

**HARWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

*City of Harwood, North Dakota*

**Regular Meeting**

**March 3rd, 2025**

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** At 6:30pm, Dick Sundberg called the meeting to order. Roll calls included Mayor Blake Hankey via Zoom, Jamie Nettum, Chris Higgins, Chris Fix. Others in attendance included City Auditor Chayla Hansen, Public Works Supervisor Jeremy Snyder and City Attorney Sarah Wear. Corporal Tyler Beckius was also in attendance. Public attendance by sign-in sheet: Josh Diede (Community Center Manager), Brock Hansen, Darlene Meyer, Joann Spiez. **Approved Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Nettum seconded by Higgins. All in favor voted aye, motion carried. **Approve February Meeting Minutes, February Bills, and Financial Report Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve the meeting minutes, bills paid and financial report by Fix seconded by Nettum. All in favor voted aye, motion carried:

**Law Enforcement Report:** Corporal Beckius attended the meeting and reported: 162 calls for February in Harwood and surrounding area.

**New Business:**

- a. Fargo Sewer Rate Increase-Auditor explained we were not notified that Fargo increased the sewer rates. We need to increase it by \$3.50 to cover the increase. Motion to approve increase by \$3.50 per utility bill on starting on March readings by Fix, seconded by Nettum. All in favor voted aye, motion carried. The mayor is going to contact the City of Fargo and see about possible reimbursement for Jan, Feb billing since we received no notification.
- b. Dakota Ag Update-Sundberg presented his report on how a decrease in bulk water rate would affect the cities financially. It was determined that if a business can prove they are the following they would qualify for the decreased rate of \$12.00 per 1,000 gallons: **Business that sells or produces agricultural products such as feed, seed, fertilizer, agricultural herbicides, chemicals used in agriculture production.** This will start on 3/15/25. Dakota Ag needs to provide the auditor with the documentation prior to that date. Motion to approve was made by Fix, seconded by Nettum. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.
- c. Special Events Permit-Motion to approve permit by Nettum, seconded by Higgins. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.

**Old Business: None**

**Engineer's Report:** North Water Main Loop-Cost share request is approved by NDDWR for \$47,640 preconstruction. The Agreement for Cost-Share Reimbursement needs the mayor's signature. A motion to approve the Agreement for Cost-Share Reimbursement by Higgins, seconded by Fix. All in favor voted aye, motion carried. Regarding the FEMA basement exception documentation to complete we are hopefully going to work with other communities to keep costs down and exchange information. The Lake Shure annexation public hearing is next Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Works Report:** New valve is in and working great. Lots of calls regarding culverts with water. **Auditor Report:** We received \$42,270 in insurance payment, but the proposal is \$75,450.00. They included a depreciation of \$30,180. Alex from Ground Control will give us a final bill prior to the April meeting. Community center update given by Josh Diede-requested to replace doors for an estimate of up to \$5,000. Motion to approve repairs not to exceed \$5,000 by Higgins, seconded by Nettum. All in favor voted aye, motion carried. Flagpole is ordered. The auditor would like to close at noon for the summer and was approved by the council. Fire rules ordinance requested by FD to see if can curb some of the burning violations. Will gather more information.

**Correspondence/Open Forum: None. Portfolio Reports: Sundberg:** Ruud burning causing some neighborhood nuisance. **Higgins:** Chris Kraemer has been in contact with Higgins regarding burning. Have explained the city limits burning and outside city limit burning. Will work on the fire rules the auditor presented. **Nettum:** None **Fix:** Hopefully update soon on 311 Lind Blvd. **Hankey:** None

**Next Meeting: Special Meeting March 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm and April 7th 6:30 pm: Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Fix, seconded by Nettum. All in favor voted aye, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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Blake Hankey, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chayla Hansen, Auditor

Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_