

July 13, 2015
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 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Gotteberg presided at the meeting.

The following members were absent: Tom Maroney

Shane Carlson moved to approve the agenda. Renae Horning seconded the motion. Unanimous

Minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting were examined and approved. Motion for approval was made by Renae Horning and seconded by Shane Carlson. Unanimous

All General, Sunrise, and Wimmer Home claims for the month of June were examined. Motion for approval was made by Shane Carlson and seconded by Veronica Dye. Unanimous

The general checking bank reconciliation for the month of June was reviewed. Motion for approval was made by Ron Gotteberg. Shane Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimous

Discussion ensued regarding the free lot program minimum home value. There was also a follow up discussion regarding the status of the Reichert free lot and that the City will need to wait for several more months before the City's attorney can work on transferring the lot back into the City's name. No action taken.

The Council Members discussed the 5th Street continuation project and that this is no longer a feasible option for a thoroughfare due to the terrain, proximity to existing buildings, and buried utilities.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for a sign on the dumpster behind the LRC. Ron will contact Alli to order a sign which says "For LRC Use Only".

Ciro DeLaGarza and Amanda Larson were present to discuss their interest in the cafe building and had numerous questions. The Council Members took a short recess to visit the cafe building with the interested party. No action was taken, as they need time to consider the opportunity.

Meeting resumed.

Sunrise and Wimmer Home reports were provided and reviewed. No action taken.

Utilities report was provided. No action taken.

Ron Gotteberg moved to approve a zoning permit application for a garden shed at 216 1st Street West. Shane Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimous

Shane Carlson moved to approve a zoning permit application for a new garage at 145 2nd Avenue West, pending location approval from Lucas for snow removal. Renae Horning seconded the motion. Unanimous

Discussion ensued regarding the need for ordinance letters to the Bergee Apartments for excessive weeds and Dean Lohmeier for dilapidated building.

Discussion ensued regarding the City's contract with the Norman County Sheriff's office for police protection and the need for adequate protection on the western side of Norman County. The City of Hendrum no longer has police protection and would like to contract with the Norman County Sheriff's office as well. However, there is concern that the Sheriff's office would not have enough man power to staff any additional contracted hours. Ron and Veronica will be attending future meetings with the Mayors of Western Norman County and the County Commissioners to be an advocate for additional funding for police protection in Norman County.

Renae Horning moved to adjourn. Veronica Dye seconded the motion. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be August 10, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Veronica L. Dye, Clerk/Treasurer