

**HARRIS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022**

- 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 in-house were Mayor Carlson, Councilmember Maack, Councilmember Sculley, with Councilmember Rossini present via conference call. Councilmember Miller was absent. A quorum was present.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** Maack made a motion to approve the February 24, 2022, Special Meeting minutes. Carlson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment** -None
- VI. **Regular Agenda**
  - A. **JJ Hastings update and information** – Chief Hastings thanked the council for the last year and half of supporting his rebuilding of the Fire Department. Now that they are under new leadership, they are still in need of the councils’ support, please continue to help them to become a stable cohesive team.
  - B. **438th city lot information** – the mayor contacted three relators and is still waiting for two realtors to return with written proposals. Amy Berry out of North Branch sent a presentation and suggested listing the lot for \$85,900. The council decided to table the selling of lot till they have more information at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - C. **Elevated Welding Services Contract** - Maack made a motion to sign the contract from Elevated Welding Services. Sculley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
  - D. **Resolution 2022-04 – reestablishing precincts and polling places** – Sculley made a motion to pass resolution 2022-04 for restabling precincts and polling places for the City of Harris. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
  - E. **Well house ceiling update** – Rossini asked if the mayor could appeal the amount that submitted and ask for an additional \$1000. The mayor said he would ask. Sculley made a motion to spend an additional \$1000 to add spray foam insulation to the well house. Maack seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
  - F. **Weight restriction roads signs** -Mayor talked to Alan, they have found the signs and will post the weight restriction signs next week.
  - G. **League of Minnesota Loss Prevention information** On February 23, 2022, the clerk and mayor had a meeting with the League of MN regarding Loss Prevention for the City. After the meeting, the League of MN sent an email with a list of what we need to work on. The mayor met with the Fire Chief (Drew) on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> and discussed a few of the areas of concern. The mayor is also

working on many other areas that need to be addressed and will keep the council informed on the progress.

**H. Public Works Supervisor job description** -Discussion about the job description, pay and hours.

Sculley made a motion to post the supervisor of Public Works for a maximum of 30 hours and salary of \$26-\$30 hours a week. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**I. Treasurer-Elsa Thompson's resignation** – Maack made a motion to accept Treasurer Elsa Thomason's resignation. Carlson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**J. Chisago County Department of Environmental Services and Zoning-Commercial Shooting Range Ordinance** – Informational

**VII. Staff/Department Report**

**A. Harris Volunteer Fire Department**

- Chief Council Report: The council and Fire Chief reviewed and discussed the written report.
- Harris Fire Department Operations and Training Report: The council and Deputy 2 Streater and Deputy 3 Morin reviewed and discussed the written report.

**B. Public Works** -council reviewed and discussed report. PW would like to purchase a Stihl chainsaw; it was tabled for two months. Sculley made a motion for PW to purchase a six-foot fiberglass ladder that is OSHA certified at Menards. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**C. Records retention memo** – Joanne Dargay requested two fireproof cabinets for records retention. The price of the cabinet ranges from \$5109-3850 per cabinet. The mayor said he will look online to see if they can get it cheaper. Maack made a motion to allow the mayor to spend up to \$1500 per cabinet at an online auction. Carlson seconded the motion, motion carried.

**D. PeopleService Report** - Informational

**E. Planning Commission Report** – Are discussing the accessory structure ordinance and an overlay for downtown commercial sites to potentially allow residential housing on second level.

**F. Mayor and Council Reports** - Council read and discussed the mayors report. The mayor would like to attend a conference at Breezy Point Resort on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>. He would like to go just one day for \$125 plus milage. Rossini made a motion to allow the mayor to go to the conference plus milage. Maack seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**VIII. Adjourn:** Maack made a motion to adjourn. Carlson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There being no further business, Mayor Carlson adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

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Shannon Geier, City Clerk

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Randall Carlson, Mayor

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Date Approved