



January 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes  
5:45 PM LRC

**Present:** Jessica Spaeth, Donna Scholl, Alli Tice, John Hinkley, Brianna Aarestad, Rick Leiser, Brandon Mickelson (City Council Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 5:49.

### **Secretary's Report**

Motion by J. Hinkley to accept Secretary's Report as presented, second by B. Mickelson. Motion carried UC

### **Treasurer's Report**

Motion by R. Leiser to accept the treasurer's report as presented, second by D. Scholl. Motion carried. UC

Discussed outstanding loans. Roberta DePoppe has paid \$200 since November 2016. Panther's Spot payment was due on January 15. Reminder letters will be sent out. All other loans are current.

Motion by J. Hinkley to allocate \$5000 toward 2017 Storefront Improvement Program, seconded by Tice. Motion carried. UC

PNL for Halloween party shows a loss of \$ -1391.11 Prizes purchased for approximately \$900.00 will carry over for two years.

Santa Day expenses totaled \$1056.34

Tice will bill the city for \$6000.00 for revolving loan fund.

### **Visitors**

Michael and Erin Holte representing Red River Valley Emerging Leaders. Discussed any thoughts or ideas regarding what the EDA sees as a needs for Halstad and Norman County-housing, infrastructure, attracting and retaining businesses, leisure activities. Spaeth invited the Holtes to meet with the EDA again after their RRV Emerging Leaders meeting in February. Michael Holte, Norman County West School Board President spoke to the EDA about upcoming financial issues the school is facing. There are three options to decide from:

- Status Quo-maintain two separate building and run at a budget deficit of approx. \$400,000

- One Campus-close down the elementary building in Hendrum and build additional classrooms at the High School and run one campus
- Consolidation

Discussion followed about the pros and cons of each option.

### **Unfinished Business**

*Business of the Month* ~ January - Panther's Spot

February - Red River State Bank

*Christmas Light Contest* ~ Winners receive \$25 in Halstad Bucks

Best Overall: Kim and Kari Burley

Griswold: Kris and Faye DeLong

Religious: Phillip and Sandy Aalgaard

Newest Resident: Berg/Woodbury

Business Winner (does not receive prize)-Valley Hardware

Discussion regarding adding more categories. Will discuss again in November.

### **New Business**

Election of Officers-no vote, officers retained. Brandon Mickelson will replace Ron Gotteberg as representative for the city of Halstad

Rick Leiser and Shane Carlson will be removed as signers on the Community Club Checking Account and the EDA Checking Account and replaced by Brandon Mickelson and Charles Aarestad.

LRC Fundraiser event has not been determined. Committee members will report at next meeting.

Spring Supper will be sometime at the end of March or the first part of April.

Discussion on being proactive in seeking buyers regarding the grocery store should it be put up for sale. Spaeth with contact owner Fred Wangler to see where he stands on the sale of the store.

Discussed possible effects on the city of Halstad regarding the three choices facing Norman County West.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33. Next meeting to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Scholl  
Secretary