

HARRIS CITY COUNCIL
Emergency Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 30, 2023 @ 1:30 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 1:30 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, and Councilmember Garret Pearson. Absent were Councilmember David Maack and Councilmember Al Siedow. City Clerk Geier announced a quorum is present.
- IV. **Special Agenda:** George Valvoda with PeopleService was present to explain several items on the water tower that need upgrades but require Council authority before the contractors can continue working on the project.
- A. **Mud Plug** – The American Water Works Association (AWWA) recommends that a frost-free plug be installed on the bottom of the water tower tank where sediment settles which can then be drained out without having to empty the entire tank. This will help improve water quality. The estimated cost is \$3,500.
 - B. **Cage for ladder** – The ladder inside the water tower base is surrounded by a cage that needs to be removed. Its original purpose was for safety but has been found to be more dangerous than the new tower climbing safety harnesses. The estimated cost to remove the cage is \$3,000.
 - C. **Replacing valve** – A valve at the base of the water tower is leaking but only at a rate of 10-20 gallons in a 24-hour period. This can be replaced now or can be closed and budgeted for replacement later. The estimated cost is \$3,000-\$8,000.
- Pearson made a motion to approve Items A and B. Carlson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Adjourn:** Miller 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 1:47 pm.

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Randy Carlson - Mayor

Date Approved