

Harris City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Randy Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Randy Carlson, Councilmember Craig Moline, Councilmember Al Siedow, Councilmember Garret Pearson

Absent: Councilmember Chell Borash

A quorum was present.

Also Present: Nathan Feist (Bollig Engineering), City staff, and members of the public.

IV. Consent Agenda

Approval of December 22, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes and Accounts Payable.

Motion by Al Siedow, seconded by Garret Pearson, to approve the Consent Agenda.

All in favor, motion carried.

V. Public Comment

Public comments were limited to agenda items and public hearings.

VI. City Council Accepts Feasibility Study

Motion by Al Siedow, seconded by Garret Pearson, to accept the Feasibility Study.

All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Public Hearing – 2026 Fee Schedule

Mayor Carlson opened the public hearing on the proposed 2026 Fee Schedule at 7:05 p.m.

Staff provided an overview of proposed changes to the City Fee Schedule, including adjustments to permit fees, service charges, and administrative fees.

Public Comment:

Council received comments regarding the proposed fee schedule and discussed the purpose of periodic updates to reflect service costs and maintain transparency.

VIII. Public Hearing – Water and Sewer Upgrades / I-35 Extension / Well #3

Presentation:

Nathan Feist of Bollig Engineering presented project background, infrastructure needs, cost estimates, funding options, and long-term system considerations.

Public Comment:

Residents spoke on topics including:

- Connection requirements and comparisons to other cities
- “Fail or sale” concepts and potential ordinance provisions
- Timing and interim solutions when private systems fail
- Use of existing pump/force mains
- Construction impacts, tree preservation, sewer depth, and lift station location

Council Discussion Included:

- Grant and loan funding opportunities
- Assessment structure and timing
- Ordinance implications
- Economic development considerations
- Balancing infrastructure needs with affordability

Direction was given to continue evaluation and bring refined scenarios back to Council.

Mayor Carlson closed the public hearing at 8:37 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS

A. Fire Department Report

Firefighter Luke November presented the Fire Department report due to Fire Chief Chapeau needing to leave early.

Council was notified of the line-of-duty death of Firefighter Tim Bertz on December 22, 2025. Memorial services and honors were noted.

Motion by Al Siedow, seconded by Craig Moline, to formally conclude Firefighter Bertz's service and retire badge #15.

All in favor, motion carried.

MNFIRE counseling services were announced for department members.

The Fire Department reported 121 calls for service in 2025 and outlined 2026 goals including grants, training, and equipment upgrades.

A Fire Department workshop with Council is planned for February 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Additional Repair Cost:

Motion by Al Siedow, seconded by Mayor Carlson, to approve additional costs for an oil sensor repair, bringing the total to \$1,774.54.

Motion carried.

Command Vehicle Invoice:

Discussion was held regarding an invoice lacking prior authorization. By consensus, the matter was tabled for further review.

B. Water and Sewer Extension to I-35 and Well #3

Engineer Feist addressed questions raised during the public hearing regarding interim solutions, reuse of private systems, sewer depth, and lift station concepts. No formal action was taken.

C. Greg Twingstrom – Water and Sewer Extension

Mr. Twingstrom raised concerns regarding assessments, connection requirements, costs, and timing. Council noted these items were addressed during the public hearing and encouraged participation at the January 26, 2026 Planning Commission meeting.

D. Nagell Appraisal & Consulting

Motion by Garret Pearson, seconded by Al Siedow, to approve appraisal services related to water and sewer expansion impacts at a cost of \$2,200.

Motion carried.

E. Water Looping Project – Preliminary Engineering Report

Motion by Al Siedow, seconded by Garret Pearson, to approve submission of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER).

Motion carried.

F. 45560 Forest Blvd Conditional Use Permit

Motion by Al Siedow, seconded by Mayor Carlson, to approve the Conditional Use Permit per Planning Commission recommendations.

Vote: Aye: 4, Nay: 1 (Moline)

Motion carried.

G–H. Zoning Map Updates / Proposed R1.5 District

Discussion held regarding proposed zoning changes and long-range planning considerations. No action taken.

I. Water Tower Service Agreement

Motion by Garret Pearson, seconded by Mayor Carlson, to select KLM for water tower services.

Motion carried.

J. Clerk Transition Items

Discussion held regarding account signers and City credit cards. Mayor Carlson will research options and report back to Council.

K. Resolution 2026-01 – Annual Appointments and Designations

Motion by Garret Pearson, seconded by Al Siedow, to approve Resolution 2026-01, including designation of First Resource Bank as City depository.

Motion carried.

L. Ordinance 2026-01 – Fee Schedule

Motion by Al Siedow, seconded by Garret Pearson, to approve Ordinance 2026-01.

Motion carried.

M. Resolution 2026-02 – Findings Regarding FTTH Project

Motion by Craig Moline, seconded by Al Siedow, to approve Resolution 2026-02.

Motion carried.

N. WWTF HVAC Repairs

Discussion held. No action taken.

IX. Staff / Department Reports

Written reports received from:

- Public Works

- PeopleService
- Planning Commission
- Clerk
- Treasurer

X. Mayor and Council Reports

None.

XI. Adjourn

Motion by Al Siedow, seconded by Garret Pearson, to adjourn.

All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

City Clerk

Randy Carlson, Mayor

Date Approved: February 9th 2026