

06/07/2021

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 June 07th, 2021 at 5:15 p.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. as guests. Tony Wolff was present for the Halstad Fire Dept.

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

Approval of May 10th Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve May 10th Minutes by Shirley Weeding second by Mike Trygg. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Approval of May 24th Special Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Mike Trygg, second by Brandon Mickelson. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Public forum and correspondence. Donnie McMahon brought forward concerns of residents of the Wimmer Homes are parking on the grass. He would also like his flashing around the bottom of his Wimmer Home fixed. Discussed possible options for people to park off the grass. Paint lines, extra parking lot, diagonal parking, assigned parking, or signage were discussed. Fixing flashing was also discussed. The city will write a letter to tell residents not to park on grass.

Andrea Nelson and Pat Overbo are requesting another light in an alley by them because of some criminal activities. They also brought up the wild turkeys that come into town are wrecking their yards. They are concerned that the turkeys may cause a threat to some children. They stated that some of their neighbors are feeding them. Discussed options to get people to stop feeding them or get the turkeys away from the city. Discussed writing letters to residence stating that they should not feed wild turkeys. Andrea Nelson and Pat Overbo agreed to pay for the light, so the utilities had installed light immediately. No action taken.

Motion by Brandon Mickelson, second by Shirley Weeding, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Department Reports.

Sunrise apartments, one more renter is moving in.

Wimmer homes, #16 is finished and tenant is moving in. One resident is moving out so there will be one vacancy.

Utilities, last week there was a 4.5 min outage. Main OCR in substation opened and gens did not turn on.

Discussed painting parking lines on 2nd avenue from 2nd street to 4th street west.

Discussed no parking signs along Hwy 200 and 75. Still waiting on MNDOT to approve install signage. On a different topic, we never got the concrete stamp used for the sidewalk along Hwy 75. Also brought up the landscaping along the highway 75 to ask for volunteers or adopters to take care of the 8 corners.

Discussed the tent worms growing in some trees in the East side park.

Discussed mowing grass along the south side of town along the field.

Unfinished business.

KME fire truck gear box and pump are broken. A few of the firefighters have found some replacements for the truck to purchase. Fire department is looking for the \$25,000 that the city had set aside to repair the KME. Discussed the city pitching in 60% of the cost of a different truck which could be around \$30,000 which is 60% of \$50,000. Discussed fundraising or getting sponsorships to help with funding. Motion to approve spending \$30,000 for a new pumper truck made by Shirley Weeding, second by Donna Scholl. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

NCW school building. The cities lawyer Cindy Jolin explained that the city should ask for a warranty deed instead of a quit claim deed to ensure the city doesn't take in any additional leans or expenses if the city purchases the property. Discussed options for removing the two diesel storage tanks or hazardous material remediation. There are grants available for removing these kinds of materials.

Jessica and Shirley updated the language on the purchase agreement to ensure the property was described and the "up to \$60,000" to "\$60,000". Discussed making more changes on the purchase agreement to make sure everything on the property as of June 7th, 2021, would be received by the city if purchased. Motion to submit a purchase agreement with changes mentioned made by Donna Scholl, second by Shirley Weeding. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

New business.

Rindahl's are parking their semi-truck and trailer on their grass property. They have been driving over the curb to get onto property. Discussed having them put in an apron to not wreck the adjoining curb. Discussed writing a letter to remind them about the weight restrictions and the possible curb damage. Jessica Spaeth will draft a letter. Discussed possibly having a truck parking lot in a center location.

Sheet metal workers contract. Mike Trygg brought up reevaluating the contract to be a five-year instead of ten-year contract to add flexibility and protection for the city. Shirley Weeding brought forward concerns of the costs of paying for the electricity for rented area. Darin Johnson mentioned how they will be helping with updating the HVAC system in the building.

Wood chips for the East side park needs wood chips. Discussed how much chips are needed and maybe putting some in the West side park as well. Motion to purchase one load of wood chips for the east side park made by Brandon Mickelson, second by Shirley Weeding. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Isaac Spaeth zoning permit for privacy fence. The residence will have variance since fence is on property line. Already OK'd by neighbors. Motion to approve by Donna Scholl, second by Mike Trygg. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Wayne Tenneson is looking at having the driveway apron go onto 2nd street and wants the city to ok it. Jessica Spaeth will attach a copy of this note to the existing permit.

Motion to adjourn made by Donna Scholl, second by Branden Mickelson. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.