

HARRIS CITY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 9, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Carlson, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Sculley, and Councilmember Maack. A quorum was present. Councilmember Rossini arrived at 7:06 pm.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:**
 - Carlson made a motion to amend the agenda to add a line item for a presentation by Gabi Streater on park and recreation. Sculley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Maack made a motion to approve the April 18, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, April 25, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes, and Accounts Payable. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment:** None.
- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
 - A. **Fire Department** – Chief Chapeau reviewed the Fire Chief and Training Chief written council reports.
 - Fire Fighter Ted Spiess has resigned. Miller made a motion to accept the resignation. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Two new recruits are in the application process.
 - Deputy Chief Gabi Streater was present to request funding for the annual awards ceremony in the amount of \$1900. This amount includes cost of venue, food, cake, invitations, and awards. The ceremony will be held at North Folk Winery. Maack made a motion to approve \$1900 for the Fire Department Annual Awards Ceremony. Rossini seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - ❖ **Park & Rec** - Gabi Streater presented estimates for updating the snack shack and bathrooms at the ballpark: plumbing \$1300-1800 and concrete work \$1470. Additional costs include faucets, sinks, toilets, baby changing stations, lighting, door handles, framing, sheetrock, and paint. Sculley said that he may be able to get toilets at a reduced cost, and to check with George about the water valve. The dedicated park fund balance is only about \$2,000. Rossini made a motion to use the \$2,000 for

repairing bathrooms at the ballfield. Sculley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- B. Outdoor storage as a conditional use in General Business District** – Dan Graff attended the Planning Commission meeting to discuss outdoor storage at the northwest corner of CR-10 and I-35. Currently, zoning does not allow this. Claire Michelson, Zoning Administrator, does not recommend changing the ordinance to allow outdoor storage as a permitted or conditional use. The council had questions and requested Graff be invited to the next Council meeting. Carlson made a motion to table this item and invite Graff to the next Council meeting for further discussion. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Animal Permits** – Rossini made a motion to approve the annual animal permit application for David Maack. Sculley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1. Maack abstained; he cannot vote for himself. Carlson made a motion to approve the annual animal permit application for Antonio Valdovinos. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. Gopher Bounty form** – City staff prepared a form regarding gopher bounty and the condition of the gopher feet that are brought in. Customers need to know they will not be paid for feet that cannot be counted. Maack made a motion to approve the form. Sculley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Water Tower Project – PFA Financing Update** – Informational. The Harris Water Tower Project seems to qualify for a WIF grant, but the Legislature has not yet provided monies to have grant funds to award. It is also unknown how many projects on the priority list will be funded.
- F. Treasurer Update** – Elsa Thompson has offered to contract for accounting services at a rate of \$125 per hour plus mileage until July 15, 2022. Services to be performed include investigate computer issues on Treasurer pc, water billing, maintenance of utility records, bring bills to current, and corrections as needed to accounts payable, payroll, PERA, and state and federal tax reporting. Miller made a motion to approve the contract as written. Rossini seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Council directed the Clerk to post another ad for treasurer position. Clerk Geier stated that she needs more help in the office to keep up with everything. Rossini made a motion to hire Diane Miller to work with the Clerk three days per week @ \$100 per day. Sculley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1. Miller abstained; she cannot vote for herself.
- G. Special Meeting salary Increase for mayor and councilmembers** – Rossini made a motion to start the process to amend Ordinance 31.02 Compensation to increase Mayor salary to \$100 per special meeting and increase Councilmember salary to \$75 per special meeting. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Staff/Department Reports:

- A. Public Works** – Reviewed written report. Tabled request to rent tractor and boom mower and request for gravel until financials are updated.

B. PeopleService Report – Informational.

C. Planning Commission Report – Rossini reported the Planning Commission is working on revitalizing the inner city and an overlay ordinance for downtown.

D. Mayor and Council Reports – Informational.

VIII. 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 8:57 pm.

Shannon Geier, City Clerk

Randall Carlson, Mayor

Date Approved

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