

**August 12, 2019  
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 August 12, 2019 at 5:15 pm.

Mayor Lori DeLong called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

The following council members were present: Brandon Mickelson, Darin Johnson, Veronica Dye and Jeremy Melting

The following council members were absent: None

Others in attendance: Lucas Spaeth

Motion by Darin Johnson and second by Brandon Mickelson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeremy Melting and second by Lori DeLong to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 8, 2019 and special meeting held on July 15, 2019. Motion carried.

Individuals present for the public forum: None

Motion by Brandon Mickelson 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 July 2019
- b. General checking bank reconciliation for July 2019
- c. Temporary Liquor License -Halstad Fire Dept September 7, 2019

City road resurface project update was provided. Contractor still plans on work starting end of August. Safe Route to School sidewalk bidding will be held on September 6, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Halstad Telephone Company meeting room. No action.

An update on the Hwy 75 Urban Reconstruction Project was provided by Lucas. Contractors hope to have the Hwy 75 and 1st Street intersection open for traffic on Wednesday, August 14th. Discussion also ensued regarding the small strip of grass which is planned on the East side of Hwy 75 between 1st Street and 3rd Street. Reviewed preliminary costs to do concrete instead of grass in these areas, as it would be cumbersome to mow due to the narrow strip of grass. Lucas will obtain more cost information/options from MnDOT. No action.

Levee recertification work continues. Additional information was received from the DNR regarding the upcoming FEMA map revision. The City will attend information sessions to be held in October and provide related information back to the community. No action.

Discussion ensued regarding the TIF District No. 2. no longer collecting property taxes. TIF expenditure listings cannot be located at this time. Clerk Dye will investigate the possibility of working with the Halstad Telephone Company and Halstad Municipal Utilities on a settlement for their related TIF notes and what this would do to the TIF. No action.

Reminder that there is Community Thrives grants/loans available for projects. No action.

Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming meeting at the former High School building regarding the building and grounds to be held on August 20, 2019. Planning Commission will look into questions regarding the cost/options of heating system /roof in the south side of the building. No action.

A request to establish a new TIF district for a new grocery/hardware store was presented by John Hinkley. Motion by Veronica Dye to contact David Drowns Associates to determine the feasibility of a new TIF district and what that would mean financially for the City. Seconded by Jeremy Melting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brandon Mickelson, to open two new bank accounts and authorize the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Clerk/Treasurer to be authorized check signers, debit card users, and have the authority to initiate and process electronic or wire transfers on the following Red River State Bank Accounts:

- 2019 Construction (account number to be determined)
- 2019 G.O. Note Debt Service (account number to be determined)

Darin Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Updated zoning application for garage at 608 3rd St E was received. Motion by Brandon Mickelson to approve the zoning permit application, noting a variance on the front lot set-back to match that of the existing house. Seconded by Darin Johnson. Motion carried.

Department reports were provided for the Sunrise Apartments, Wimmer Homes, and Utilities. Motion by Jeremy Melting to approve the purchase of a new 2019 JD 1550 mower with trade in of 2016 JD 1550 mower, for a net cost of \$6,400 from Valley Plains Equipment, Hillsboro. Seconded by Darin Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Veronica Dye to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. and second by Lori DeLong. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, September 9, 2019 at 5:15 pm.

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Veronica L. Dye, Clerk/Treasurer