

**HARRIS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 13, 2022**

- I. **Call to Order:** Acting Mayor Miller 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 Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Sculley, and Councilmember Maack. Absent were Mayor Carlson and Councilmember Rossini. A quorum was present. Councilmember Rossini arrived at 7:04 pm.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** Maack made a motion to approve the May 9 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes, May 10 Public Improvement Hearing Minutes, May 31st Special Meeting Minutes and Accounts Payable. Sculley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment:** Representative Brian Johnson was present with a Legislative update. Reinsurance which keeps private insurance rates from increasing over 60%.; A stand-alone veterans bill for three new homes, long term care, also bonus money for all veterans that were called up and served since 9/11 and gold star families (those who lost their lives) No bonding bill – possible special session, will try and make WIF funds retroactive on started projects.
- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
  - A. **Fire Department** – Fire Chief Drew Chapeau, Chief 2 Gabi Streater, and Chief 3 Tim Morin were present to advise the Council of Fire Department activities and needs.
    - Stacy Fire Department is donating a command vehicle to Harris Fire. A fuel card has been issued to the Fire Chief that may be used when traveling out of area for training. Otherwise, the local gas station will be used per City policy. A Policy will be developed for the functionality of the command vehicle.
    - Harris Fire has found a medical director with Allina Health and is requesting Council approval to move forward with a contract. Once a contract is signed by the City, Harris Fire will turn medical response back on with the County. Allina Health will provide required trainings, record keeping for all medical calls, and medical direction. The cost for Allina Health services is \$3890 for two years. Maack made a motion to approve Allina Health as the medical director for medical direction for Harris Fire. Rossini seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- Harris Fire has several activities planned which include to attend in support of the American Legion's Flag Burning Ceremony on 6/14, Awards Ceremony on 9/24, an October Fall Event, and Harris Days on 7/29 and 7/30.
- Trainings scheduled for June include pump and draft from holding ponds in preparation of water tower shut-down, mentorship, MNFIRE initiative program, leadership class and extrication training. Next month is a training burn for new firefighters. The new training center has been cleaned out. Terry's Disposal donated a dumpster. Work continues to secure the facility and prepare props for installation. Lamperts Lumber donated lumber for an entanglement prop and Firefighter Neadu donated time to build it.

**B. Harris Days** – Gabi Streater and Allen Siedow were present with an update on the planning of a summer event called “Harris Days” scheduled for July 29-30, 2022. Topics discussed are car show, parade, vendor booths, live music, street dance, beer garden, kickball tournament, food trucks, performances, and family fun events. Hopefully, it will become an annual City event.

**C. Dan Graff - Outdoor storage as a conditional use in General Business District** – The Planning Commission is considering a change of the ordinance to allow outdoor storage as a conditional use in the General Business District. Claire Michelson, Zoning Administrator, does not recommend it. Dan Graff was invited to the Council meeting but could not attend. After discussion, the Council did not come to a consensus and has invited Graff to the July Council meeting.

**D. Shari Denny – Sand Mining** – Shari Denny was present to discuss problems associated with mineral extraction by Gustafson Excavating under Interim Use Permit #2021-01: (1) arriving and working on the site before 7am (2) hauling loads on posted 5-ton road (3) hauling materials into the site (4) using the site on Sundays (5) using Harder Ave to haul materials into the site (6) not maintaining 420<sup>th</sup> Ave (7) No planting of trees or seeding on South and East borders of pit. Pictures and videos were also presented. Denny is requesting the permit be revoked immediately. Rossini made a motion to begin the process for review of Interim Use Permit #2021-01 and potential revocation of same. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**E. Discussion of Road improvements and possible Resolutions** – Steve Winter from MSA was present to answer any questions concerning the proposed road improvements and the process for moving forward. A lengthy discussion ensued about the current timetable, pricing, and financing. According to a contractor in attendance, and confirmed by Winter, the current timetable does not allow for the best pricing from contractors so late in the season. It would be more advantageous to adjust the schedule so the next public hearings would be in November or December and advertising for bids in January or February. Then the job could be first of the 2023 season. Financing has not yet been determined. A bond counsel representative has been scheduled to attend the July Council meeting to explain the bonding process for financing road improvements. Maack made a motion to table Ordering the Improvement & Prep of Plans for Harder

Ave., Falcon Ave., and Ginger Ave. Rossini seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- Harder Ave Ordering the Improvement & Prep of Plans–Resolution 2022-10
- Falcon Ave Ordering the Improvement & Prep of Plans–Resolution 2022-11
- Ginger Ave Ordering the Improvement & Prep of Plans–Resolution 2022-12

**F. Accessory Structure Ordinance** – The Planning Commission is considering an ordinance to allow and regulate accessory structures on property without a primary structure and would like input from the Council. Items suggested for the Planning Commission to consider: Is \$5,000 enough of an escrow, and will water and sewer be allowed in the accessory structure? Miller suggested \$8000.

**G. Wastewater Treatment Facility SCADA Improvements / Computer** – The existing computer at the WWTP needs upgrading. The control system and on-going services for the WWTP is provided by In Control, Inc. The cost to replace the SCADA hardware and software upgrades is \$14,949. Sculley made a motion to approve the WWTP SCADA Computer replacement. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**H. Administration of the MN Wetland Conservation Act, Resolution 2022 -13** – Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-13, a resolution delegating the administration of the Wetland Conservation Act within the City of Harris to Chisago County in accordance with MN Rules, Chapter 8420. Sculley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. **Staff/Department Reports:**

**A. Public Works Report** – Written report. A hole in the pavement at Ginger and CR-9 was reported. It is washing out under the pavement. Alan will contact Chisago County Public Works to coordinate repair. Also, requests for approval:

- Minnesota Equipment, parts to repair ditch mower \$ 1,000
- Minnesota Equipment, tractor and boom mower rent \$ 3,250
- Bjorklund, 1000 c.yds cl five gravel for 438<sup>th</sup>, 439<sup>th</sup>, 437<sup>th</sup>, Garden \$20,000

Rossini made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**B. PeopleService Report** – Written report.

**C. Treasurer Update** – Elsa has been able to catch up on back accounting that was not done while we were without a treasurer. Sue Riesing is now the treasurer.

**D. Planning Commission Report** – Written report.

**E. Mayor and Council Reports** – The IRS has increased mileage rates for remainder of 2022. Sculley made a motion to amend the Harris Annual Designation Mileage Rate to 62.5 for 7/1 through 12/31/2022. Maack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Front-Line Worker Pay Application is now open, and all Harris employees have been notified the application period is through July 22.

VIII. **Adjourn:** Miller made a motion to adjourn. Sculley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There being no further business, Acting Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.

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**City Clerk – Shannon Geier**

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**Randall Carlson - Mayor**

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**Date Approved**

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