

HARRIS CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 31, 2022

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call:** City Clerk Shannon Geier conducted roll call. Present in-house were Mayor Carlson, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Sculley, and Councilmember Maack. Councilmember Rossini was present via telephone. A quorum was present.
- IV. **Special Agenda:**
 - A. **Fire Department** – purchase of Fire Truck from North Branch: Fire Chief Chapeau, Captain Mages, and Chief 3 Morin were present to discuss the need for another fire engine. The number one reason for the need is to have a second functioning engine with capacity to carry five fire fighters. The existing second engine is a two-seater and needs many repairs so can only be used for training. If the Fire Department does not have proper equipment to transport fire fighters to the fire, we may as well stop recruiting people.
 - Option #1: North Branch Engine – 1989 L9000 engine, needs new tires, generator, and hose outfit for a total estimated cost of \$21,000.
 - Option #2: Fire truck in Montana – 1994 E-one engine, full equipped, in good condition. The cost is \$20,000 for the truck plus travel, food, and fuel for two fire fighters to bring back to Harris.Maack made a motion to authorize the purchase of the truck from Montana. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - ❖ **FD Policy** – Residents of Harris have complained that fire fighters are washing private vehicles at fire station. Former Chief Hastings had given permission to wash their vehicles as a perk of being a fire fighter. The council consensus is that the fire fighters are able to wash personal vehicles.
 - B. **Liquor License** – Carlson made a motion to approve the liquor license renewals for The Fuse and Harris Bottle Shop. Sculley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. **Tobacco License** – Miller made a motion to approve the tobacco license renewals for The Fuse, Magnum 2 LLC, Harris Bottle Shop, and Dollar General. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

D. Clerk's Review – Probation review summary results indicate performance exceeding expectations. Sculley made a motion to move City Clerk Shannon Geier from probation to regular employee status and increase pay to \$24 per hour effective this pay period. Rossini seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Miller advised Council that Jacob Goranson is home from college and available to help the City Clerk catch up on office backlog. Carlson made a motion to hire Jacob for one day per week at \$16 per hour. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

V. Adjourn: Miller 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 7:14 pm.

Shannon Geier, City Clerk

Randall Carlson, Mayor

Date Approved

APPROVED