

HARWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Harwood, North Dakota

Special Meeting

July 21st, 2025

- a) Call to Order/Roll Call: At 6:00 pm, Mayor Blake Hankey called the meeting to order. Roll call included Jamie Nettum, Chris Higgins, Chris Fix, Dick Sundberg, Chayla Hansen, City Auditor. Public in attendance per sign-in sheet: Alex Stremick
- b) Agenda Items:
 - 1. Budget: There is a 3 % cap per new legislation. The general fund can only be \$274,554 or less.
 - a. Public Works salaries have been moved to the sewer and water fund.
 - b. The Community Center requested \$20,925, which can be pulled from sales tax, or it must wait. We figured out that it will come out of sales tax in 2025, not 2026.
 - c. Public Works requested a batwing mower of \$60,000 and a riding mower of \$12,000. The street fund is too tight to have this expense. If approved would need to come from the sales tax fund. This was agreed to come from sales tax in 2026.
 - d. Put in for a backup employee at \$300-\$500 a month. Further discussion is needed.
 - e. There was a 7% COLA put into the budget, but the council feels a possible 5% COLA with the standard 2.5% anniversary raise would be best. Final decision at the final budget meeting.
 - f. Waiting for the water rate study results, we may need to adjust rates at a later date.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Higgins, seconded by Sundberg. All in favor voted aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Blake Hankey, Mayor

Attest: _____
Chayla Hansen, Auditor

Date of Approval _____