

**HARRIS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 13, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.**

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call:** City Clerk Shannon Geier conducted roll call. Present were Mayor Randy Carlson, Councilmember Diane Miller, Councilmember David Maack, Councilmember Al Siedow, and Councilmember Garret Pearson. City Clerk Geier announced that a quorum was present.
- IV. **Resolution 2024-14 Canvassing Board:** Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-14, a resolution to certify the Tuesday, November 5, 2024, general election municipal results. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Special Meeting Agenda:**
  - A. **Fire Department - \$15,000 loan** – Carlson stated that the fire department is requesting a payment towards the St Croix fire truck so they can get it to the Harris fire station before winter. Pearson questioned the money situation since he saw a post on Facebook from the fire department saying they are not over budget. Carlson said they are on budget or just slightly over. Geier stated they are already over budget and still have two payrolls and other costs that have not been accounted for so the \$15,000 will have to come from somewhere else in the general fund. Sewer and Water are enterprise funds and cannot be used for anything else. Siedow made a motion to approve a loan of \$15,000 from the general fund to make a payment towards purchase of a fire truck from St Croix Fire. The Harris Fire Department will pay back the general fund once their excess equipment is sold. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
    - Pearson made a motion to approve payment of a \$713.35 invoice from Emergency Apparatus Maintenance, Inc. to replace the handle for the rear discharge valve on Engine 1 (white). Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
  - B. **Lutgen Relocation** – Mrs. Lutgen was present to request approval to move a house onto their property. The property in question had been cited for cleanup and removal of multiple primary structures. Lutgen stated that the primary structures have been removed and they continue to work on cleaning up other outbuildings. Geier suggested the council approve the relocating of a house and consider a letter of intent to clean up the rest of the property. Mrs. Lutgen was agreeable to that suggestion. Siedow made a motion to approve the request for a relocated primary structure and require a letter of intent to clean up the property within five years. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

C. **Pallet Shelving for Cold Storage** – Pearson provided an update on the cleaning of cold storage by Teich, Retherford, Siedow, Carlson, and Pearson. They were able to get rid of a trailer full of wood and stair risers, sold a heater for \$500, scrap steel for \$216, and electric motors for \$132. They will take a snowblower thought to be too small for the tractor and a packer to Heidelberger’s Auction. Pearson then suggested the city purchase pallet racking from Tri State Surplus in Big Lake for cold storage shelving. Pearson will pick up the shelving at no cost. Maack made a motion to approve up to \$1,500 to purchase shelving. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

VI. **Adjourn:** Miller made a motion to adjourn. Pearson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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City Clerk – Shannon Geier

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Randy Carlson - Mayor

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Date Approved

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