

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE HALLOCK CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Treumer called the special meeting of the Hallock City Council to order at 5:53 pm on September 25, 2024. Those Present: David Treumer, Jennifer Peterson and Kevin Waller. Councilor Naomi Larson and Mike Totleben were absent.

Also present: City Administrator Kendra Kroening and Kittson County Enterprise Reporter Anna Jauhola.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilor Peterson motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Waller and carried unanimously.

New Business

2025 Budget

Councilor Waller presented the proposed general fund budget for the 2025 calendar year. Kroening met with Budget Committee member, Kevin Waller the morning of September 25, 2024 to review the proposed budget and outline priorities. Waller presented; We went through our budget line by line- one thing we had clarity on what the health insurance is going to be for the upcoming year. We were able to pull that money back since we have a line of sight on what that will be. We had a lot of money in street repair that we did not use, we took some of that money out from small street repairs for the upcoming season simply because we are going to be concentrating repairing our roads. Mayor Treumer commented that is a good point that the utility department will be busy locating so they may not have the time to do the small repairs as in past years, they will do the best they can. The presented budget totals \$1,202,681.00 it seems to be an increase of 10.5% Mayor Treumer reminded last year, due to not sure what happened, it went down 7% when we thought we were going up 4% or 5%. Councilor Waller noted Jason Murray from David Drown Associates was present at our last meeting. Murray asked that we add money into a capital project levy, which we have done.

The council noted their commitment to investing in improving the city's roads. Not many changes were made to the proposed budget in discussion. Mayor Treumer thanked the budget committee for the work on the budget and thinks that we are right where we need to be. Treumer stated just as a reminder to the public with the street project coming on it wasn't that we were trying to raise taxes. Waller reminded we had very high costs in 2024 due to engineering but we have planned for that in 2025.

Motion by Mayor Treumer to approve the general levy of \$458,507.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor Peterson and carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilor Peterson moved to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Hallock City Council on September 25, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilor Waller and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Dave Treumer, Mayor

Kendra Kroening, City Administrator

Minutes prepared by Kendra Kroening