

**June 15, 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 Community Center (Legion Recreation Center) in said City on June 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Ron Gotteberg presided at the meeting.

The following members were absent: none

Tom Maroney moved to approve the Agenda. Shane Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimous

Minutes of the May 11, 2015 and June 8, 2015 meetings were examined and approved. Motion for approval was made by Renae Horning and seconded by Tom Maroney. Unanimous

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

The general checking bank reconciliation for the month of May was reviewed. Motion for approval was made by Ron Gotteberg. Tom Maroney seconded the motion. Unanimous

Renae Horning introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION # 2015-06-15A
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
IN THE CITY OF HALSTAD**

WHEREAS, the City of Halstad is the owner of real property in the City of Halstad, Norman County, Minnesota, legally described as follows:

**Lot Four (4), Block Three (3), Sunrise Addition, City of Halstad,
Norman County, Minnesota, according to the recorded plat thereof.**

WHEREAS, Rene and Elizabeth Tovar desire to purchase said property from the City of Halstad, for the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, and the City of Halstad desires to sell said property to Rene and Elizabeth Tovar, as Joint Tenants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the City of Halstad shall enter into a Quit Claim Deed with Rene and Elizabeth Tovar, as Joint Tenants, in which the City agrees to sell the above described real property in the City of Halstad, Norman County, Minnesota, for the sale price of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Halstad are authorized to execute and deliver any documents, including, but not limited to, said Quit Claim Deed, necessary to effectuate said transfer of the premises.

Tom Maroney seconded the motion. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Renae Horning introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION # 2015-06-15B
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
IN THE CITY OF HALSTAD**

WHEREAS, the City of Halstad is the owner of real property in the City of Halstad, Norman County, Minnesota, legally described as follows:

**Lot Three (3), Block Three (3), Sunrise Addition, City of Halstad,
Norman County, Minnesota, according to the recorded plat thereof.**

WHEREAS, Rene and Elizabeth Tovar desire to purchase said property from the City of Halstad, for the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,545.00) and other good and valuable consideration, and the City of Halstad desires to sell said property to Rene and Elizabeth Tovar, as Joint Tenants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the City of Halstad shall enter into a Quit Claim Deed with Rene and Elizabeth Tovar, as Joint Tenants, in which the City agrees to sell the above described real property in the City of Halstad, Norman County, Minnesota, for the sale price of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,545.00) and other good and valuable consideration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Halstad are authorized to execute and deliver any documents, including, but not limited to, said Quit Claim Deed, necessary to effectuate said transfer of the premises.

Tom Maroney seconded the motion. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Wayne Tenneson was in attendance at the meeting and presented his views on the free lot program and had questions on the program qualifications. He will come to a future meeting if he is still interested in acquiring a city owned lot.

Emily Finney was present to express her desire to purchase half of the adjoining lot next to theirs for future construction of a garage. Tom Maroney motioned to approve the sale of half (approximately 47 feet) of Lot Six(6), Block Two(2), Sunrise Addition, for \$15 per frontage foot to Matt and Emily Finney. The Finney's will pay the purchase price and also the cost to merge the purchased lot with their existing lot. The City will combine the other half of Lot Six(6), Block Two(2), Sunrise Addition with the adjoining City-

owned lot to the south, Lot Five(5), Block Two(2), Sunrise Addition. Veronica Dye seconded the motion. Unanimous

Shane Carlson moved to update the free lot housing program values to a minimum of \$125,000. Tom Maroney seconded the motion. Unanimous

Robin Stene, General Manager of the Halstad Elevator Company, was present to discuss a potential land trade with the City for the 5th Street continuation project. The Elevator owned land would be traded with the City owned lot located by Cenex. No motion taken at this time.

Ron Gotteberg moved to accept a donation to the Halstad Rescue Squad from Gary Cares for the 2014 One Fund in the amount of \$442. Tom Maroney seconded the motion. Unanimous

Tom Maroney moved to accept a donation from the Halstad Economic Development Association in the amount of \$3,752.35 for general operations of the Halstad Community Center (Legion Recreation Center). Renae Horning seconded the motion. Unanimous

Discussion ensued regarding the required FEMA floodplain ordinance amendment. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) recommends that a draft revised floodplain ordinance be submitted by June 30, 2015. Once a draft is accepted by the City Council, the MNDNR will send a conditional letter of approval and then formal ordinance adoption procedures can be followed. Tom Maroney moved to approve the draft revised floodplain ordinance as written by the MNDNR. Renae Horning seconded the motion. Unanimous

Sunrise and Wimmer Home reports were provided and reviewed. Discussion ensued regarding the cost to combine two sunrise apartments into one. Additional quotes are needed to update flooring and paint the unit. There was also a suggestion to hold off on creating the larger unit until there is an interested renter. No action taken.

Utilities report was provided. No action taken.

All City Council Members took a trip to the two city parks to see if there was a need for more wood chips in the playground areas and to see if any other items needed to be addressed. The west-side park wood chips were in decent condition. However, the east-side park is in great need of additional wood chips. Tom Maroney moved to approve the purchase of up to two(2) truckloads of wood chips for the east-side park. Shane Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimous

All of the City Council Members also drove by the Wimmer Homes to determine the need for exterior painting and how the exterior of one unit is holding up after recently being painted. No action taken.

Tom Maroney moved to adjourn. Veronica Dye seconded the motion. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be July 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Veronica L. Dye, Clerk/Treasurer