

**October 10, 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 October 10, 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, Shirley Weeding and Donna Scholl.

Others in attendance: Jay Delong, Shannon Weltikol, Sean Ranum, NWRDC; Darla Waldner, NWRDC; Lucas Spaeth, HMU Superintendent, Terri Trygg, City Clerk; and HMU Office Coordinator/City Treasurer Alli Tice.

Additions to Agenda - No additions to the agenda. Council approved moving the Comprehensive Plan Presentation to the beginning of the meeting. Brandon Mickelson moved to approve agenda as presented, Mike Trygg seconded motion, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Comprehensive Plan Presentation

Sean Ranum and Darla Waldner from Northwest Regional Development Commission presented the full draft of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Halstad. Sean went through main items in the plan, and the goals and objectives were reviewed in depth. A copy of this draft plan will be posted on Halstad.com, and information will be sent out in a number of ways to the residents of Halstad, to give them an opportunity to review, and make comments. When these announcements go out, they will be asked to respond to halstad@rrv.net and sean@nwrdc.org.

The next steps in the plan adoption process include making the plan available for public review for 30 days, Planning Commission review of plan and public comments, Planning Commission recommends any needed changes, Planning Commission presents final recommendation to the Council.

Public Forum and Correspondence

Shannon Weltikol addressed the council with a written offer from his son Levi Weltikol to purchase two vacant lots north of the property he just purchased at 528 2nd Avenue West. Levi is open to negotiation, and he would like to eventually build a garage on the property. The council will consider the offer and it will be on the November meeting agenda.

Approval of September 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes- Motion to approve minutes as presented by Mike Trygg, seconded by Brandon Mickelson, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Brandon Mickelson 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 September 2022
- B. General checking bank reconciliation for September 2022

Utilities Report-Superintendent sent full notes to council members. Wimmer Homes and Sunrise Apartments are full. Roofing fixed on Wimmers. Sunrise-tree trimming and cleanup has been done. New signs are up at both locations. A power service update will need to be done at Wimmers for laundry room, but it is on hold for now as there are no extra transformers available.

The sewer main extension on the north side of Landmark is being done. They will stub in a underground dump site for campers. Heatshare Program as a Salvation Army flow-through is included in the Superintendent notes.

Clerk Report- Clerk checked into a survey for Valley United property purchase. Contacted Jerry Pribula about survey. Cost is approximately \$2,500.00, and the City may be able to work with Valley United to write the legal description of the property to be purchased.

Unfinished Business:

New North Properties-The detailed inspection report is not yet complete. There may be a new owner, they have been in contact with HMU Office that an inspection is being done. Council will be looking to enforce rental property ordinance in coming months.

Landmark-(Halstad School and Property) - ABW Booster Club is hoping to host a couple of afternoon football games at Landmark football field in 2023. There may be grant monies available through ABW to make any

needed changes to the field for these games. A Bowflex was donated and the fitness room does not have room for any other equipment at this time.

McFarlane has done a walk through for heating, and will be submitting a bid. They are looking at about \$36,000.00 per unit, Band Room area would be cheaper. Lucas will provide the bid to the council once he receives it. The bus barn will be full with winter storage.

New Business:

Trailer Court-Jim Smith has indicated that he would be willing to sell the Trailer Court property to the City. He would like the city to make him an offer. Smith has 12 trailers on the property that will need to be moved or removed, but he is unable to find anyone that is willing to do the work. Trailer #12 is coming off of the foundation, and Smith is concerned this could be a safety issue. Donna Scholl offered to speak with Smith to get an idea of what amount he is looking to receive.

Mayor Johnson had a family obligation, Vice-Mayor Brandon Mickelson took over the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Lease Reviews-The council was provided with updated lease agreements for the Wimmer Homes and Sunrise Apartments. Council members were asked to review the draft agreements and provide feedback so that they can be approved at the November meeting. The renters will be asked to sign the new leases once they are approved. One of the Wimmer Home residents has asked if the council would consider changing them to 55 and older rentals, but it was not brought to the council for discussion yet.

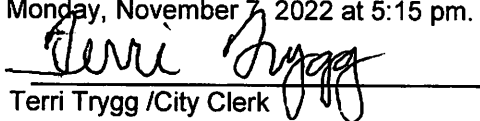
Blight/Dangerous Properties-Council Members have been contacted about complaints with Hugh's Gardens dumping potatoes and waste within city limits. The Clerk has sent a letter. A letter was also sent regarding garbage at 400 3rd Avenue W. In addition, the old potato warehouse along Highway 75 has roofing material that is loose and dangerous, so the city will attempt to locate the owner.

Other- Jay Delong presented the council with some photos of asphalt cracking on 2nd St W. The council and utilities will review this issue.

Shirley Weeding inquired about the flags at the Veterans Memorial She indicated the flags need to be replaced. Alli will contact the Lions Club about this concern. Shirley said if the Lions provide the flags, Dave Weeding would be willing to help put them up.

Donna Scholl moved and second by Shirley Weeding to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, vote unanimous, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 5:15 pm.


Terri Trygg /City Clerk