

**August 11 2014
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 Meeting Room in said City on August 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Sortland presided at the meeting.

The following members were absent: None

Ron Gotteberg moved to approve the Agenda. Tom Maroney seconded the motion. Unanimous

Minutes of the July meetings were examined and approved. Motion for approval was made by Renae Horning and seconded by Tom Maroney Unanimous

All claims for the month of July were examined. Motion for approval was made by Tom Maroney and seconded by Shane Carlson. Unanimous

Ron Gotteberg moved to renew a 5 year contract with Fuchs Sanitation. The new contract shows a 3% annual increase for the 5 year period of the contract. Local rates will be increased to cover the increase. Renae Horning seconded the motion. Unanimous

After receiving two written complaints and several verbal concerns about a dog within the City of Halstad and conditions of the property in which the dog resides and after consulting with the City Attorney the following letter was issued.

RE: POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ANIMAL

Please be advised the Halstad City Council, at its regular monthly meeting on July 7, 2014 and after hearing evidence on the matter, designated a dog in your possession as a "potentially dangerous animal" per Ordinance 91: Animals.

You are now on notice that should this dog further bite, attack, or endanger the safety of humans or domestic animals, it will then be designated as "dangerous." Upon this designation, the Council will notify you in writing, the animal will be seized, and you will have fourteen (14) days to appeal the order by requesting a hearing before the City Council for a review of the determination. If no appeal is filed, the Council may order the animal destroyed.

PUBLIC NUISANCE AFFECTING HEALTH

At the same meeting, the Council heard evidence regarding the accumulations of garbage and dog feces on your property. Such conditions are deemed a "public nuisance affecting health" per Ordinance 92.16. Please take this letter as service and written notice of your violation of said ordinance. You have twenty (20) days to properly dispose of the garbage and dog feces in your yard. Upon failure to abate this "nuisance affecting public health," you will be notified in writing of a hearing on the matter at the Council's next regular monthly meeting. If you do not appear at this meeting, the Council will enter an order and seek injunctive relief by serving upon you a copy of the order and notice of motion for summary judgment.

Please keep your animals properly restrained or confined and properly dispose of the garbage and dog feces in your yard to prevent any further action on the part of the City Council.

After consideration of an issue where city property has been used by a neighboring property owner and a prior letter had given notice to clean up such property, the city sent the following letter giving notice to the resident:

You have vehicles and equipment parked on the above mentioned property. This letter is to give you a 30 day notice from the date of this letter to remove any of your property from these lots.

Property not removed after the 30 day notice will be removed by the City and disposed of properly.

Ron Gotteberg moved to adjourn. Tom Maroney seconded the motion. The next regular meeting of the Council will be September 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Ronald Gotteberg, Clerk-Treasure