

**June 13, 2022  
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 at the Halstad Telephone Company community room in said city on June 13, 2022 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: Mayor Darin Johnson, Brandon Mickelson, Mike Trygg and Donna Scholl. Shirley Weeding attended via Zoom.

Others in attendance: Jay Delong, Wayne Tenneson, Terri Trygg, City Clerk; and HMU Office Coordinator/City Treasurer Alli Tice.

**Additions to Agenda** - No additions or changes to the agenda.

**Approval of May 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes** Motion to approve minutes as presented by Brandon Mickelson, seconded by Mike Trygg, unanimous vote, motion carried.

**Public Forum and Correspondence**

Jay Delong addressed the council regarding the unpleasant odor caused by wastewater. Delong was informed this spring the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) was contacted because we had to do a bypass in April, and again in May. This was due to heavy rains and sump pumps coming into the sewer system. Delong was also concerned about potatoes that had been dumped on the west side of town on Hugh's Gardens property. Delong noted that he felt that the dumping of potatoes would be a health hazard which could draw flies and rodents, and could affect property values. Wayne Tenneson also addressed the council with the same concerns about the potatoes being dumped in city limits.

**Consent Agenda**

Donna Scholl moved to approve the consent agenda, Shirley Weeding seconded, unanimous vote, motion carried. The following items were on the consent agenda:

- A. Monthly claims for May 2022
- B. General checking bank reconciliation for May 2022
- C. Resolution 20220613A-Resolution Accepting Donations

**Utilities Report**

**Sunrise Apartments-** Cement work is complete. Security cameras have been installed. A new sign will need to be ordered and installed.

**Wimmer Homes-** Cement work is complete.

**Other-** No bids yet for seal coating. The living snowfence has been replanted with the help of volunteers and Soil and Water Conservation staff. MISO has contacted the city about load management. The Halstad Living Center, Halstad Telephone Company, and Halstad Municipal Utilities will be the priority. No updates for Rural Water.

**Clerk Report**

**Minnesota State Demographic Center-**Annual Population and Household Estimates as of April 2021 are population estimate of 558 and household estimate of 225.

**Tentative Events:** 6/30/22 Vitalant Blood Drive sponsored by HMU and City of Halstad; 8/2/22 National Night Out and Make Halstad Home Plate; 8/11/22 Sugarbeet Festival; 8/11/22 Open Door Bus Tour for Halstad, Hendrum and Ada.

**Other:** Frontline Worker Pay-reminder that HMU staff and others in Halstad are eligible and should apply. The Office of the State Auditor has a Performance Measurement System that Halstad can look into for future years. It is a lengthy process that needs planning and should be started soon for the 2023 and future reporting periods. The clerk would like to look into putting up a sign at the Landmark Campground.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Comprehensive Plan** - No updates, clerk will send a letter to NWRDC.

**City Sales Tax-** Capital Project Plan- Tabled

**Sheriff Contract Discussion-**Mike Trygg provided some history and background about the Sheriff contract, and what the patrol contract covers and costs. The cost per year has increased substantially. The council members discussed terminating the current contract, renegotiating it, or contracting only for special events such as street dances. After further discussion, Mike Trygg moved to terminate the current Sheriff contract by sending a letter to

the Sheriff. The council agreed that they would be willing to discuss the contract and services to negotiate new terms with the Sheriff at the next meeting on July 11, 2022. Donna Scholl seconded the motion, upon no further discussion there was a unanimous vote, motion carried. The clerk will send a letter to the Sheriff notifying him of the termination of the contract, which is effective 60 days after notification.

**New North Properties**-The clerk received a preliminary inspection report from Brad Bail from Widseth. The report indicated there were no structural issues found during the inspection completed on May 6, 2022. The detailed report is not complete yet.

**Landmark-(Halstad School and Property)** - Dekko Foundation Site Visit was on May 16th. The Landmark Committee gave a tour of the facility and shared ideas and plans. The meeting went very well, and the grant proposal for programming will be moving forward.

**Monument Proposal**-A proposal was received from Halstad Telephone Company and Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association who would like to install a Cody Holte memorial stone on the Landmark grounds by the bell tower. The plans include making repairs to the bell tower and creating a space for the stone. Brandon Mickelson moved to set aside space requested for Cody Holte Memorial Park, Mike Trygg seconded motion, vote unanimous, motion carried.

**Other** - Two additional equipment items have been purchased through MinnBid and were added to the fitness room at the Landmark. A vending machine has been placed in the hallway. There has not been any work done yet on a National Historic Register grant. Donna will work with Emily Finney on this in early June. Donna Scholl asked if she could look into purchasing ramps or tunnels for the dog park. She will bring back information to the council.

**New Business:**

**Rental Housing Ordinance**-Tabled

**Golf Cart/ATV/UTV Ordinance**-An example of a ordinance was reviewed by the council. There were questions about the need for this, and some of the language in the ordinance. The clerk will look at other ordinances regarding these and will check on some of the concerns such as permitting, enforcement, liability insurance needs and she will also check with the city attorney.

**Other**

The City of Halstad/HMU will sponsor a Vitalant Blood Drive-LRC -6/30/22 8:00 am to 12:30 am.

Donna Scholl moved and second by Mike Trygg to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm, vote unanimous, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 5:15 pm.

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Terri Trygg /City Clerk