

HARRIS CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 27, 2022

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, and Councilmember Dan Sculley. Absent: Councilmember David Maack. A quorum was present. Maack arrived at 6:03 pm.
- IV. **Special Agenda:**
 - A. **Ordering Improvement for Ginger Ave, Harder Ave, and Falcon Ave**
 - The purpose of this meeting is to consider authorizing the preparation of plans and specifications for the paving projects of Ginger (off 425th), Harder, and Falcon. City Engineer Chuck Schwartz explained that this is just the first step in the process. Then the plans must be approved, put out for bids, and an assessment hearing held. Schwartz quoted a price of \$31,300 for MSA to provide engineering services for the above-described process.
 - Several residents with properties abutting Falcon were in attendance. The property owners with the largest parcels do not want Falcon paved because their proposed assessment is too high for farmland to support. Other comments and questions included: All parcels should be assessed the same; the feeder road properties should also be assessed; if paved, people will just drive faster; why not just chloride; people knew it was a gravel road when they moved here; the Gun Club has 500 members driving the road so they should pay more; and the Council is at fault for not having the County pave Falcon when it was talked about ten years ago.
 - The Council reiterated that the following resolutions are for the plans to be prepared for each of the three roads and is not a decision to pave any of the roads. Carlson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-16, A Resolution Ordering the Improvement and Preparation of Plans and Specifications in the Matter of the Ginger Avenue Improvement Project of 2023. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-17, A Resolution Ordering the Improvement and Preparation of Plans and Specifications in the Matter of the Harder Avenue Improvement Project of 2023. Carlson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Maack made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-18, A Resolution Ordering the Improvement and Preparation of Plans and Specifications in the Matter of the Falcon Avenue Improvement Project of 2023. Carlson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- B. **Budget 2023** – The Council reviewed the preliminary budget to determine if any changes should be made to adjust monies towards projects with more critical needs and/or reduce the budget before the final levy is approved. Several changes were suggested, and the Treasurer will update the budget accordingly.

- V. **Adjourn:** Miller made a motion to adjourn. Sculley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There being no further business, Mayor Carlson adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm.

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Randy Carlson - Mayor

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