

**July 10, 2017**  
**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 Meeting Room in said City on July 10, 2017 at 5:15 pm.

Mayor Lori DeLong called the regular meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.

The following council members were present: Veronica Dye and Darin Johnson

The following council members were absent: Shane Carlson and Brandon Mickelson

Others in attendance: None

Motion by Darin Johnson and second by Lori DeLong to approve the agenda with the additions of the following items under "other": 11A) numerous dogs at Bill Larson residence, 11B) request by Majestic Circus for space to hold traveling circus, and 11C) two zoning permits for a new attached garage and fence at 529 1st Ave West. Motion carried.

Motion by Darin Johnson and second by Lori DeLong to approve the minutes from 1) the regular meeting held on June 12, 2017 and 2) the special meeting held on June 26, 2017. Motion carried.

Public forum and correspondence - A Wimmer Home resident was present to discuss the vandalized flag and light at the Wimmer Homes. He requested that this be fixed as soon as possible.

Motion by Darin Johnson and second by Lori DeLong to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. The following items were on the consent agenda:

- a. Monthly claims for June 2017 (including Sunrise Apartments and Wimmer Homes)
- b. General checking bank reconciliation for June 2017

Lynn Monk was on the agenda regarding traffic concerns in her neighborhood. She was not present. No action taken.

Jerry Nelson was present to discuss his concerns regarding the property clean-up letter he received. No action taken.

Discussion ensued regarding the fence at 339 1st Ave W. The property owner did not apply for a zoning permit. Clerk Dye will seek legal advice from the City's attorney and send a letter to the property owner.

Motion by Darin Johnson and second by Lori DeLong to close the meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b) to discuss the civil suit *Halstad vs. Reichert* Court File No. 54-cv-16-301 litigation with our attorney. Motion carried.

Closed meeting at 6:05pm.

Motion by Veronica Dye and second by Darin Johnson to re-open the meeting at 6:22pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Veronica Dye to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 2017-07-10 TO APPROVE  
SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF  
CITY OF HALSTAD V. JOHN RANDOLPH REICHERT A/K/A RANDY REICHERT; MARGARET ANNE  
REICHERT A/K/A MARGARET ANNE SORENSON A/K/A MAGGIE SORENSON PURSUANT THE TERMS OF  
MUTUAL RELEASE**

WHEREAS, with authorization previously granted by the council and through its counsel, the City of Halstad reached resolution of its claims and counterclaims with John Randolph Reichert a/k/a Randy Reichert and Margaret Anne Reichert a/k/a Margaret Anne Sorenson a/k/a Maggie Sorenson to resolve the pending litigation, City of Halstad v. John Randolph Reichert, a/k/a Randy Reichert, Margaret Anne Reichert, a/k/a Margaret Anne Sorenson, a/k/a Maggie Sorenson, venued in the Minnesota Ninth Judicial District Court, Court File No. 54-cv-16-301; and

WHEREAS, a mutual release was jointly developed by counsel for the City and the Reicherts, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 ("Mutual Release");

WHEREAS, the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust contributed \$2,500 toward resolution of this matter; and

Whereas, the City Council has duly considered this matter and believe that it is in the best interests of the City of Halstad to approve the settlement of all claims, counterclaims, and causes of action in the matter of City of Halstad v. John Randolph Reichert, a/k/a Randy Reichert; Margaret Anne Reichert, a/k/a Margaret Anne Sorenson, a/k/a Maggie Sorenson pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Mutual Release.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of CITY OF HALSTAD, MINNESOTA:

1. The settlement of all claims and causes of action in the matter of City of Halstad v. John Randolph Reichert, a/k/a Randy Reichert; Margaret Anne Reichert, a/k/a Margaret Anne Sorenson, a/k/a Maggie Sorenson pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Mutual Release, substantially in the form of the one attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby approved.

2. The City's attorneys are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to conclude this matter on a full, final, and complete basis.

3. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Mutual Release.

Darin Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Darin Johnson to approve payment to Steffanson Law Trust in the amount of \$10,000 for settlement of the Reichert case. Second by Lori DeLong. Motion carried.

An update was provided on the cafe lease. No action taken.

Follow up to clean-up letters will be scheduled for a later meeting.

Department head reports were provided for the Sunrise Apartments, Wimmer Homes, and Utilities. No action taken.

Discussion regarding four dogs at the Bill and Jana Larson residence. They have licensed all of the dogs and unless they become a nuisance, no action will be taken.

Discussion regarding the Majestic Circus request for grounds to hold a traveling circus event on July 18th. Motion by Darin Johnson to allow circus on the grounds by the LRC, pending good reference check with area cities. Lori DeLong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Lori DeLong and second by Darin Johnson to approve the two zoning applications, one for a new fence and the other for a new attached garage, both at 529 1st Ave West. Motion carried.

Motion by Darin Johnson to adjourn at 7:11pm and second by Veronica Dye. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, August 7, 2017 at 5:15 pm.

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Veronica L. Dye, Clerk/Treasurer