

**February 13, 2017
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 Community Center in said City on February 13, 2017 at 5:15 pm.

Mayor DeLong presided at the meeting.

The following members were absent: None

Others in attendance: Amber Oien, Betty Jean Oien, Lucas Spaeth, Todd Westcott, and Ann Tommerdahl

Shane Carlson moved to approve the agenda. Veronica Dye seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting were examined. Motion for approval was made by Shane Carlson and seconded by Brandon Mickelson. Unanimous

All General, Sunrise, and Wimmer Home claims for the month of January 2017 were examined. Motion for approval was made by Darin Johnson and seconded by Shane Carlson. Unanimous

The general checking bank reconciliation for the month of January 2017 was reviewed. Motion for approval was made by Shane Carlson. Brandon Mickelson seconded the motion. Unanimous

Amber Oien was present to discuss her interest in the free lot program. She provided a depiction and rough dimensions for the house she plans to build on parcel 28-3558011, Lot 11, Block 3 Sunrise Addition. Darin Johnson made a motion to approve the free lot program contract with Amber Oien, pending the signed free lot housing application. The following voted aye: Lori DeLong, Darin Johnson, Veronica Dye and Brandon Mickelson. Shane Carlson abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Shane Carlson moved to approve a one day temporary on-sale liquor license application from the Halstad Fire Relief Association for February 18, 2017. Veronica Dye seconded the motion. Unanimous

Motion by Veronica Dye to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02-13

RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF HALSTAD ON BEHALF OF ITS CITY ATTORNEY AND POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Halstad on behalf of its Prosecuting Attorney and Police Department desires to enter into Joint Powers Agreements with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to use systems and tools available over the State's criminal justice data communications network for which the City is eligible. The Joint Powers Agreements further provide the City with the ability to add, modify and delete connectivity, systems and tools over the five year life of the agreement and obligates the City to pay the costs for the network connection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Halstad, Minnesota as follows:

1. That the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements by and between the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the City of Halstad on behalf of its Prosecuting Attorney and Police Department, are hereby approved.

2. That the Mayor-, Lori DeLong, or his or her successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the Police Department. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the City's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.

To assist the Authorized Representative with the administration of the agreement, Veronica Dye is appointed as the Authorized Representative's designee.

3. That the Mayor-, Lori DeLong, or his or her successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the Prosecuting Attorney. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the City's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.

To assist the Authorized Representative with the administration of the agreement, Veronica Dye is appointed as the Authorized Representative's designee.

4. That Lori DeLong-, the Mayor for the City of Halstad, and Veronica Dye, the City Clerk, are authorized to sign the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements.

Passed and Adopted by the Council on this 13th day of February, 2017.

CITY OF Halstad

By: Lori DeLong
Its Mayor

ATTEST: _____
By: Veronica Dye
Its City Clerk

Darin Johnson seconded the motion. Unanimous

Ann Tommerdahl and Lucas Spaeth, Norman County West School District #2527 school board members, were present to discuss the current financial situation of the Norman County West Schools and resulting challenges. A letter was recently mailed out to the community with information on three options: 1) continue operations as is, 2) combine the high school and elementary into a one building campus, and 3) potential consolidation with the Ada-Borup school. Ann and Lucas presented these three options and were at the city council meeting to field any questions the city council might have. Discussion ensued. No action taken.

A closed meeting was called at 6:13 pm to discuss the legal matter City of Halstad vs. Reichert.

Closed meeting ended and regular meeting resumed at 6:16 pm.

Lucas Spaeth, Utility Superintendent, informed the council that the City of Halstad was not selected for a contract with ZEF Energy for the electric vehicle charging station program.

Discussion ensued regarding the continued need for a replacement loader. Lucas Spaeth, indicated that he is still looking for a used loader at a reasonable price. With only a few weeks of winter left, he didn't want to rush a loader purchase or lease.

Brandon Mickelson moved to approve the purchase of new United States Flags and flag poles for the downtown light poles from Display Sales in the quoted amount of \$1,821.00. Darin Johnson seconded the motion. Unanimous

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

Veronica Dye moved to adjourn. Shane Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimous. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, March 13, 2017 at 5:15 pm.

Veronica L. Dye, Clerk/Treasurer