



**Halstad Municipal Utilities Commission met 1/9/2026 at 3:00 PM at the Utilities Office.**

Commissioners Tom Maroney, Ron Gotteberg(Zoom), Darin Johnson  
Staff- Lucas Spaeth- Superintendent and Secretary, Alli Tice Office Coordinator, Amanda Nelson, Tony Wolff,

Additions to agenda –none

Approval of agenda – Move to approve agenda by Johnson, Seconded Maroney M/C

Approval of minutes – Move to approve minutes by Gotteberg, Seconded Johnson, M/C

Check and credit card approval – Move approve checks and credit card payments for November 2025 by Gotteberg, Seconded by Johnson, Discussed items M/C

Profit & Loss Statement; Balance Sheet; and Budget to Actual- reviewed financial profit and loss year to date through November. December P&L will be shared soon. Year to date financials reviewed.

Water Project- Project with East Central Regional Water District (ECRWD) does not have any major movement. Spaeth commented that the agreements were being worked on between ECRWD and Halstad City and Utilities. Public Facilities Authority (PFA) did not have any update yet this year. Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) grant for \$600,000. SHPO letter received for “no historic properties will be affected.” The SCDP grant includes the water meter replacements. HMU did receive a propagation study from a distributor for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and new meters. Antenna Tower options were discussed for long term use, not on the water tower that may be at end of life before the antenna. Spaeth would look at a couple existing sites or new options with engineering.

Northern Municipal Power Agency (NMPA) Wholesale power adjustments likely need to adjust Halstad retail rates to meet the costs from the % 4.2 increase average wholesale.

Resolution 2026 Section 125 Premium Only Plan employee notification and adoption . Johnson Motion to approve Resolution: Seconded by Maroney. Motion carried.

Cenex Harvest States (CHS) Patronage discussed after CHS buyout of West Central Ag.

Solar on Public Building state contracts for HMU office building, Wastewater Treatment facility, and Halstad Generators. Gotteberg moved to approve MN State Solar contracts: Seconded by Maroney. Motion carried

Zeigler contracts for solar build was reviewed. Maroney motion to accept Zeigler contracts for HMU office building, Wastewater Treatment facility, and Halstad Generators: Second by Gotteberg. Motion carried.

Roof Discussion about replacing the roof that would have solar panels added at he HMU office building. Spaeth would look for pricing and include prices for adding a sloped roof.

Superintendents report was given. Spaeth reported of meetings attended and daily operations.

Next regular council meeting, February 9th

Next Regular HMU Meeting Date –

No other business to discuss.

Meeting adjourned 4:25 PM

Secretary- Lucas Spaeth