

**April 13, 2026**  
**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 April 13, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor Darin Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

The following council members were present: Mayor Darin Johnson, Brandon Mickelson, Donna Scholl, Gaylord Christianson, and Peter Jacobson. Absent: None. Others in attendance: Wayne Tenneson, Jay DeLong, Lucas Spaeth, Utilities Superintendent and City Clerk/Treasurer Alli Tice.

**Additions to Agenda and Approval** – Add Change from Rackspace to Microsoft for Council data storage and meeting information to letter B under New Business. Motion to approve agenda by Gaylord Christianson, seconded by Peter Jacobson, unanimous vote, motion carried.

**Approval of March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes** - Motion to approve minutes as presented by Donna Scholl, seconded by Brandon Mickelson, unanimous vote, motion carried.

**Public Forum and Correspondence-** Wayne Tenneson addressed the council with concerns about Halstad connecting to regional water even if grant funding isn't obtained. The council informed him that the project will depend on what the bid prices are and what the grant/loan funding through the state is approved for. If bids are too high or the funding approved isn't enough, the council will discuss how they want to proceed.

**Consent Agenda**

Donna Scholl moved to approve the consent agenda, Darin Johnson seconded, unanimous vote, motion carried. Gaylord Christianson and Brandon Mickelson abstained. The following items were on the consent agenda:

- A. Monthly claims for March 2026
- B. General checking bank reconciliation for March 2026
- C. Zoning Permit – Valley United
- D. Zoning Permit – Halstad Telephone Company

**Wimmer and Sunrise Report-** Gabco is working on the mini-splits at the Sunrise Apartments. We have 1 vacancy at the Sunrise Apartments and we have 2 vacancies at the Wimmer Homes. The 2 open units at the Wimmer Homes need to be rewired and updated to breakers instead of fuses.

**Utilities Report** – Minnkota Power will be updating the substation this summer. The city will have two power blinks during the updates. Minnkota will be bringing in a mobile substation and we will not be able to run the generators during this time. We are waiting on the wastewater PER. The SCDP grant funds are available now. We will be looking at getting bids for new water meters. Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services will be completing an asset management program for future project planning.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Blighted and Dangerous Properties-** Clerk Tice has been working with City Attorney Stephen Larson to get permission to go on the property to remove the vehicles and debris. If we are not given permission, we will need to get an administrative search warrant.

**Landmark- (Halstad School and Property)** – We are working with the Sheet Metal Workers Consolidated Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee of North Dakota to renew their lease agreement. We are working with Arteкта to get an energy efficiency budget for the FEMA grant and also for the locker rooms.

**RFP for Redevelopment** – The deadline was extended.

**Regional Water Project – financing update** – We are waiting on a contract from East Central Regional Water District which explains the water access charges. We are looking at having the same water metering system as West Central Regional Water District so we are able to assist in the billing for WCRWD customers. The WCRWD establishment hearing is on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Clay County Courthouse.

**Solar on Public Buildings – update** – The solar panels were delivered. Ziegler Energy is hoping to start installation in mid summer.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2026-04-13 – Appointing NMPA Board Members** – Motion was made by Gaylord Christianson to approve the resolution appointing Lucas Spaeth as an NMPA director and Darin Johnson as an NMPA advisor, seconded by Peter Jacobson, unanimous vote, motion carried.

**Change from Rackspace to Microsoft for Council data storage and meeting information** – Rackspace email and data storage monthly fee increased from \$93.84 to \$225.96. Motion was made by Peter Jacobson to change email and data storage platforms from Rackspace to Microsoft, Donna Scholl seconded, unanimous vote, motion carried. Brandon and Darin will be working on converting council and employee emails and files to Microsoft.

Upcoming events- Halstad Pet Clinic 05.05.2026, Clean-up Day 06.09.2026

Donna Scholl moved and seconded by Brandon Mickelson to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 pm, vote unanimous, motion carried.

The next Regular meeting of the City Council will be on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 5:15 pm.

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Alli Tice / City Clerk-Treasurer