

**February 12, 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 February 12, 2018 at 5:15 pm.

Mayor Lori DeLong called the regular meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

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

The following council members were absent: None

Others in attendance: Lucas Spaeth, Jessica Spaeth, Adam Camp, Saul Garcia, and Bruce Purrington

Motion by Darin Johnson and second by Shane Carlson to approve the agenda as modified to add item 7D under new business to add approval of \$11,500 Fire Gambling Fund donation. Motion carried.

Motion by Shane Carlson and second by Brandon Mickelson to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 8, 2018. Motion carried.

Adam Camp was present for the public forum. He had several concerns 1) house located by Cenex needs to be cleaned up, 2) the new equipment storage building was sitting too long over winter without work being done, 3) EDA granted improper storefront improvement funds to the Halstad Lutheran Church because of separation of church and state.

Saul Garcia was present for the public forum to touch base about the lot sale agreed upon at the December 2017 meeting, as they just returned from Texas.

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 January 2018
- b. General checking bank reconciliation for January 2018
- c. Liquor License Application-Halstad Fire Relief Assn: March 10, 2018

Jessica Spaeth, EDA, presented information on street light pole banners for the City and asked for funding from the City. The banners would cost approximately \$5,000 and the EDA would pay for half. Motion by Lori DeLong to approve funding for half of the costs of the banners, up to \$2,500, contingent upon design approval. Veronica Dye seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding the recent action approved by the Norman County West School Board to tuition out the high school students to Ada for the upcoming school year. The council expressed concern that the high school facility may end up sitting vacant. Councilmember Shane Carlson was wondering if there was some legal filing which could be agreed upon that would require the school to tear-down the oldest part of the facility, prior to the school disposing of the facility to any other individual or entity. Treasurer Dye will conduct some research on this. There was also discussion regarding the Valley Innovation Group and their efforts to start an innovative learning school/zone in the district. No action taken.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for additional affordable housing in our community. A new development may need to be started on soon, with different housing options. This will be a continued discussion item. No action taken.

Brandon Mickelson moved to accept a donation of \$11,500 from the Halstad Fire Relief Association Gaming Funds. Veronica Dye seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An update on the status of the cafe was provided by Lucas Spaeth. Everything is clean now and should be ready for auction in March.

An update was provided on the upcoming road projects by Mayor Lori DeLong and Lucas Spaeth. An engineer will need to be involved in the near future.

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

Motion by Shane Carlson to adjourn at 6:45pm and second by Veronica Dye. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, March 12, 2018 at 5:15 pm.

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Veronica L. Dye, Clerk/Treasurer