

April 12, 2021

Regular Meeting

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Halstad was duly called and held electronically in said City on April 12th, 2021 at 5:15p.m.

Mayor Darin Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

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

Others in attendance: Lucas Spaeth-HMU Superintendent, Jessica Spaeth-Clerk, Alli Tice-Treasurer

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

Approval of March 8, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by, second by, roll call vote unanimous, motion carried

Public forum and correspondence. No additions.

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

A. Monthly **claims** (including Sunrise and Wimmer Homes)

B. General checking bank reconciliation for the prior month.

Olivia from Brady Martz gave a final audit report. Motion to approve by Brandon Mickelson, second by Mike Trygg. Roll call vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Zoning Permit for Faye DeLong to install a fence in the backyard of a rental home.

Motion to approve by Mike Trygg, second by Shirley Weeding. The roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

Department Reports

Sunrise Apartments - 7 vacancies. Received bids for concrete for Sunrise and Wimmer properties to replace and repair sidewalk and parking areas. Motion to approve by Donna Scholl second by. The roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

Wimmer Homes - One vacancy.

Utilities - Discussed the American Rescue Plan Bill and the money that may be received. Sewer camera needed to be repaired. Opening up parks is an option. Landscaping along highway 75 needs some care. Talked about the adoption of flower beds along 75 for people to volunteer to take care of a corner. New John Deere mower for the city. Motion to approve the purchase of mower by Shirley Weeding, second by Brandon Mickelson. The roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

New Business

Discussed curb along with Bruce Purrington's property on the 5th block of 3rd Ave west. The curb holds water, needs some way to drain, possible storm sewer installation. Discussed what type of work requires a zoning permit. How can we streamline the process of permits? We will look into changing some language in the ordinance for improvements.

Safe routes to school - revised final pay application. Engineers and contractors had different numbers which in turn led to the revision of the bill. Motion to approve application approve by Trygg, second by Brandon Mickelson. The roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried

Ag land lease. The city has plots of grassland that could be available for lease. Motion to approve lease by Brandon Mickelson, second by Shirley. The roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

Sentence to serve can trim trees in the rows north of 1st St E.
QuickBooks Software update. Alli needs updated software. Motion to approve updates by Mike Trygg, second by Brandon Mickelson. The roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

General fund transfer. The council needs to approve a change in the books because of the change with the TIF fund. The fund needs to stay open. Motion to approve the transfer by Donna Scholl, second by Shirley Weeding. The roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

Jessica McCrackin Zoning permit. She put a fence up for her dog(s). The clerk will get more information for clarification. Wait until next month for approval.

Vibrant Salon zoning permit. New roof. Motion to approve by Brandon Mickelson, second by Shirley Weeding. The roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

Liz Tovar zoning permit. Still need more clarification on who owns the house.
A dog bite was discussed. The dog has been euthanized the dog. No action is required or taken.

Don McMahon. Gave concerns about parking on yards. Repairing sidewalk around Wimmer Homes. Making sure the utility position held by Isaac Spaeth was posted before hire in 2015. Also posting the position for temporary help in the summer. Sidewalk will be repaired, the utility personnel position was posted, parking will be addressed, and Lucas will find out if summer help needs to be posted.

Fire-frost. Would like to use the 37-acre watershed plot that could be available to use as a recreation area/track for the ATV club. Asking partner with the city to own and develop the land for recreation use. No action is required or taken.

Request for liquor license June 11th during sugar beet opening and July 23rd-25th for All school reunion by Fire Relief Association. Motion to approve license by Mike Trygg, second by Brandon Mickelson. The roll call was unanimous. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

NCW School Building. The sheet metal group would like to enter a long-term lease but the city needs to own the building first. The school is not interested in providing a sublease. The school is not interested in separating the purchase of the green space and building.

Other

Spring clean-up is April 20th.

The Pet clinic will be at the fire hall on May 4th.

Semis are parking in the area in front of the general store. Also, people drive out onto hwy 75 going over the sidewalk. "No Parking" signs, painting, or barriers could help.

Motion to adjourn by Shirley Weeding, second by Donna Scholl. The roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.