

HARRIS CITY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 13, 2023

- 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 Diane Miller, Councilmember David Maack, Councilmember Al Siedow, and Councilmember Garret Pearson. City Clerk Geier announced a quorum is present.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** Maack made a motion to approve the January 9 Regular Meeting Minutes, and Accounts Payable. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment:** None
- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
 - A. **Fire Department reports**
 - Chief Chapeau Report – Written report reviewed.
 - Resignations: Siedow made a motion to accept the resignations of fire fighter John Rakowiecki and probationary fire fighter Jessica Dimish. Pearson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Engine 2: This is the truck purchased from a company in Montana and hose is needed to bring it into compliance. Miller asked how much was spent on truck repairs. Chief Chapeau replied \$5,000. Siedow asked where the other estimates are. Chapeau stated this was cheaper than the other vendors. The only estimate presented was from Matts Mobile Tools, Mechanicsburg, PA. Total cost for all the hose is \$5,000 plus \$1,000 shipping. Another option for shipping is for fire fighters to meet the truck halfway. Motion by Siedow to approve \$5,000 for hose and \$1,000 shipping. Pearson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - EMR Update: This month Harris Fire will be adding response for medical calls. City Clerk Geier asked if we have a contract for medical direction. Chief Chapeau stated that we have a contract with Lakes.
 - Antique Fire Truck: The Fire Dept is requesting this truck be donated to the Fire Relief and requesting proof of ownership.
 - Chief 3 Morin Training Report – Council reviewed written report. Miller asked about the training that had been approved for JJ Hastings. Chapeau stated it had been cancelled due to JJ's work schedule.
 - Fire Relief association – Minutes and Agenda questions – City Clerk Geier advised the Fire Department and Council that a copy of the Fire Relief minutes must be kept at City Hall and the postings must include an agenda or state the purpose of the meeting per state law.

- B. Council reviews bids for Falcon Ave, Ginger Ave & Harder Ave and ordering the assessment hearing between March 6-March 9** – Council reviewed bids.
- C. Nagell Appraisal Report & MRWA Amortization schedule** – Council discussed Agenda Items B and C before making any decisions. Miller asked how Ehlers financing would compare to MRWA. The Mayor is working with Ehlers on the Broadband initiative and will check with them.
- Siedow made a motion to approve the following Resolutions Declaring Cost to be Assessed, and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment:
 - Resolution 2023-04 for Falcon Ave total cost to be assessed \$332,793.75,
 - Resolution 2023-05 for Ginger Ave total cost to be assessed \$76,191.15, and
 - Resolution 2023-06 for Harder Ave total cost to be assessed \$276,660.95.The proper amount to be specially assessed for such improvement against every assessable lot/parcel shall be calculated. The assessments shall be payable over a period of 15 years and shall bear interest at the rate of 2% above market per annum. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Miller made a motion to approve the following Resolutions for Hearing on Proposed Assessments:
 - Resolution 2023-07 for Falcon Ave hearing on March 7 at 7:00 pm,
 - Resolution 2023-08 for Ginger Ave hearing on March 7 at 6:30 pm, and
 - Resolution 2023-09 for Harder Ave hearing on March 7 at 6:00 pm.Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. MSA – Planning Service task order (2/14/2023-12/31/2023)** – Siedow made a motion to approve the MSA Professional Services, Inc. Task Order for 2023 Planning Services. Pearson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Broadband Draft Schedule** – A proposed schedule and estimated tax impacts of Tax-Exempt General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds were presented for Council review. These costs would be for the local share of a high-speed internet upgrade in the under-served areas of Harris. Chisago County Commissioner Dahlberg was present and advised the Council that the County Board meets on February 15 to consider funding a portion of the cost also.
- F. PeopleService Annual Contract Adjustment** – This year’s contract increase will be 6.5%. The adjustment is based on the CPI-U which is the Federal Government’s measure of inflation. The average increase of the last ten years had been 2.7%. Miller made a motion to approve the annual PeopleService contract adjustment. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- G. American Legion Building questions and Gambling permit** – Miller made a motion to approve the American Legion Gambling Permit. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. This year’s activities will be April 1st Bingo and October 14th Bingo and Raffle.

Legion Commander Terrell Isaman advised the Council of issues the Legion is dealing with concerning the property. The snow has not been shoveled from the sidewalk this year. The snow has been too heavy and deep for them to clear appropriately. Snowmobilers are traveling on the snowbanks and coming close to hitting the Legion monuments. The Legion is asking for snow fence to be installed around the monuments and flagpole. Three windows in the basement need to be replaced. They need new carpet, but estimates have been over their budget. Also, a screen door is needed for the back of the building. Public Works advised Isaman that a new door has been purchased and will be installed this year.

- H. **Knife River Corporation Building Permit** – City Clerk Geier advised the Council that Knife River put up a building without getting a building permit. Chisago County contacted them for a proper application which has been forwarded to the City of Harris for approval. Geier is asking Council for direction. The Council consensus is to approve the building permit but add a penalty charge.
- I. **Harris Days** – Siedow presented the Harris Club plan for the 2023 Harris Days event to be held July 28 and 29. They are requesting Council approval of the following items: close Ginger Ave. from CR-9 to CR-10 Friday and Saturday, close Gates Ave. for the Touch-A-Truck event, close 439th St. from Ginger to Georgia Thursday-Sunday, rent City Hall, rent ballfield and concession stand, parade permit, gambling permit, special event permit, permission to place signs on the ballfield fence, and waive fees for all. Pearson made a motion to approve requested items and waive fees. Carlson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Staff/Department Reports:

- A. **Public Works** – Written report. Also requesting approval for Northwoods Electric to repair lights in public works building at a cost of \$2,200. Miller made a motion to approve the request. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. **Parks and Rec** – Written report. Also getting price for replacing playground equipment that was damaged by vandalism.
- C. **Planning Commission** – Written report.
- D. **PeopleService Report** – Written report.
- E. **Clerks report** – Written report. Also, City Clerk Geier is requesting approval to attend the Safety and Loss Control Training workshop in St Paul on April 20. Carlson made a motion to approve the request and pay expenses. Pearson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. **Chisago County Sheriff's 4th Quarter report** – Written report.
- G. **Mayor and Council Reports** – Mayor is still working on insurance issues and the Broadband initiative.

VIII. **Adjourn:** Miller made a motion to adjourn. Siedow seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There being no further business, Mayor Carlson adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Randy Carlson - Mayor

Date Approved

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