

**March 4, 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 March 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Gotteberg presided at the meeting.

The following members were absent: Renae Horning

Shane moved to approve the Agenda. Veronica Dye seconded the motion. Unanimous

Minutes of the February meeting were examined and approved. Motion for approval was made by Ron Gotteberg and seconded by Shane Carlson. Unanimous

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

Shane Carlson moved to renew the law enforcement contract with the Norman County Sheriff's department for 2015 at a cost of \$28,606.87. Tom Maroney seconded the motion. Unanimous

Discussion ensued regarding ongoing dog complaint issue. As recommended by the City's Attorney, Clerk/Treasurer Dye will inquire with the City's criminal Attorney regarding this matter. No action taken.

A motion was made by Tom Maroney to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Dye, for General Government, and Allison Tice, for Sunrise and Wimmer Homes, to use Mayor Gotteberg's signature stamp. Shane Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimous

Motion was made by Ron Gotteberg to set special assessment rates at \$60 per frontage foot for 14 years with a rate of 5 percent on the following properties which are no longer deferred: 113 7th Ave E and 115 7th Ave E. Shane Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimous

Tom Maroney moved to approve the draft December 31, 2014 audited financial statements. Ron Gotteberg seconded the motion. Unanimous

Motion was made by Shane Carlson to authorize the authorized signers Mayor Gotteberg, Vice Mayor Carlson, and Clerk/Treasurer Dye, to initiate and process electronic or wire transfers on the following Red River State Bank Accounts:

5338 Street Construction
6736 Tax Increment Financing RRI
6613 Rescue Squad
6605 Street Equipment
5418 General Equipments
70105 General Checking
70105-50 General Savings

Tom Maroney seconded the motion. Unanimous

The council discussed an interested party in using the Cafe building during the all-school reunion to serve a meal. Additional information would be needed as to who would be preparing the meal and if they would be charging for the meal. The council ultimately determined that it would not be profitable to prepare the space, if available, for one-day use. No action taken.

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

Utilities report - Tom Maroney discussed rate increases approved by the utilities commission for both electric and water/sewer effective February 20, 2015. No action taken.

Ron Gotteberg provided an update on his trip to St. Paul to attend the finance committee hearing in support of funding for needed levee improvements. Rep. Paul Marquart represented the City's levee improvement project of which \$2.3 million is needed for gate well improvements. Additional information on the funding will be available in the upcoming months.

Tom Maroney moved to adjourn. Shane Carlson seconded the motion. The next regular meeting of the Council will be April 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Veronica L. Dye, Clerk-Treasurer