

Halliday City Commission Meeting  
August 7, 2023  
6:00 PM  
HALLIDAY CITY HALL

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Selle.

Commissioners Present: Selle, Gietzen, Cronje, Hausauer and Wanek.

Others Present: Michele Kuntz, Patrick Kuntz, Travis Frey, Nathan Kindrix, Carol Thompson, Jim Short, Judy Boepple, Katlyn Baker, and Nathan Horgeshimer.

Wanek motioned to close the agenda, seconded by Hausauer. All voted aye, motion carried.

Gietzen motioned to approve the July 10th 2023 meeting minute, seconded by Wanek. All voted aye motion carried

**Zoning Report:** No Report

**Public Input:**

Jim Short addressed the commission about the vehicles speeding through town, he asked about the possibility of placing speed bumps or a speed sign. Commissioners asked Kuntz to get prices and report back at the September meeting.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Nathan Kindrix Park board president ask the commission for assistance with the cost of repairing the walking bridge to the park. Kindrix also reported that the Park Board would like to apply for grant for work out equipment, and he asked if the park board could put a disk golf course up by the school. The commissioners approved the placement of the disk golf course by the school.

Gietzen motioned to approve up to \$13000.00 to repair the walking bridge and to continue to seek additional cost share, and for the park board to apply for grants for workout equipment, seconded by Wanek. Upon roll call vote all voted aye motion carried

Pat Kuntz reported that the gas tank at the city shop was vandalized and gas was taken, it was decided to purchase gas at Cenex instead of getting tank refilled. Commissioners discussed installing a security system at the shop, Kuntz will check on prices and report back at the September meeting.

**Financial/Insurance Report:** Wanek motioned to approve the Financial Report and pledges of security from Brevera and the Union Bank, second by Hausauer. Upon roll call vote all voted aye motion carried.

**Water & Sewer Report:** Kuntz reported on meter pit at SSCDC Trailer Court.

**Streets:** Kuntz reported on the street lights that had been shot out.

**Garbage & Police:** Commissioners reviewed the inert land fill report, and discussed asking the sheriff's department about having more coverage in the evenings.

**Old Business:**

Kuntz reported that the plumber still has about ten meters to install.

Selle opened the bids for Lot 1 Block 1 Railroad 2<sup>nd</sup> addition. Wanek motioned to accept the bid from Luis Martienz for \$10,000.00, seconded by Gietzen. Upon roll call vote all voted aye motion carried. Frey will get estimate together for water and sewer to the property for September meeting.

Commissioners discussed the school heating system, Kuntz reported that he had talked to Central Mechanics and they advise not converting the boiler from fuel oil to propane. It was decided to operate with the fuel oil furnace and to have the coal furnace checked.

Commissioners discussed the school inventory auditor Kuntz reported that the Elgin/New Leipzig school is interested in some desks and the choir gowns. Wanek motioned to approve giving the Elgin/New Leipzig school the choir gowns and desks, seconded by Hausauer. Upon roll call vote all voted aye motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed Steering committee resolution. Wanek motioned to forgo reading and approve with verbiage change from Mayor the President and to approve up to \$10,000.00 for expenditures, seconded by Hausauer. Upon roll call vote Gietzen, Hausauer, Cronje, Wanek and Selle all voted aye motion carried.

President Selle appointed Nathan Horgeshimer, Katlyn Baker, Jim Short, Dean Huhta, Bob Ferebee, David Kuntz and Linda Gietzen to the Steering Committee. Wanek motioned to approve President Selles appointments, seconded by Hausauer. Upon roll call vote all voted aye motion carried.

**New Business:**

Wanek motioned to send unpaid lawn mowing bill to county auditor for special assessments, seconded by Gietzen. Upon roll call vote all voted aye motion carried.

Commissioners discussed clothing allowance for employees. Wanek motioned to approve \$300.00 per year for Maintenance employees and \$100.00 per year for office employees for approved work-related clothing, seconded by Hausauer. Upon roll call vote all voted aye motion carried.

Selle opened the bid for repairs to bathroom at 323 Central Ave S. Wanek motioned to accept bid from McIntyre Construction for 2842.00, seconded by Hausauer. Upon roll call vote all voted aye motion carried.

Commissioners discussed having the school houses cleaned, Auditor will check on prices and report back at the September meeting.

Commissioners reviewed the preliminary budget. Hausauer motioned to approve the preliminary budget with the discussed changes, seconded by Wanek. Upon roll call vote all voted aye motion carried.

Hausauer motioned to approve Special Permit for Last Chance Ranch for a Beer Gardens on September 9, seconded by Cronje. Motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the animal ordinance. Wanek motioned to suspend reading and approve first reading, seconded by Hausauer. Upon roll call vote Wanek, Cronje, Hausauer, Gietzen and Selle all voted aye motion carried.

Commissioners approved blocking off main street for fall festival.

Commissioners discussed moving Rachel Dolechek from temporary summer help to full time. Hausauer motioned to change Dolechek from temporary summer help to full time with benefits, seconded by Wanek. Upon roll call vote all voted aye motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the NDLC Annual Conference September 20-22. Wanek motioned to approve attendance for board members and auditor, seconded by Cronje. Upon roll call vote all voted aye motion carried.

Check # 23578- 23608. Union Bank Account, July 11, 2023 – August 7, 2023: Payroll \$15841.07; Halliday JDA \$5193.98 EFTPS \$4366.50 D/W; ND Pers \$2050.64 D/W; McKenzie Electric \$98.74; Visa \$3029.36; Aramark \$476.42; Badlands Aggregate \$1247.50; Beulah Beacon \$200.08; Consolidated Telcom \$416.01; Dunn County Auditor \$2000.00; Farmers Union \$2112.16; Halliday Park Board \$4000.00; Interstate Engineering \$18387.96; MDU \$2109.47; Mercer County Treasurer \$1485.90; On Call Concepts \$6.50; SW District Health Unit \$25.00; Western Dakota Energy Association \$4000.00; Roughrider Septic LLC \$365.00; Truchan Construction LLC \$600.00; Shane White Plumbing \$1811.40; MGM Rural Sanitation LLC \$730.06; McIntyre Construction \$1421.00; Water Authority \$5635.20 D/W; Blue Cross Blue Shields \$958.52 D/W; Medica \$969.47 D/W; Delta Dental \$254.50 D/W

Final Comments from Commissioners: Wanek reported on Vision West meeting that she attended.

Cronje motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55PM, second by Selle, all voted aye, motion carried.

Next meeting September 11th 2023 6:00 PM

Minutes are subject to revisions and approval.

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**Michele Kuntz Auditor**

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**Blair Selle President of Commission**