

**Harris City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 9, 2024**

- 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 Clerk Shannon Geier conducted roll call. Present were Mayor Randy Carlson, Councilmember David Maack, and Councilmember Al Siedow. Absent were Councilmember Diane Miller and Councilmember Garret Pearson. City Clerk Geier announced that a quorum was present.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:**
  - Siedow made a motion to amend the regular agenda to add Ginger Avenue (south) as item "B." Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
  - Siedow made a motion to approve the August 19, 2024, Regular Meeting, August 19, 2024, Workshop, and Accounts Payable. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment:** Public Works Alan Teich turned in his resignation effective May 1, 2025.
- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
  - A. **Fire Department –**
    - Fire Chief Drew Chapeau was present to review the written report.
    - Grant update: Received \$2500 from DNR to be earmarked for equipment.
    - Fire Hall Doors: One estimate was received from Amador Locksmith & Door Service for three New Hollow Metal Sheet Door/Frame/Hardware replacement including: Door/Frame, Alarm Lock keypad lever, Door Closer, Hinges, Latchgard plate, Weatherstripping, Door sweep, and threshold plate @ 3,823.00 each. Also, one additional Alarm Lock keypad lever @ \$979.00 installed. A cost of \$500 was quoted for painting the doors. Chapeau stated that the Fire Department would paint the doors. Siedow suggested approving one side door replacement and the separate alarm lock keypad lever for a total of \$5000, and then getting more bids for the remaining doors. Teich stated that the public works side door also needs to be replaced. Maack made a motion to approve replacement of one door and purchase of another alarm lock keypad lever as suggested. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. When asked about the FD garage doors Chapeau said they were good.
    - Equipment for sale update: Three departments are looking at the Heavy Rescue which is priced at \$40,000. The price on Engine 6 has been lowered due to lack of interest.

- B. **Ginger Avenue** (south) – Five families from Ginger Ave were present to discuss the deterioration of their paved road. Randy Coe, 42646 Ginger Avenue, was the spokesperson. Coe stated their understanding of the situation was that the original road only had one lift and the Council at that time had accepted the road. The condition of the road is deteriorating, holes were patched but getting worse, and snow removal damage tore up road shoulder. The cul-de-sac has holes that need patching, and the trees need to be cut back. The City accepted the road as it was and should partially pay for resurfacing it. Upkeep of the roads is the City’s responsibility. What is the road schedule? Carlson responded that this road needs to be finished which requires the full cost to the homeowners. There is no schedule on the roads. We only budget. Our priority is to pave Falcon because that is where we receive the most complaints. Also, properties to the north and west of the Ginger cul-de-sac are checking into the possibility of utilizing 430<sup>th</sup> and Ginger to access their properties which may result in more development. To pave Ginger would require a budget increase or take \$10,000 from the gravel fund. Coe restated the City should partially pay for finishing Ginger because if it were considered resurfacing, the homeowners would only pay 30%. Carlson suggested they work together to negotiate a proposal, make an offer of what percent they would pay, and email it to City Clerk Geier for Council consideration. He also asked them to consider pushing it out two years to 2026.
- C. **Empowering Small Cities-engagement event Saturday Sept 14** – Reminder of the Public Engagement Session with U of M representatives.
- D. **2024-12 Resolution Nicks Construction** – Siedow made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-12, a resolution accepting a donation to the City of Harris from Nick Moore Construction of \$2600 for curbing the playground at Schoolhouse Park. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. **Budget** – City Treasurer Riesing began by reviewing the changes that were made to the budget at the previous meeting. Carlson brought up that there should be an overage in public works because a manager was budgeted for but never hired. He directed any overage from this year’s budget be transferred to public works line item 106 street maintenance materials as well as taking \$10,000 from gravel and designating it all to repairing Ginger Avenue (south) next year. Siedow asked Riesing to provide a list of park expenses because he does not believe there is not more money left in the parks department budget. Carlson asked for an e-mail vote on the budget instead of another budget meeting.
- F. **Truth and Taxation Date for Dec 9<sup>th</sup>?** – The public Truth-in-Taxation meeting will be held on Monday, December 9.

**VII. Staff/Department Reports:**

- A. **Public Works** – Teich reported that the one-ton plow was damaged when Nick hit a manhole cover. He also needs cutting edges. Carlson directed Teich to get estimates to present at next month’s meeting.
- B. **PeopleService Report** – Written report.

- C. **Treasurer's Report** – Riesing reported the water billing was completed, and she has been terribly busy.
- D. **Clerk's Report** – Written report.
- E. **Mayor and Council Reports** – None.

VIII. **Adjourn:** Siedow 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 8:12 pm.

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City Clerk – Shannon Geier

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Randy Carlson - Mayor

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