

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HALLOCK CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Treumer called the regular meeting of the Hallock City Council to order on Monday, March 2, 2026 at **5:30 p.m.**

Those Present: David Treumer, Naomi Larson, Jen Peterson, and Kevin Waller.

Those Absent: Michael Totleben

Also present: Utility Superintendent Dan Larson, Fire Chief Seth Preble, Airport Manager Jeremy Seng, Police Chief Michael Docken, Kittson County Enterprise Reporter Anna Jahoula, and members of the public including Rick Kroll (Midco), Craig and Randy Wiese.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Treumer requested a motion to amend the agenda as follows:

- Move Rick Kroll (Midco) to follow Approval of Minutes (Item 5C).
- Add Craig and Randy Wiese Progress Report as Item 11A.
- Add continued discussion regarding Johnson Oil as Item 11E.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jen Peterson motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on February 2, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilor Naomi Larson and carried unanimously.

Councilor Naomi Larson motioned to approve the minutes of the Special City Council meeting held on February 9, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jen Peterson and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION – RICK KROLL, MIDCO

Rick Kroll of Midco presented a proposal to relocate telecommunications equipment from the Hallock elevator to the City water tower due to potential changes and power loss at the elevator site.

Midco proposes:

- Installation of four sector antennas and backhaul dishes.
- Non-invasive mounting methods.
- Equipment housed at the base of the tower.
- Estimated lease payment of \$7,200 per year.
- City to provide electrical access at the base of the tower.
- Midco to carry liability insurance covering equipment and potential damage.

Discussion included equipment size, structural integrity, insurance coverage, future compatibility with automated water meter systems, and proposed height requirements.

No action was taken. Midco will draft a proposed lease agreement for City review and attorney consideration, with possible action at the April meeting.

FISCAL & ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Councilor Naomi Larson motioned to authorize payment of City bills as listed.

Total Check Amount; \$ 176,911.28 (AF), \$ 24,855.99 (UVB)

Check Numbers; 14465-14493 (AF), 16148 (UVB)

EChecks; 11734e-11735e (AF), 948e-961e (UVB)

Payroll Transfer (covers wages, taxes and benefits); \$50,273.52

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Waller and carried unanimously.

Mayor Treumer and Councilor Totleben will review bills for the April 2026 meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Utilities, Streets & Parks

Utility Superintendent Dan Larson reported:

- Replacement of previously approved equipment at an increased cost due to availability.
- Water service repair totaling \$862.
- Minor street and manhole maintenance.
- Gas and water training compliance updates.
- Ongoing sewer gas odor concerns on the west side of town following sewer lining and street reconstruction. Engineers are reviewing potential solutions.
- Routine snow removal and street maintenance.

Councilor Kevin Waller motioned to approve purchase of updated equipment at the increased cost. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jen Peterson and carried unanimously.

Police Department

Police Chief Docken reported 24 total calls for February including:

- 1 accident
- 1 fraud/forgery
- 1 investigation
- 2 traffic stops
- 2 traffic warnings
- 1 deer incident
- 1 civil dispute
- 1 assisted agency
- 1 welfare check
- 2 business alarms
- 9 on-duty calls

Discussion occurred regarding vehicles at a residential property; matter remains under review.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Seth Preble reported:

- 5 calls for February.
- CHS fertilizer plant tour conducted.
- Firefighter 1 training underway for three new members.
- Attendance at upcoming fire schools.
- Fire Department Appreciation event scheduled for April 24.

Airport Report

Airport Manager Jeremy Seng reported routine maintenance, lighting, and snow removal. No major updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Craig and Randy Wiese – Progress Report (303 S. Forest)

Craig and Randy Wiese provided an update on property improvements including:

- Porch structural repairs.
- Brush and debris removal.
- Removal of tractor.
- Rodent concerns addressed.
- Ongoing cleanup.
- Intent to market property to appropriate buyer.

Council discussion followed regarding continued compliance with prior notices.

Bakken Construction – Elm Circle Street Lights

Councilor Kevin Waller motioned to reimburse Bakken Construction for Elm Circle street light utility payments and transfer billing to the City. The motion was seconded by Councilor Naomi Larson and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-03

Two Rivers Golf Club – Temporary Liquor License

Councilor Jen Peterson motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-03 authorizing Two Rivers Golf Club to dispense intoxicating liquor at their March 28, 2026 event. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Waller and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-04

Acceptance of Donations

Councilor Kevin Waller motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-04 accepting:

- \$1,000 from Matthew and Rebecca Gustafson for baseball field improvements.
- \$15 from Elden and Eileen Johnson for baseball field improvements.

Seconded by Councilor Naomi Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson Oil – Utility Balance Discussion

Councilor Kevin Waller motioned to reduce the outstanding utility balance by \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jen Peterson.

Vote:

Ayes – Treumer, Peterson, Waller

Abstain – Larson

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting: Monday, April 6, 2026
- Office Closed: Friday, April 3, 2026 (Good Friday)

Public comments were received regarding liquor licensing and population considerations.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Naomi Larson motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Hallock City Council on March 2, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jen Peterson and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at approximately **7:15 p.m.**

David Treumer, Mayor

Kendra Kroening, City Administrator

Minutes prepared by: Jen Peterson, Councilor