

**Harris City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m.**

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 2:56 p.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 Craig Moline, Councilmember Al Siedow, and Councilmember Garret Pearson. Councilmember Chell Borash was absent. Geier announced that a quorum was present.
- IV. **Engineering Presentations:**
 - A. **Widseth** – Tim Houle and Frank Brodeen were present to discuss the advantages of hiring Widseth as the Engineering Firm for Harris. Widseth is a multi-discipline firm located in Wyoming, MN. They have a total of twelve offices with 250 team members. Widseth does not bill for 15-minute phone calls, correspondence, or attending meetings, and they do not require a monthly retainer. When asked how they would handle the transition if hired, they stated it would depend on what the other firm had done and been paid for. They could coordinate, for example, with the other firm finishing their current projects and Widseth starting any new projects.
 - B. **MSA** – MSA is the current Engineering Firm for Harris. Chuck Schwartz, Steve Winter, Claire Stickler, and Jeff Powell were present to discuss the advantages of retaining MSA. MSA is a full-service firm, located in St. Paul, and is employee-owned. They have a total of 17 offices with 450 employees in four states. When asked how they would handle the transition if not hired, they stated the process could be as big or as small as the City would want. The projects could be split between the firms. MSA offers a full spectrum of services and partnering with another firm during transition would not be a problem.
- V. **Adjourn:** Pearson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05p.m.

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Randy Carlson - Mayor

Date Approved