

HARRIS CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 8, 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 Treasurer Sue Reising conducted roll call. Present were Mayor Randy Carlson, Councilmember Diane Miller, Councilmember David Maack, and Councilmember Al Siedow. Councilmember Garret Pearson was absent. A quorum was present.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** Miller made a motion to approve the April 10, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, and Accounts Payable. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment:** Gerald Williams asked when the water tower repainting will be done. There were no other comments.
- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
 - A. **Ashley Rustad basement** – Rustad, 6705 438th St., was present to advise the Council that her driveway culvert had been plugged by the contractors working on 438th and her basement flooded. Her insurance will not pay because the culvert was plugged. The yard is also damaged at the end of the driveway and there is mold in the basement. It will cost at least \$800 to replace the carpet. Steve Winter from MSA was present and did not think the contractor did any work in the ditch on the Rustad property. Carlson asked Winter to check with the contractor to confirm and possibly obtain pictures of the area before and after the job was completed.
 - B. **Ehlers presenting bond sale information** – Todd Hagen with Ehlers was present to discuss the Sale Day Report for the City of Harris \$525,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023A. This will finance the local share of a high-speed internet FTTH upgrade for Century Link and paving a portion of Harder Avenue. The lowest bid was Northland Securities, Inc. at 3.9427% true interest rate, and the highest bid was Bernardi Securities, Inc. at 4.1399% true interest rate. The closing date is June 1, 2023.
 - C. **Resolution 2023-17 approving business subsidy agreement and accepting proposal on sale of \$525,000 general obligation bond, series 2023A, providing for issuance and pledging for security thereof special assessment and abatements and levying a tax for the payment thereof** – Carlson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-17. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - D. **Post-Issuance Compliance Policies and Procedures** – Miller made a motion to approve the proposed Governmental Bonds Post-Issuance Compliance Policies and Procedures. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- E. **2023 Well #3 Design and Bidding PSA** – Siedow made a motion to authorize a Professional Services Agreement with MSA to provide Well #3 Design and Bidding phase services at a lump sum fee of \$91,000. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. **2023 Deed SCDP Administration** – Carlson made a motion to authorize the Task Order for MSA to provide services required by the 2023 DEED SCDP Administration of Well #3 Project. The lump sum fee for the work includes DEED Administration, \$20,000; Labor Standards Compliance Monitoring, \$5,000; and Environmental Review Coordination, \$5,000. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- G. **2023 Street Improvements Project (Harder Ave Construction Observation Service)** – Siedow made a motion to approve Task Order #2 for MSA to provide Harder Ave Construction Observation Services and related expenses at an estimated cost of \$8,100. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- H. **Schedule PW workshop** – Carlson is requesting a workshop be scheduled to allow for community involvement in planning for the future of public works. Treasurer Reising suggested a financial workshop should be scheduled first. The PW workshop was scheduled for Wednesday, May 31 @ 6:00 pm.
- I. **Parks and Recreation** – Park and Rec Chair Siedow advised the Council that Harris did not win the bid for a playground structure from the on-line auction. He also presented a list of items for Council feedback and approval to move forward. Items discussed include expand parking at Firemen's Park, grass infield at Stark Field, clear and expand Schoolhouse Park, repair electric outlets on street light poles or consider solar Christmas lights, scheduling procedure for park facilities, Park and Rec survey for Harris Days booth, lock on ballfield lights, and dedicate ballfield fence sign revenue to the Park and Rec Dept. Carlson made a motion to move forward with the presented items. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- J. **Zaccardi IUP** – Several neighbors of the Zaccardi property were in attendance to ask why they are required to follow the ordinances when Zaccardi is not. Zaccardi's accessory building was permitted for agricultural use only. He needs to pay the proper permit fee and have the building inspected for business. The track on Zaccardi's property continues to be used even though it is against the ordinances. The track needs to be removed. Miller suggested the IUP be considered with contingencies. Siedow made a motion to approve the IUP as presented. Maack seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0, Miller abstained.
- K. **Paul Miller Deferred Assessment** – Miller made a motion to approve the application for delayed payment of tax on special assessments for senior citizens' homestead on Harder Avenue. Carlson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- L. **Liquor License** – Siedow made a motion to authorize the liquor license renewal for The Fuse contingent upon receipt of a current certificate of insurance and clean background check, and for The Bottle Shop contingent upon a clean background check. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- M. **Gravel Bids** – Miller made a motion to approve 2,000 yards of Class 5 gravel. Carlson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- N. **Animal Permits** – Miller made a motion to approve the animal permits for David Maack and Anthony Valdovinos. Siedow seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0, Maack abstained.

VII. Staff/Department Reports:

- A. **Public Works** – Written report.
- B. **Parks and Rec** - Written report.
- C. **PeopleService Report** - Written report.
- D. **Clerk's report** - Written report.
- E. **Mayor and Council Reports** – None.
- F. **Treasurer** – Reising advised the Council that she is working on collecting past due accounts, will begin the shut off procedure on unpaid accounts, coordinating installation of remaining water meters, and implementing a quality control process for projects before any payments are made. The County has advised they are putting out for bids to resurface CR-30 north of CR-10 and, when done, will repaint the crosswalks.

- VIII. Adjourn:** Miller 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 9:00 pm.

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Randy Carlson - Mayor

Date Approved