

**March 6, 2023
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 Municipal Utilities meeting room in said city on March 6, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.

Vice Mayor Brandon Mickelson called the special meeting to order at 5:23 p.m.

The following council members were present: Vice Mayor Brandon Mickelson, Peter Jacobson, Gaylord Christianson and Donna Scholl. The following council members were absent: Mayor Darin Johnson.

Others in attendance: Lucas Spaeth Utilities Superintendent; and HMU Office Coordinator/City Treasurer Alli Tice.

The council reviewed Resolution 2023-03-06A to approve application for the Age Friendly Minnesota Grant, and authorizing Terri Trygg and Lucas Spaeth to apply for these grants on behalf of the City of Halstad. Vice Mayor Brandon Mickelson read the resolution aloud. Donna Scholl moved to approve Resolution 2023-03-06A, Gaylord Christianson seconded. No discussion motion carried upon a unanimous vote.

The council then reviewed Resolution 2023-03-06B to approve an application for the FEMA Tornado Safe Room Grant from the Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Minnesota Department of Public Safety and authorizing Terri Trygg and Lucas Spaeth to apply on behalf of the City of Halstad. Gaylord Christianson moved to approve Resolution 2023-03-06B, Peter Jacobson seconded, no discussion, motion carried upon unanimous vote.

Next, the council reviewed Resolution 2023-03-06C to approve supporting the capital budget request for consumer natural gas made to the Minnesota Management and Budget and authorizing Lucas Spaeth to serve as the representative for the City of Halstad for this project. Peter Jacobson moved to approve Resolution 2023-03-06C, Donna Scholl seconded, no discussion, motion carried upon unanimous vote.

Two letters of support were reviewed by the council. The first letter of support was for the Natural Gas Supply Project which could have the potential of providing the City of Halstad and neighboring communities with consumer natural gas for long-term, affordable heating. Gaylord Christianson moved to approve the letter of support for the Natural Gas Supply Project, Peter Jacobson seconded. No discussion motion carried upon unanimous vote.

The second letter of support was for rural water which includes partnering with 6-7 neighboring communities and East Center Regional Water District to provide sustainable, high quality water to the communities through a loop system. The rural water project could potentially help eliminate aging water towers and Water Treatment Plants. Donna Scholl moved to approve the letter of support for the rural water project, Peter Jacobson seconded, no discussion, motion carried upon unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn by Donna Scholl, seconded by Gaylord Christianson, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 5:15 pm.

Alli Tice /City Treasurer