HARRIS CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021

1. Call to Order
   1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
   1. All present participated in the pledge of allegiance.
3. Roll Call
   1. Roll call was conducted by city clerk Teich, Councilmembers present were as follows: Mayor Carlson, Councilmember Sculley, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Rossini, Councilmember Maack. A quorum was present.
4. Consent Agenda
   1. Council member Miller motioned to approve, Council member Sculley seconded, all voting aye, motion carried.
5. Public Comment
   1. There was no public comment.
6. Regular Agenda
7. 438th Sanitary Sewer Improvements - Chuck Schwartz, City Engineer presented the feasibility study concerning improvements to the 438th street sanitary sewer, commencing at Gladstone. Sharing site drawings Engineer Schwartz explained the details of the proposed repair. (Engineers report on file, city hall.) Outlined in the presentation was the fact that the present septage system is placed quite shallow, making the present system susceptible to freezing and conditions or events that could damage the system were it to be repaired and placed in similar fashion. (Known as Option #1 at a proposed cost of $146,000.) A second option, places the system lower in the ground at a cost of $170,000 est., ameliorating some of the possible future problems of a shallow system. Known as Option #2. Engineer Schwartz advised council that it is prudent to move ahead with the repair, as letting the bid, allowing contractors time to respond, selecting the successful bidder, starting the work in a favorable weather window. A resident whose home is needing a connection repaired to the system asked questions specific to her situation as the homes connection to the system needs repair.
   1. Councilmember Miller motioned to approve moving forward with Option #2, Councilmember Sculley seconded, all voting Aye, motion passed.
8. Amendment #1 to Engineer project contract for 438th project – Engineer Schwartz presented to move forward with the design, bid and construction process, MSA facilitated, a contract amendment is necessary in the estimated cost of $27,000.
   1. Mayor Carlson motioned to approve amendment #1, to the MSA contract for the 438th project in the amount of $27,200.00, Councilmember Miller seconded, all voting Aye, motion passed.

In closing remarks from Engineer Schwartz, he offered to work with the city in providing consultative planning services specific to the work of former city of Harris Planner. The support could take many forms, and be case specific, or regular office hours in Harris, phone consult, be time limited or ongoing. As the Mayor and council decide how to address planning matters Engineer Schwartz indicated MSA willingness to assist.

1. Kubota Repair - Estimate from Olson Power for repair and tune up of the city Kubota was reviewed. Council discussed whether to authorize the work as outlined in the estimate or whether the city should purchase a new machine.
   1. Councilmember Maack motioned to authorize the repairs as outlined on the bid, Councilmember Sculley seconded, all voting aye, motion carried.
2. American Legion Post #139 Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo
   1. Councilmember Miller motioned to approve, Mayor seconded, all voting aye, motion carried.
3. Staff / Department Reports
   1. Council received written reports from Fire Chief, City Treasurer, Clerk, Public Works, and Peoples Services.
   2. Peoples Services Corporation recently submitted to city of Harris information pertaining to a mutual aid agreement specific to the use of water, and water resources in the event of a disaster. Referred to as MNWarn, this nationwide system is for use in times of disaster, knowing water and septic services are a primary need of persons experiencing the disaster. The Council discussed the document as presented, noting more time is needed to understand the implications of the agreement for the city, and assess the need for entering into this mutual aid agreement. More research is required.
      1. Councilmember Miller motioned to table the matter for more research, Council member Rossini seconded, all voting aye, motion carried.
4. Old Business – none identified.
5. Planning Commission Report – Planning Commission Chair Rossini reported the Commission is working on a Signage policy for the city. Ordinance revision work is to be addressed at next Planning Commission meeting.
6. Mayor’s report – Focusing on review of city roads, gravel history, to prepare a road maintenance plan. Contact with Keller and discussion with public works personnel, and visual onsite inspection of roads all contribute to the process. Noted residents of Harris have also provided input as to the current status of the roads in Harris.
7. Motion to adjourn was offered by Councilmember Miller with Councilmember Maack second, all voting Aye, motion carried. 8:01 p.m.

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Nancy Teich Randall Carlson

Harris City Clerk Mayor

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