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HARWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
City of Harwood, North Dakota
Regular Meeting
September 2nd, 2025

Call to Order/Roll Call: At 6:30 pm, Mayor Blake Hankey called the meeting to order. Roll call included Jamie Nettum, Chris Fix, Dick Sundberg, and Chris Higgins. Chayla Hansen, City Auditor. Others in attendance included City Engineer Andrew Aakre, City Attorney Sarah Wear, and Public Works Supervisor Jeremy Snyder. Public attendees from the sign-in sheet and observation were Joann Spiesz, Darlene Meyer, Josh Diede, Tom & Donna Linnertz, Brock Hansen, Micheal Swartz, Tim Lippert, Darlene Wald, April Baumgarten, Don Flaherty, Joe Rajo, Alex Stremick, Chad Smith, Jason Spiesz, Kayla Niedzielski, Joseph Cecil, Sam Sindelar, Shawn Wolf, Chris Johnson, Jannella Colbs, Jennifer Spiesz, David Gus, Mike G, Tanya Russiff, Mallori & Nathan Keller, Jenna G., Troy Feeken, Marlene Wilson, Jorelle Grover, Ella Montrlaisir, Mike Graalum, Mark Kerkvliet, Keith & Jann Monson, L. Konba, Ryan Volk, Eric Sinner, Gary & Brenda Ohnstad, Leonard Zahradka, Taylor Nelson, Ed & Peggy Ployhart, Ray Albrecht, Tyson Velde, Char-marie Flood, Joan Quam, Nick Hollaar, Brian Rook, Kari Ayers, Jim Ekren, Chris Schatzke, Shelia Greseth, Kayla Stremick, Alesha Greseth, Kathy Karl, Shawn Wolf, Lane Cumminz, Ryan Ansheim, Hanna Magnuson, Deb Moug, Sarah Hilde, Chad Westrick, Kim Heim, Jay ?, John Westrick, Bill Walker, Josephine Hurst, Katie VanCleve, Grace B, Liz W, Mark R, E.D, Kathleen Hurt, Chris Johnson, Aubre Ecker, Nick Schatzke, A.A, and David Whitcolmb.

Approve Agenda: The financials did not get completed. Is there a motion to move to October? Motion to move the financials to October by Nettum, seconded by Higgins. All voted aye, and the motion carried. The mayor requested that item d. The public hearing on re-zoning, under New Business, will be moved to the top of the agenda after the consent agenda. Motion to approve the agenda with the addition by Fix, seconded by Nettum. All in favor voted aye, motion carried. Motion made by Sundberg to approve the agenda, seconded by Fix. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.

Approve: August Meeting Minutes, August Executive Session Minutes, Consent Agenda. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Sundberg, seconded by Fix. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Open the public hearing, but due to capacity, is there a motion to move the meeting to the Community Center in 10 minutes? Motion to move the meeting to the Community Center in 10 minutes by Higgins, seconded by Nettum. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.

New Business:

- a. **Public Hearing Regarding the rezoning: The Public was instructed to make comments, but only regarding the rezoning. The council and the mayor responded to the questions posed to them.**
 1. Mike Swartz-Harwood
 2. Douglas Westrick-West Fargo
 3. Jorelle Grover-Harwood
 4. Chris Johnson-Dilworth
 5. Bob Hinnenkamp- Harwood
 6. Ella Fletcher- Harwood
 7. Nick Schatzke-Harwood
 8. Duncan McAlister-West Fargo
 9. Melissa Gonzales-Moorhead
 10. Olivia Fischer-Fargo
 11. Tiffany Maclaren-West Fargo
 12. Jeremy Johnson-Harwood
 13. Nathan Schatzke-Harwood
 14. Nick Schliker-Harwood
 15. Mayor Flaherty of Ellendale
 16. Jennifer Spiesz-Harwood
 17. Pam Strom-Harwood
 18. Ryan Volk-Harwood
 19. Mark Kerkvliet-Harwood
 20. Steven Furnace-Fargo
- b. **Law Enforcement Report:** No report tonight.
- c. **Annexation Fargo Vote-**Motion made to oppose annexation requests from the City of Fargo by Fix, seconded by Nettum. All vote aye, motion carried.
- d. **2025-43 Ordinance:** Ordinance updates the regulations related to the International Building Codes. Cass County Public Health and the City Building Inspector recommended these changes. Motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance by Nettum, seconded by Higgins. All vote aye, motion carried.
- e. **Applied Digital:** Wes Cummings, CEO of Applied Digital & other staff discussed how Applied Digital works and why they like working in ND. Why Harwood?
- f. **Planning & Zoning Recommendation: Recommend Schleicher building permit approval, zoning change from Ag-Light Industrial, and approval of the MBN building permit.**
- g. **1st Reading Zoning Change:** Motion made by Nettum to change zoning from Ag-Light industrial, seconded by Fix. All vote aye, motion carried.
- h. **Building Permit MBN-** Motion made by Higgins to approve the building permit contingent on second reading of the rezoning request, seconded by Sundberg. All vote aye, motion carried.

- i. **Building Permit Schleicher**- Motion made by Fix, seconded by Higgins. All vote aye, motion carried.
- j. **Ryan Volk Letter**-701 Golf Carts wants to put up a business shop. The city will retain the property for now, as it serves as a backup sandbag/dike filling station during times of flooding. This would have to be a public sale.

Public Comment: Darlene Meyer, Jorelle Grover, Alex Stremick, three unknown people.

Old Business: None

Engineer Report:



ENGINEER'S AGENDA
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Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025

1. North Water Main Loop

- a. Schedule-unchanged
- b. DWSRF questionnaire is attached and ready to submit. This questionnaire puts the city on the list for funding from the Bank of ND. This is a low-interest loan (2%). Looking for a motion for approval to send in the questionnaire. Motion to approve to submit the report by Fix, seconded by Higgins. All voted aye, motion carried. Motion to approve the plans by Sundberg, seconded by Higgins. All voted aye, motion carried.

2. FEMA

- a. Basement Exception
 - i. I. The Report was submitted to the Denver office and has been forwarded to Headquarters with recommendations for approval from the Denver office.

3. East Side Flood Protection-No update.

Public Works Report: A tree was struck on Interstate Boulevard and is awaiting DOT repair of the fence.

Auditor Report: None.

Portfolio Reports: Sundberg- No Higgins: No Nettum- Want to thank Chayla, City Auditor, for all her hard work. Fix-No Hankey- No

Announcements: Next Council meeting, Monday, October 6th. at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Higgins, seconded by Fix. All in favor voted aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

 Blake Hankey, Mayor

Attest: _____
 Chayla Hansen, Auditor

Date of Approval _____

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