

May 10, 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 May 10th, 2021 at 5:19 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, 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. Lee and Kathy Redland as guests.

Approval / Additions to Agenda- Zoning permits discussion and NCW school were added. Motion to approve by Mike Trygg, second by Brandon Mickelson. Roll call vote was unanimous, motion carried.

There was no motion made to approve March 8th Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve March 8th Minutes by Mike Trygg, second by Shirley Weeding. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

There is a motion missing a second about the sunrise in April Minutes. Jess will correct the record. Motion to approve amended April 12th and April 22nd Minutes by Brandon Mickelson, second by, Mike Trygg. Roll call vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Public forum and correspondence. No additions.

Motion by Shirley Weeding, second by Donna Scholl, 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 (including Sunrise and Wimmer Homes)

B. General checking bank reconciliation for prior month.

Department Reports.

Sunrise. There is an attendant moving from a single bedroom into the three bedroom.

Wimmer Homes. #16 remodel is in progress. Attendant is waiting to get in.

Land lease for acres around dike for hay ground is still available. Looking at seeding the newly purchased land north of 1st St to put into hay ground for rent.

Utilities. Utilities plans on test running Gens on the 12th of May. Programming of Gens has been adjusted to help with the controls trying to open OCRs.

Rail trail has a forum on the 12th for comments. ATV club will be applying for a grant to cover the labor for upkeep costs of the trail. Missing bridge south of Halstad will be worked on this summer.

Landscaping beds along Hwy 75, upkeep and care was discussed.

Truck parking along Hwy 75 and 200 was also discussed. Waiting to hear back MNDOT to see if they will install signage.

Discussed water tower needs upkeep but we are still pursuing dollars from state and Fed to help pay to join East Central Rural Water District.

Discussed having an extra transformer for the nursing home's 1000 KVA. It is difficult and lengthy to find and replace if existing is damaged.

Crack sealing was successful but we ran out of sealant, there are roughly 12 blocks left undone.

Discussed LRC parking and getting a quote for the curb along 3rd ave west south of 5th st to get water to flow.

Zoning Permit for Jessica McCrackin. She would like the city to sign a variance for having the fence on the property line of the south of her property. She cannot find the owner of the property so she is asking the city to OK the variance. Motion to approve by Brandon Mickelson, second by Mike Trygg. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

Zoning Permit for Liz Tovar Zoning Permit for old house teardown and moving in a modular. The ownership/deed issues have been resolved. Motion to approve by Shirley Weeding, second by Donna Scholl. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

NCW school was discussed. The school is offering \$60,000 if the city takes the school building on for 1 dollar. Opinions were voiced, no action required.

Zoning permits rewrite. Mike Trygg has been researching other cities around the area and will come up with some revisions for enhancing the permit process.

Faith United Church from Ada has donated \$2307.92 to the Rescue Squad. Letters of thanks will be sent from the Mayor and Lead of Rescue Squad. Jessica will look for a copy of a resolution for approval. Motion by Brandon Mickelson to accept donation, second by Mike Trygg. Roll call vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Paul Hemberger Zoning Permit. Residence wants to add an above ground pool. Motion to approve by Shirley Weeding, second by Mike Trygg. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried

Peter Jacobson Zoning Permit. Needs it for a roof repair. Motion to approve by Mike Trygg, second by Shirley Weeding. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried

KME pumper at Halstad Fire Dept has been damaged. Fire Dept is looking for repair or replacement. Gear box was damaged and estimates are around \$26000 to repair. Fire Dept is looking for help from the City of Halstad to pay for some of the costs. They are also looking to the townships for help. Motion made to pay for the \$26000 dollar repair by Brandon Mickelson, second by Mike Trygg. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Appointment to Halstad EDA to be Terri Trygg as a citizen member.

Appointments to Planning Commission includes Peter Jacobson, Erica Garcia and an alternate to be Sabrina Anderson. All are citizen members.

NDAC zoning permit. Fence on property line since it is a commercial lot. Motion to approve by Brandon Mickelson, second Shirley Weeding. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried

Northwest regional development would like an in person meeting on May 20th. Will be held at East Park.

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