

Harris City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2024

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 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, and Councilmember Al Siedow. Councilmember Garret Pearson was absent. City Clerk Geier announced that a quorum was present.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** Siedow made a motion to approve the October 21, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, November 13, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes, and Accounts Payable. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment:** None.
- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
 - A. **Fire Department** – Chief 2 Gabi Streater was present to review the written report.
 - Josh Rouse, Interim Truck Captain, was present to discuss the status of truck repairs. The EAM and Fire Safety invoices were from projects prior to him taking over so he did not know why they were not previously approved. He assured the council that he is familiar with the purchase order requirements and will adhere to them going forward.
 - Rouse then reported on the status of equipment for sale. Miles City, Montana has indicated an interest in Heavy Rescue and Wounded Knee, South Dakota is interested in Engine 6. A Foundation has asked that Harris donate Engine 6 to Wounded Knee, SD because they are a struggling fire department, underfunded, and a department in need. Rouse stated there have been no other serious inquiries and would prefer to donate the Engine 6 but first wants to check to see if the Foundation is solid. Maack made a motion to donate Engine 6 to Wounded Knee, SD after due diligence. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Rouse reported that the truck purchased from St Croix Falls will be picked up 11/20/24 and St Croix Falls is also donating tools, LED lights, and light bars.
 - B. **Emergency Apparatus Maintenance invoice (Engine 6)** - and
 - C. **Fire Safety (Engine 2 oil leak- June 2024)** – Miller made a motion to approve payment of the \$1,260.53 EAM invoice for engine 6 and the Fire Safety \$2,215 invoice for engine 2. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - D. **Resolution 2024-16 Certifying Delinquent Utility** – Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-16, a resolution certifying delinquent utility bills. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - E. **Final Property Tax Levy** – To be finalized at the December council meeting.

- F. **Microphones for Council Chambers -update** – Carlson will attend an AVI conference in Minneapolis and meet with vendors, Microsoft, and Teams representatives to discuss options.
- G. **Culvert on 470th that Lumen hit-update** – Working with Lumen to get repairs done properly. The line was installed under the culvert and the culvert was damaged. The culvert must be repaired and lowered so the line may also need to be moved. The city is holding \$2500 escrow but will need an estimate from a contractor to be sure it covers all the costs.
- H. **Animal Permit for Carol Raymond** – Miller made a motion to approve the annual animal permit application from Carol Raymond. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. **Georgia N gravel / 442nd – Update** – Public works will gravel the road in the spring.
- J. **460th Gravel issue** – Gravel is needed, soft spot in the road has eroded. Too late for gravel this year. Get estimates for repairing the road and work on a long-term plan.

VII. Staff/Department Reports:

- A. **Public Works** – Alan Teich reported that two new stop signs were installed on 438th and 439th Streets. Posts were put in the ground for 442nd St., 443rd St., and Grand Avenue. The street signs will be installed once they are ordered and received. The grader needs repairs. Residents are complaining about the roads and City Clerk Geier was not aware that the grader had broken down again. She needs to be kept in the loop and made aware of problems to be able to respond to residents’ phone calls appropriately. Siedow made a motion to have RDO come out to look at the grader. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. **PeopleService Report** – Written report.
- C. **Clerk’s Report** – Written report.
- D. **Mayor and Council Reports** – None.

VIII. Adjourn: Miller made a motion to adjourn. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There being no further business, Mayor Carlson adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Randy Carlson - Mayor

Date Approved