

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE HALLOCK CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 22, 2025

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Treumer called the Special Meeting of the Hallock City Council to order at 5:40 pm on April 22, 2025.

Those Present: David Treumer, Mike Totleben, Kevin Waller and Naomi Larson. Absent: Jen Peterson
Also present: City Clerk-Administrator Kendra Kroening, Kittson County Enterprise Reporter Anna Jahoula.
Residents Carol Dahlman and Gabriel Agosto.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

GUEST PRESENTATION; JASON MURRAY, DAVID DROWN ASSOCIATES

Jason Murray presented packet information to the council. Jason looked at the potential borrowing rate the city potentially could have 4.5% he adds 1%-1.5%. Recommendation is at least 5.5% where we sit today. He built in 6% when putting analysis together. Jason reminded when we met September 2024 to inch the levy forward to time with some debt payoff.

We will be using S&P for this potential rate, in 2015 as noted Murray letter there is some risk. Rated as A+ stable but a lot of things have changed, both financially and guideline perspective from S&P. Murray thinks as long as we receive an A rating, we will have lower interest rates.

Monday of the sale can be hectic Council will receive a template of a resolution that has a lot of blanks in it so at least council has a sense of the language used. Sale takes place between 10:30 – Noon. Resolution will get finalized with information from the sale. 24-month spend down, there is more administrative responsibilities that come with that. There is an option to have this professionally monitored, 4M Fund through League of MN Cities. There are fees on that but they will advise on interest earnings, how to maximize interest earnings. It is a tool that many cities utilize that is a very cost-effective way to monitor.

Councilor Larson motioned to move forward with Resolution 2025-015: Resolution providing for the competitive negotiating sale of \$6,150,000 General Obligation Bond Series 2025A. Motion seconded by Councilor Waller and carried by 4-0-0 vote. Voted in Favor: Treumer, Larson, Waller and Totleben. Peterson was absent.
Voted against: None.

June 9, 2025 we will award the bond and will know the interest rate at that time.

Resolution 2025-11 Assessment Roll

The interest rate must be set when the assessment roll is certified. Council would like to wait until June 9 to know what the interest rate will be locked in as.

Councilor Waller motioned to table resolution 2025-11 motion seconded by Councilor Totleben and carried.

Pool Agreement

An agreement was drafted in 2024 Administrator Kroening has met with Eksteen to discuss what the current fee schedule is for Hallock Pool. The fees need to be set by council Kroening referenced a family pass for the pool is \$200 per season. We offer private and group lessons through the City. Mayor noted the city owns the pool, if there is a danger of cutting into taking lessons away from our employees to losing lifeguards it is a great concern. Waller noted the city of Hallock has the overhead cost for utilities, chemicals, replaced a heater. How do we not charge for that being the owner of the facility. Councilor Waller explained a scenario of if he rented out a room at Dave's

house to Jason but Jason pays me, Dave should be compensated for his room. Councilor Larson noted too many have not been paying swim fees or swim passes and at the end of the day the lifeguards will still be liable if something happens. Council agreed there should be a fee implemented for this agreement. There are more questions the council has council asked Administrator Kroening to invite Eksteen to the May 12 regular council meeting to answer questions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilor Larson motioned to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Hallock City Council on April 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilor Waller and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Dave Treumer, Mayor

Kendra Kroening, City Administrator

Minutes prepared by Kendra Kroening