

August 10, 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 August 10, 2026, 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, Peter Jacobson, & Gaylord Christianson. Absent: Donna Scholl. Others in attendance: Wayne Tenneson and City Clerk/Treasurer Alli Tice.

Additions to Agenda and Approval –Motion to approve agenda by Gaylord Christianson, seconded by Peter Jacobson, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Approval of July 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve minutes as presented by Peter Jacobson, seconded by Darin Johnson, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Public Forum and Correspondence- Wayne Tenneson talked with the council about the research he had done on funding for water projects. From his research, he believes that Minnesota favors municipal water systems over regional water and more funding would be available for a water tower and water treatment plant. He believes that if the city is going to have to finance a water project regardless then why not move forward.

Consent Agenda

Gaylord Christianson 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 July 2026
- B. General checking bank reconciliation for July 2026
- C. Temporary Liquor Permit for 08.29.2026 at Harvest Plaza
- D. Temporary Liquor Permit for 11.20.2026 at LRC
- E. Temporary Liquor Permit for 12.31.2026 at LRC
- F. Fence Permit – Joshua Lizotte & Brooke Qualley

Wimmer and Sunrise Report- We have one new renter at the Wimmer Homes and one new renter at the Sunrise Apartments.

Unfinished Business:

Blighted and Dangerous Properties- Adam Killian responded to the summons within the 21 days so he is not in default. Attorney Larson recommended having both parties enter into a stipulation with September 30th, 2026 as the deadline. If Killian fails to bring the property into compliance by September 30, 2026, or thereafter violates the permanent injunction, the City may apply to the Court for enforcement of the injunction and for such further relief as the Court deems appropriate. Such relief may include an order compelling compliance, civil contempt remedies, authority for the City or its agents to enter the property for the limited purpose of abating conditions that violate Chapter 92, recovery of abatement costs to the extent authorized by the Halstad City Code and applicable law, and any other relief necessary to enforce the Court's Order.

Landmark- (Halstad School and Property) – Artekta consulted with a different structural engineer that feels that more bracing is needed on the gymnasium roof or a completely new roof in order to be in compliance with the FEMA guidelines for a storm shelter. We had a call with MN Homeland Security and Emergency Management about the possibility of an increase in the project cost. We were informed that we would need to recalculate our benefit cost analysis and we would need to stay above 1 for our BCA. We are waiting on a new estimate so we can recalculate our BCA. Clerk Tice asked about reimbursement for architect fees for pre-award and post-award expenses and how the reimbursement works if we no longer qualify for the grant if our BCA goes under 1. Tice is waiting for a response. The city received an invoice from Artekta for \$3,157.50 for services for the FEMA Safe

Room project. Motion was made by Darin Johnson, seconded by Brandon Mickelson to approve paying the invoice, unanimous vote, motion carried.

RFP for Redevelopment – The deadline was extended.

Regional Water Project – financing update – Preliminary financing came in at 15% grant for the water project through MN PFA. We will need to look at other financing so we can compare options.

Solar on Public Buildings – update – They will start on the pilings tomorrow.

Proposed Utility Ordinance – Ordinance 2026-1 Halstad Municipal Utilities Commission – We received the revised ordinance from Kennedy & Graven. The council reviewed the ordinance and the changes that were made. Motion was made by Brandon Mickelson to approve Ordinance 2026-01 Halstad Municipal Utilities Commission, Peter Jacobson seconded, unanimous vote, motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution 2026-08-10A – Summary Publication of Ordinance – Due to the lengthy nature of Ordinance 2026-01, resolution 2026-08-10A was presented to the council to approve a summary publication of the ordinance. Gaylord Christianson made a motion to approve resolution 2026-08-10A, seconded by Peter Jacobson, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Resolution 2026-08-10B – Participation in Greenstep Program – Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality of life goals. GreenStep is a free, continuous improvement program, managed by a State agency non profit partnership, and based upon 29 best practices. The Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program assists in facilitating assistance for the implementation of the sustainable development best practices in the following five categories: (1) Buildings and Lighting; (2) Transportation; (3) Land Use; (4) Environmental Management; and (5) Economic and Community Development. Motion was made by Peter Jacobson to approve resolution 2026-08-10B, Gaylord Christianson seconded, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Plow Truck Repairs/Replacement – The 2001 International plow truck's cab came loose from the frame of the truck due to rust. Motion was made by Darin Johnson to approve spending up to \$30,000 for a different plow truck, seconded by Brandon Mickelson, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Other –

Upcoming events- Sugar Fest – 08.29.2026

Gaylord Christianson moved and seconded by Peter Jacobson to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 pm, vote unanimous, motion carried.

The next Regular meeting of the City Council will be on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 5:15 pm.

Alli Tice / City Clerk-Treasurer