

Harris City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2024

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Diane Miller, Councilmember David Maack, Councilmember Al Siedow, and Councilmember Garret Pearson. City Clerk Geier announced that a quorum was present.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** Siedow made a motion to approve the July 8, 2024, Regular Meeting, July 15th, and July 31st, 2024 Special Meeting and Accounts Payable. Pearson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment:** None.
- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
 - A. **Fire Department** – Fire Chief Drew Chapeau was present to review the written report.
 - FD Award Ceremony 10/26/24 @ 5:00 pm. Informational.
 - Charging for fire calls – The Fire Department is considering reinstatement of billing for fire calls. They will present at the next Council meeting.
 - PPE Alteration invoice – Pearson questioned why the cost was not preapproved. Chapeau stated he needs to have pre-authorization of more than \$500. Siedow made a motion to approve payment of the MacQueen \$2,584.13 bill for gear alterations. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Control burn of the ponds (Al Siedow) – Chapeau is getting the required approval for the Fire Department to do a controlled burn.
 - 2nd Payment of truck – The Fire Department will sell equipment to cover the cost.
 - Fire Department showed the council pictures of door that are rotting. The FD will get 3 quotes and bring it to the council for review.
 - B. **2023 Audit, Dennis Oberloh** – Pearson made a motion to accept the audit as presented. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. **Tina Veteran’s Memorial - Checking account** – Tabled.
 - D. **LMCIT Torte** – Siedow made a motion to approve the Liability Coverage Waiver Form and does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - E. **Fish Lake Shared road maintenance agreement** – The proposed border road agreement for Elmcrest Avenue between the City of Harris and Fish Lake Township was amended to add a stipulation that the road will be graveled every five years. Pearson made a motion to approve the amended agreement. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- F. **Empowering Small Cities-engagement event Saturday Sept 14** – Informational.
- G. **Curbing payment for Schoolhouse Park** – Maack made a motion to approve the payment of the Midsota Curbing \$2,596 bill for the curbing/edging of playground equipment at Schoolhouse Park. Pearson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- H. **ROW 2024-10 Ginger Ave & Stark Rd** – Siedow made a motion to approve the Right-Of-Way application from Lumen. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. **Peddler Permit** – A Transient Merchant/Peddler's License Application to sell educational resources was received from Southwestern Advantage, Nashville, TN. The applicant listed an address of a Church in Stanchfield on the application, but in checking with that location Geier was told he had not been there since February. Council consensus was to deny the request for a permit.
- J. **Harris Day's recap** – Siedow reported that the event was good, but there were a couple of things that needed to be tweaked.
 - MDH – email I received on 8/7/24 – The Minnesota Department of Health notified the City that during an inspection of vendors at the Harris Day's event it was noted that there was not a Special Event Food Stand license. Siedow stated that the Fuse contacted MDH, and everything is in order.

VII. Staff/Department Reports:

- A. **Public Works** – None.
- B. **Planning Commission** – Written report.
- C. **PeopleService Report** - Written report.
- D. **Sheriff's Quarterly report** - Written report.
- E. **Treasurer's Report** - Written report. Treasurer Riesing reminded everyone that proper procedures must be followed for financial accountability.
- F. **Clerk's Report** - Written report.
- G. **Mayor and Council Reports** - Written report. Carlson stated that he approved the repair of the Fire Department furnace/air conditioner, and the Council needs to authorize payment. Siedow made a motion to approve payment, as requested, of the \$1,038 bill. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- VIII. Adjourn:** Siedow made a motion to adjourn. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There being no further business, Mayor Carlson adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Randy Carlson - Mayor

Date Approved