

**March 28, 2022
Special Meeting**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Halstad was duly called and held at the Halstad Telephone Company community room in said city on March 28, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

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

The following council members were present: Mayor Darin Johnson, Brandon Mickelson and Mike Trygg, Shirley Weeding(arrived at 5:36 pm). The following council members were absent: Donna Scholl.

Others in attendance: John Nelson, Brock Robertson, Josh Nelson, Trish Schilling, Terri Trygg, City Clerk; Lucas Spaeth Utilities Superintendent; and HMU Office Coordinator/City Treasurer Alli Tice.

The council reviewed Resolution 2022-03-28A to approve application for Dekko Foundation Grants, and authorizing Patricia Schilling to apply for these grants on behalf of the City of Halstad. Lucas Spaeth provided a budget outline for the proposed grants for review purposes only. Brandon Mickelson moved to approve Resolution 2022-03-28A, Mike Trygg seconded. No discussion motion carried upon a unanimous vote.

The council then reviewed Resolution 2022-03-28B to approve an application for an Outdoor Recreation Grant from the DNR. Although more planning and work must occur before the application can be submitted, the council discussed interest in pursuing this grant in the future, and authorizing Terri Trygg and Patricia Schilling to apply on behalf of the City of Halstad. Mike Trygg moved to approve Resolution 2022-03-28B, Brandon Mickelson seconded, no discussion, motion carried upon unanimous vote.

John and Andrea Nelson are interested in purchasing the lots north of the Post Office that the City owns. One lot is a commercial lot, the others are currently residential. The council reviewed documents from when the property was attained by the City, and the costs that were involved for demolishing buildings on the properties. John Nelson was asked questions by council members, and he said instead of purchasing, they would be open to leasing the property for 1-3 years, and then revisit the agreement at that time. After discussion, Brandon Mickelson moved to lease the 75 feet in residential lots (Parcel # 28-3337000) for two years, at the price of \$1.00. Mike Trygg seconded, no discussion, motion carried upon unanimous vote.

During the March 7th regular meeting, the council discussed the New North Properties apartment building at 228 2nd Ave W. The council asked the clerk to look into what the council must do to secure the building and find out the process for addressing the ongoing issues. Terri Trygg has contacted Stephen Larson, from Reynolds, Harbott, Knutson & Larson, P.L.L.P. in Crookston. She has scheduled a phone call on Tuesday, March 29th at 1:30 pm. Mayor Johnson and councilmember Mike Trygg will join this meeting, which will be held over Zoom.

Brock Robertson and Josh Nelson attended the special meeting and were asked to introduce themselves and to let the council know about their plans for the Zone on 75, which they recently purchased. Their plan is to have an event focused business with food. They have ordered a Turbo Chef air fryer that will allow them to cook custom built pizza in 3.5 minutes. Their hours to begin with will be 11:00 am to 1:00 am Monday to Saturday, with future plans for a Sunday menu. They are in the process of attaining on-sale, off-sale and Sunday liquor licenses and the paperwork is being submitted to the Clerk. A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th at the Halstad Recreation Center (LRC) at 6:00 pm to allow residents to ask questions and make comments before the council considers approving the licenses.

Motion to adjourn by Brandon Mickelson, seconded by Mike Trygg, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 5:15 pm.

Terri Trygg /City Clerk