

December 11, 2023

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 December 11, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor Darin Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

The following council members were present: Mayor Darin Johnson, Brandon Mickelson, Gaylord Christianson, Peter Jacobson and Donna Scholl. Absent: None. Others in attendance: Wayne Tenneson, Brock Robertson, Bjorn Solberg, Carl Stene and City Clerk/Treasurer Alli Tice.

Additions to Agenda – None. Motion to approve agenda by Gaylord Christianson, seconded by Donna Scholl, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Approval of November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve minutes as presented by Donna Scholl, seconded by Peter Jacobson, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Public Forum and Correspondence- Wayne Tenneson asked the council if something could be done about the pickup truck that is parked by the post office that hasn't moved for weeks. Clerk Tice informed Tenneson that a notice was put on the pickup truck after the recent snowfall and since the pickup truck hasn't moved, it can now be towed away.

Brock Robertson talked to the council on behalf of the Halstad Business League about the status of the Halstad EDA. Robertson and the HBL would like the EDA to provide updates to the city council at their monthly meetings. HBL requests that the EDA meet monthly regardless of if there is new business to discuss.

Consent Agenda

Brandon Mickelson moved to approve the consent agenda, Peter Jacobson seconded, unanimous vote, motion carried. The following items were on the consent agenda:

- A. Monthly claims for November 2023
- B. General checking bank reconciliation for November 2023
- C. Temporary Liquor Permit for 02/24/2024 – Mixed Stag at LRC

Wimmer and Sunrise Report-Units 2 and 9 are open at Wimmer Homes. 10% rent increase will go into effect for both Wimmer and Sunrise on January 1, 2024. Sunrise #16/17 will need to be remodeled after the last tenant moved out.

Utilities Report – The City of Georgetown will be ending the contract with the utilities at the end of December for water/wastewater services. The utilities will continue to provide services to the City of Perley for water/wastewater.

Unfinished Business:

Blighted and Dangerous Properties- There is no new information to report. The city attorney will be contacted to see what options the city has.

Landmark- (Halstad School and Property) – The Shop Small Vendor Fair/Santa Day was held on November 25th. There was a great turnout for the event.

RFP for Redevelopment – The RFP deadline was extended to 12/31/2023.

Building – Dalsin repaired the leaks on the gym roof. Deputy Clerk Terri Trygg applied for an expansion on the Age Friendly grant. The city was approved for an additional \$11,000 for AEDs and door access upgrades. There was discussion about gym floor updates so that Landmark can host a basketball game.

Sale of parcel #28-3382000 – The city attorney prepared a purchase agreement for the sale of parcel #28-3382000 to John Walsh & Shantel Niemand-Walsh. The buyers are reviewing the agreement.

Valley United-Sale of Property – No update to report.

New Business:

2024 Cigarette License-Valley United Coop C-Store – Motion was made by Donna Scholl to approve the 2024 Cigarette License application for Valley United Coop, seconded by Peter Jacobson, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Liquor License Renewal-The Zone on 75 – All of the required documents were received from The Zone on 75 to renew their liquor license. Gaylord Christianson moved to approve the 2024 Liquor License Renewal for The Zone on 75, seconded by Donna Scholl, unanimous vote, motion carried.

The council allowed Bjorn Solberg to speak at this time as he missed the public forum. Solberg spoke to the council on behalf of HBL in regards to the EDA. HBL would like to see more transparency between the EDA and the HBL. HBL would also like to make sure that the EDA is meeting regularly and applying for available funding. Solberg also spoke with the council about the cull potato issue over the last few months. He talked with other neighbors and no one else had an issue with the smell. He informed the council that his potato growers will be taking the majority of the cull potatoes next year, but he would like to continue to dump the remaining cull potatoes in his garden in the fall and dig them in in a reasonable amount of time.

Other:

Upcoming events- Fire Department Mixed Stag – 02.24.2024

Brandon Mickelson moved and second by Gaylord Christianson to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 pm, vote unanimous, motion carried.

The next Regular meeting of the City Council will be on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 5:15 pm.

Truth in Taxation Hearing – At 6:01 pm Mayor Johnson opened the Truth in Taxation Hearing for public comment. There were some concerns about the increase in property values from residents. Also, there were questions about what the increase in the budget was for.

Gaylord Christianson moved to adjourn the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:20 pm, seconded by Peter Jacobson, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Alli Tice / City Clerk-Treasurer