

**Harris City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 31, 2024, @ 4:00 p.m.**

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 Diane Miller, Councilmember David Maack, Councilmember Al Siedow, and Councilmember Garret Pearson. City Clerk Geier announced that a quorum was present.
- IV. **Special Meeting Agenda:**
 - A. **Well #3 Bids** – MSA representative Brad Stuczynski was present via telephone and Chuck Schwartz was present in-house to discuss financial issues with Well #3. The DEED grant is \$600,000 and the estimated cost of the project is \$1.5m. How does the City wish to proceed? After discussing multiple options, the City Council determined the best way to proceed would be to get a survey of the residents on sewer and water to determine median household income (MHI), which would be required for Rural Development (RD) funding. Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) may also be an option for funding. This would delay the project, but DEED has indicated a willingness to extend the grant deadline. Miller made a motion to reject current project bids and pursue RD and PFA funding. Pearson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. **Personnel Committee Meeting** – To be scheduled for discussion of employee review and wage step process.
 - C. **Traffic counts for Falcon Ave** – Schedule for 2025 at the September Rendezvous.
 - D. **Additional PW employee** – The personnel committee will discuss at their next meeting.
 - E. **440th Lift Station fix instead of replace** – George Valvoda from PeopleService presented a proposal from Jones Construction Services to repair the 440th lift station rather than replacing it. Pearson made a motion to approve the repair of the lift station and update the panel to breakers instead of fuses at a cost of \$4,500. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - F. **Grant writing in Sartell** – Pearson made a motion to approve wages, mileage, and food for Geier to attend Grant Writing 201 in Sartell on Thursday, August 8.
 - G. **480th response for Nessel** – Informational.
- V. **Adjourn:** Miller made a motion to adjourn. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Randy Carlson - Mayor

Date Approved