

Hanska City Council – Regular Meeting

July 8th 2024

6pm – Hanska Community Center

Regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Vee at 6:00pm. Members present Vee, Kjelshus, Geiger, Miller and Larson. Members absent: None

City Clerk Moldan, Public Works Tauer

Library – Angela Pick

Citizens, Ron Frederickson, Quinten Hanson, Larry Stoesz, Keith Frederickson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Geiger moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Kjelshus. Motion passed.

Open Citizens Comments: Ron Frederickson wanted an update on the curb in front of his house. He is getting the sidewalk repaired, Meidl Concretes bid was 30.00 per square foot and 200.00 removal. Geiger asked if they could complete the curb at the same time as the sidewalk, Ron said yes. Council had discussion if another company would come just to fix the curb. Miller made the motion to have Meidl Concrete replace the curb. Seconded by Larson. Motion passed. Quinten Hanson, Larry Stoesz, Lonny Lantz, Keith Frederickson were in attendance to discuss the change to water/sewer billing on vacant/empty properties. Keith Frederickson stated that the city ordinance said that if an owner asked for the meter to be pulled the owner wouldn't have to pay for water, and unmetered properties are not billed. Keith asked for the meter to be pulled. Council said the city needs to go by the ordinance and not bill those properties.

Kjelshus moved to approve minutes from the June 10th 2024 meeting. Seconded by Larson. Motion passed.

Miller moved to approve City claims. Seconded by Geiger. Motion passed.

Library – Angela gave the report. Summer reading has 60 kids signed up; 25 kids participated in the parade. Lots of book donations are coming in. Working with Gag Sheet Metal on getting a better estimate to use the \$4,000 grant on.

Fire Department- Larson gave the report. Fire Dept is getting the 50% 50% matching grant looking at water parks.

Public works- Tauer's report. Stump grinding is done.

City Clerk Moldan – City Clerk Moldan - Clerk presented Resolutions #2024-4 Resolution Accepting Donations from Area Residents and Businesses for Hanska 4th of July Event.

Miller made a motion to approve Resolutions #2024-4 Resolution Accepting Donations from Area Residents and Businesses for Hanska 4th of July Event. Seconded by Larson. Roll call made: Larson Yes, Kjelshus Yes, Miller Yes, Geiger Yes. Motion Passed.

Hanska 4th of July event went well, all expenses have been paid with \$881.61 left in donations to be used for 2025. Update on the dog, dog has been euthanized. Clerk said Tauer was approached about the 14.98 acres Peterson land that the city is looking at for the water tower and treatment facility. Peterson is wanting to sell, Matt from Bolton and Menk and City Attorney said the city

could make an offer to Peterson for the land. Moldan said that it could take a couple of years for the USDA Grant to be completed, if the city wants this land council should think about making an offer. Geiger and Vee are unsure about the city being able to sell off part of the land as city lots, lots wouldn't be big enough. Miller said she will talk to Peterson about the land. Clerk asked what council would like to do with the new law for salaried employees. Starting January 1st 2025 salaried employees must make 58,656.00 per year. Geiger said that the city can't justify paying the City Clerk position that amount and should go to a per hour position. Geiger checked with other cities to see if Hanska pay is comparable, Geiger said current pay is comparable to other cities with similar populations. Miller said the city could go per hour for 2025 and see how it goes. Council wants to see what other cities are going to do with their clerks and tabled the discussion.

Council: Vee had an update on the Veterans memorial this would be a large display with 50 small plaques that can be purchased and engraved. The city would purchase the large display and sell the small plaques. Vee said the city would make \$250.00 per plaque sold. Geiger made a motion to purchase a Veterans memorial. Seconded by Kjelshus. Roll call made: Larson Yes, Kjelshus Yes, Miller Yes, Geiger Yes. Motion Passed.

Miller made a motion to adjourn, Larson seconded, meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm

Attest: City Clerk, Cinnamon Moldan

Mayor, Daniel Vee