

December 10, 2018
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 December 10, 2018 at 5:15pm.

Mayor Lori DeLong called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

The following council members were present: Shane Carlson, Brandon Mickelson, Darin Johnson, and Veronica Dye

The following council members were absent: None

Others in attendance: Lucas Spaeth, Jason Murray, Jeremy Hadrava, Kevin Rudd, and Jerry Bents

Motion by Veronica Dye and second by Darin Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Brandon Mickelson and second by Shane Carlson to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 15, 2018 and the special meeting from November 28, 2018. Motion carried.

There were no individuals present for the public forum.

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

- a. Monthly claims for November 2018
- b. General checking bank reconciliation for November 2018

Motion by Shane Carlson to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes, Section 466.04 to the extent of the limits of the liability coverage obtained from LMCIT. Second by Brandon Mickelson. Motion carried.

Motion by Darin Johnson to issue a cigarette license to the Valley United Coop (Cenex) convenience store. Second by Veronica Dye. Motion carried.

The 2019 Sheriff contract was tabled until an upcoming meeting.

Motion was made by Shane Carlson to approve James Brue as the City Attorney to handle criminal prosecution matters during 2019 at a rate of \$4,500 per year. Second by Veronica Dye. Motion carried.

Jason Murray from David Drown Associates presented an update on the existing TIF district financing and also presented a financing proposal/information for the upcoming 2019 projects. No action taken.

Jeremy Hadrava presented an update on the MnDOT Hwy 75 reconstruction project. Wild Rice Watershed District will pay for some of the road raise, so MnDOT will have a cooperative agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed District for that portion. A special meeting will be held on December 27th to go over exact numbers.

Motion by Lori DeLong to adjourn from the regular meeting for the Truth-In-Taxation meeting at 6:00pm. Second by Veronica Dye. Motion carried.

Darin Johnson moved to approve the 2019 budget as presented and set the final 2019 tax levy at \$198,646. Second by Brandon Mickelson. Motion carried.

Motion by Veronica Dye to adjourn the Truth-In-Taxation meeting and resume the regular meeting at 6:08pm. Second by Lori DeLong. Motion carried.

Regular meeting resumed at 6:08pm.

A brief discussion about the levee construction status and the FEMA flood map appeal ensued. Jerry Bents, Houston Engineering, and Kevin Rudd, Wild Rice Watershed District, provided status updates. No action taken.

Peterson Park bathroom update was provided by Lucas Spaeth. Exterior of building is complete.

Cafe demolition is under way. Will need to work with owners of Vibrant Salon building, which shared front wall was disturbed with demolition. Discussion on cafe lot sale price ensued. No action taken.

7:00pm Shane Carlson left the meeting.

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

Motion by Lori DeLong to adjourn at 7:18pm and second by Darin Johnson. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, January 7, 2019 at 5:15 pm.

Veronica L. Dye, Clerk/Treasurer