

HARRIS CITY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 13, 2023

- 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 David Maack, Councilmember Diane Miller, Councilmember Garret Pearson, and Councilmember Al Siedow. City Clerk Geier announced a quorum is present.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** Siedow made a motion to approve the February 13 Regular Meeting Minutes, February 15 Emergency Meeting Minutes, and Accounts Payable. Pearson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment:** None.
- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
 - A. **Variance for Chisago County Garage** – Miller made a motion to approve the variance for 43743 Forest Blvd, Chisago County Garage. Carlson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. **Ordinance 2023-03 Home Occupation** – Siedow made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-03, Adoption of Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 154 Home Occupation Definitions and District Regulations to allow accessory buildings for home occupation by an interim permit. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. **Ordinance 2023-02 Downtown Redevelopment Overlay** – Siedow made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-02, Adoption of Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance 154.014 District Regulations for Downtown Overlay District. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - D. **Fire Department reports -**
 - Chief Chapeau Report – Written report. Also, request for council action to purchase extrication equipment of Hurst spreaders, Hurst cutting tool, Hurst pump, and three hose reels with 100 ft of hose on each, from Fayetteville, PA Fire Dept for outfitting engine number two. Pearson made a motion to approve the purchase at a cost of \$3500 plus shipping. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Chief 3 Morin Training Report – Written report.
 - Lakes Region EMS, Inc. Medical Direction Agreement – Miller made a motion that the city approve a Medical Direction Agreement with Lakes Region EMS,

Inc. and sign the contract, Pearson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- E. **Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail Update** – Written report.
- F. **Old Hwy 61 Coalition contribution request** – Pearson made a motion to contribute \$100 to the Old Hwy 61 Coalition for Harris to be part of the cooperative marketing effort to promote our area. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- G. **Consider Bonding from MRWA and/or Ehlers** – Carlson made a motion to table until after line-item I. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- H. **Resolution 2023-10 Public Hearing** on Proposed property tax abatements for broadband – Carlson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-10, a Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Abatements, Adoption of Business Subsidy Criteria and Proposed Granting of Business Subsidy. Pearson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. **Review Public Hearing and consider Adoption of Assessment Roll -**
 - Resolution 2023-11 Harder Ave – Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-11, a Resolution Adopting Special Assessment for the Harder Avenue Paving Improvement Project of 2023 for a period of 15 years at market interest rate. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Resolution 2023-12 Ginger Ave – Miller made a motion to table indefinitely until we decide to look at it again. Pearson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Resolution 2023-13 Falcon Ave – Miller made a motion to table indefinitely until we decide to look at it again. Siedow seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1, Carlson opposed.
- G. **Consider Bonding from MRWA and/or Ehlers** – The Council directed City Clerk to request new amortization schedules from MRWA and Ehlers.

VII. Staff/Department Reports:

- A. **Public Works** – Written report. Also, Siedow made a motion to purchase carbide blades from Councilmember Pearson's father at a cost of \$2,000. Maack seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0, Pearson abstained.
- B. **Parks and Rec** – Written report. Also, Siedow reported the insurance payment for playground vandalism will be \$11,000.
- C. **Planning Commission** – Written report.
- D. **PeopleService Report** – Written report.

E. Clerks report – Written report. Also, Chisago County reported a noncompliance issue with the sewer at 43566 Ginger Ave. The Council needs to determine if it should be connected to municipal sewer and water.

F. Treasurer report – Written report.

G. Mayor and Council Reports – Written report. Also, Carlson will get an estimate to replace three basement windows at the Legion.

VIII. Adjourn: Siedow made a motion to adjourn. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There being no further business, Mayor Carlson adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Randy Carlson - Mayor

Date Approved