commitment to enter into a contract no later than mid-May.

Mayor Johnson expressed desire to create a list of action items to take to NCW where some resolution could be made to allow for the city to enter into an agreement with the trades training group. Mike Trygg added an interest in completing some transaction for the east parcel of greenspace owned by NCW less the new bus barn parcel. Both actions include further discussion with NCW about expectations and any inclusion of additional property to the real property received. Lucas Spaeth suggested a more solid agreement with NCW could help; potentially a sub-lease from NCW of the south wing for the city to be able to solidify an agreement with the trades group.

Discussion ensued among participants about the south wing, any plans for its use and methods of paying expenses to manage and operate it. The southwestern industrial arts area encompasses a bit more than about ¼ of the south structure and responsibility could be on the lessees for most utilities potentially. Other parts of the facility would then be open to other options for tenants and uses for additional revenue; or if NCW is not able to finance demolition of remainder, but there was less certainty about those issues. In conclusion Mike Trygg will approach NCW about subleasing and, desire to take on the greenspace immediately. Mayor will look into more specifics about the expenses and revenue in creating a plan for the part of the facility the city requested.

Motion to adjourn by Brandon Mickelson second by Mike Trygg. Mayor Darin Johnson adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:49 pm.

Mike Trygg, Deputy City Clerk