

HARRIS CITY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 17, 2022

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, and Councilmember Dan Sculley. Absent: Councilmember John Rossini. A quorum was present.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** Maack made a motion to approve the September 12, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes and Accounts Payable. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment:** None.
- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
 - A. **Gustafson's IUP update** – Issues still of concern: appearance of berm, condition of 420th on both sides of the pit entrance, and potential of more dust as operation moves northward in pit. Alex Herman, attorney for Gustafson, stated that the screening is adequate as it is like the other pits. Also, the City needs to be more specific with ordinance 155.10 (K). Gustafson is willing to shape the berm and plant wildflowers but not until spring. He will also chloride 420th and inside the pit to help keep down the dust. City Attorney Ted Alliegro suggested a specific plan be devised before spring and to check road periodically. Gustafson agreed to prepare a seeding plan to present at the November 14 City Council meeting. He stated the seeding could be done by June 1, 2023. Concern was voiced that there will be issues in the spring again because the weeds will have died down and there will be nothing to hold down the dust. And it is not known if anything, but weeds will grow in the sand. Gustafson stated he will order the seed mix and application from the professionals. Something measurable needs to be determined for the berm because “aesthetically pleasing” is not a clear enough description of what is desired for the berm’s appearance. Carlson made a motion to table indefinitely; however, we will discuss the seeding plan at November 14th meeting. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. **Draft language for Downtown overlay zone** – The Planning Commission has been drafting language for a Downtown Overlay Zone and is requesting Council review and provide suggestions or recommendations. Councilmembers are asked to submit all comments to the City Clerk prior to the November 10 Planning Commission meeting.

- C. **Department spending limits** – City Departments are following different spending limits and procedures which is affecting required statutory internal control processes. All departments need to follow policy or policies need to be changed. Carlson made a motion to table. Sculley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. **Budget** – A budget workshop will be held on Thursday, October 27 at 6:00 pm.
- E. **The Fire Truck Chassis** – Miller made a motion to put the old fire truck chassis up for sale with a minimum bid of \$500. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. **Quast Property** – The empty lot at 43872 Ginger Ave. has been offered to the City of Harris for \$23,000. Miller made a motion to table indefinitely. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- G. **Public Works wages** – Miller made a motion to pay Jim Goranson \$20 per hour retroactive for the mowing and weed whipping done at the cemetery during 2022 and increase David Maack’s wage to \$22 effective immediately. The motion died for lack of a second. Carlson made a motion to table Public Works wages till January of 2023. Maack seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1, Miller opposed.
- H. **Old Antique shop compliance letter** – City Clerk Geier provided a letter for the Council to consider sending to the owner of property at 43871 Georgia Ave regarding zoning violations. Council approved the letter and directed the City Clerk that if the property owner does not respond, to follow-up with enforcement actions as stated in the letter.
- I. **Schedule canvassing board** – Carlson made a motion to schedule the canvassing board for November 14, 2022, during the regular Council meeting. Sculley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- J. **Lift Station Pump bids** – Maack made a motion to purchase two newer model pumps from Quality Flow Systems for the north-side lift station. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- K. **Fire Hydrant bids** – Sculley made a motion to hire Jones Construction Services, Inc. to replace a damaged fire hydrant and install a gate valve at 6889 Sunrise Road. Carlson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- L. **Reminder: Truth & Taxation meeting Dec 12, 2022, and additional date Dec 19** – The Truth in Taxation meeting will be held on December 12, 2022, during the regular Council meeting.
- M. **John Rossini resignation** – Maack made a motion to accept Councilmember John Rossini’s resignation from the Council and Planning Commission. Carlson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1, Sculley opposed.

VII. Staff/Department Reports

- A. **Public Works** – Written report. Alan Teich handed out a brochure on tailgate spreaders for the Council to consider purchasing for Public Works.
 - B. **PeopleService Report** – Written report.
 - C. **Planning Commission Report** – Written report.
 - D. **Mayor and Council Reports**
 - The DNR has another 2009 Chevy 1-ton pickup available to purchase for \$13,600. Miller made a motion to purchase the truck. Sculley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - The City Hall Office will be closed on Thursday, 10/20.
- VIII. **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 9:32 pm.

Approved