

November 10, 2025

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 November 10, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor Darin Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

The following council members were present: Mayor Darin Johnson, Brandon Mickelson, and Donna Scholl. Absent: Peter Jacobson and Gaylord Christianson. Others in attendance: Clerk/Treasurer Alli Tice.

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

Approval of October 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve minutes as presented by Donna Scholl, seconded by Brandon Mickelson, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Public Forum and Correspondence- No comments or correspondence.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Monthly claims for October 2025
- B. General checking bank reconciliation for October 2025
- C. Fence Permit – Gregg Bauman

Wimmer and Sunrise Report- The Sunrise has been dealing with a pest control issue and treatment has been completed and will be ongoing. Eviction proceedings have been filed for a Wimmer Home tenant. The Sunrise Apartments have 2 vacancies and the Wimmer Homes are full.

Utilities Report – Staff performed hydrant flushing on all the fire hydrants. Updated information has been sent in for the Solar on Public Buildings grant. We are hoping to hear back from the State soon. The payloader part has been completed and picked up at Steiger. We will need Titan Machinery to complete the remaining repairs on the payloader.

Unfinished Business:

Blighted and Dangerous Properties- A Notice and Order for Abatement of Nuisance letter was sent to BNSF, Robert Benson and Adam Killian. The letter states the ordinance violations with pictures, required corrective action with a deadline for completion, the right to appeal the order, possible city abatement and assessment of costs, and contact information. The deadline for completion is November 30, 2025.

Landmark- (Halstad School and Property) – Volunteers have been prepping the community room for the stainless-steel kitchen equipment from the former cafeteria. The kitchen equipment will be used during events at the Landmark.

RFP for Redevelopment – The deadline was extended.

Regional Water Project-financing update – No update at this time.

2026 Preliminary Budget Review – The council looked at adjusting the proposed budget by increasing the equipment savings amount. After discussion, the council decided to leave the proposed budget as previously presented and not move additional funds into the equipment savings.

New Business:

Resolution 2025-11-10 Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property – The council approved the purchase of parcel #28-3412000 from Ty & Stephanie Heinecke for \$3,000 at the October meeting. City Attorney Stephen Larson prepared the necessary paperwork for the purchase. Heinecke's were sent a warranty deed to complete. The council was presented with resolution 2025-11-10 to authorize the purchase of the property for \$3,000.

Motion was made by Brandon Mickelson, seconded by Donna Scholl, to approve resolution 2025-11-10 as presented, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Liquor License Renewal – Valley General Store - The required documents were received from Valley General Store for the renewal of their off-sale liquor license. Motion was made by Donna Scholl to approve the 2026 Liquor License Renewal for Valley General Store, Brandon Mickelson seconded, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Other –

Upcoming events- Shop Small Saturday/Santa Day 11.29.2025, Truth in Taxation 12.08.2025

Brandon Mickelson moved and seconded by Donna Scholl to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 pm, vote unanimous, motion carried.

The next Regular meeting of the City Council will be on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 5:15 pm.

Alli Tice / City Clerk-Treasurer