

Hanska City Council – Regular Meeting
June 10, 2025
6pm – Hanska Community Center

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Daniel Paulson. Those in attendance were Daniel Paulson, Mikale Gustafson, Ian Kjelshus, Lucas Larson and William Wurtz.

Others present were Chris Fischer, Travis Tauer, Angela Pick, Matthew Cole and Jenna Helget.

Matthew Cole from Bolton and Menk, Inc. was present and gave a presentation on the Water and Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report. This project would replace the remaining non-PVC watermain, complete watermain looping on north and west side of system, storm sewer and road improvements proposed along all watermain replacement routes. This engineering report also included the current water tower and water treatment conditions. This presentation presented the Council with options. The Council will meet in a special meeting on June 24th, 2025 at 6:00p.m. to discuss what was presented by Matthew Cole from Bolton and Menk, Inc.

Jenna Helget from Nine One Bar was present to ask if Nine One Bar could host a bean bag tournament at the park. A Motion was made by Mikale Gustafson and seconded by Lucas Larson to approve Nine One Bar having a bean bag tournament contingent of them receiving their catering license to provide liquor and the proper insurance for hosting an event. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, William Wurtz-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved.

A Motion was made by Mikale Gustafson and seconded by Ian Kjelshus to approve the agenda. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, William Wurtz-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved.

A Motion was made by Lucas Larson and seconded by William Wurtz to approve May 13, 2025, Council minutes. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, William Wurtz-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved.

A Motion was made by Mikale Gustafson and seconded by Ian Kjelshus to approve the claims. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, William Wurtz-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved. Claims list attached.

Angela Pick gave the Council an update on the library. Summer Reading has 40+ signed up. The Summer Library hours are Monday-Thursday from 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m. The garden is coming along. The flowers around the sign were donated. Angela will get quotes for a new computer.

Lucas Larson gave an update of the Fire Department. Nothing to report at this time.

Travis Tauer gave an update on Public Works. Travis will get quotes on tree removal at the park for July meeting. The ash trees in the park are starting to show signs of Ash borer disease.

A Motion was made by Lucas Larson and seconded by William Wurtz for Travis to purchase timbers and mulch for the around the playgrounds at both the park and the baseball park. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, William Wurtz-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved.

It was decided that staff will inform the public via Facebook and the City's website that the city will not be able to fund the 4th of July Fireworks this year. During workshop on March 11, 2025 the Council discussed the event and decided that due to rising pyrotechnic costs, the emergency well replacement and new staff, the city does not have the capability to fund the event. The Council encourages other organizations to consider taking this event on. By law a municipality cannot solicit for donations, however a nonprofit or a 501C can fundraise and solicit for funding. Donations that have been received will be returned. Only one donation has been received as of 06/10/2025.

A Motion was made by Lucas Larson and seconded by Mikale Gustafson to approve Munibilling as the new utility billing platform. The current utility billing system is becoming obsolete and the City was supposed to convert to a new system back in February, however due to the change of staff the company allowed the City more time to operate on the current platform. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, William Wurtz-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved.

Workshop Notes: At a workshop prior to and after the Council meeting, the following items were discussed:

1. Matthew Cole from Bolton and Menk came and presented the USDA funding project that was proposed last year. This is to educate all the new Council and a refresher for the old.
2. The Council adjourned to the City Park after the Council meeting to look at the trees and the playground timbers and mulch.
3. Current utility shut-offs and the June shut-off list for utilities.
4. EDA apartments – move in and move outs for June.

A Motion was made by William Wurtz and seconded by Lucas Larson to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, William Wurtz-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved.

Typed this 15th day of June 2025
Chris Fischer,
City Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: City Clerk, Chris Fischer

Mayor, Daniel Paulson

CITY CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT								
HANSKA CITY COUNCIL MEETING June 10, 2025								
Date	Claim #/Check #	Payee		General	Water	Sewer	Library	EDA
4/16/25	ACH05212025-3 9729	Payroll	Payroll 05/04/2025-05/17/2025	\$1,458.71	\$298.30	\$298.30	\$587.06	\$149.14
5/22/25	ACH05222025	PERA	Payroll 05/04/2025-05/17/2025	\$295.75	\$60.48	\$60.48	\$92.01	\$30.23
5/28/25	ACH05282025	Payroll	Travis - 05/28/2025 #8	\$299.17	\$119.67	\$119.67		\$59.83
5/29/25	ACH05282025	PERA	Travis - 05/28/2025 #8	\$60.70	\$24.27	\$24.27		\$12.13
5/31/25	9730	Minnesota Dept of Health	Water Testing Fee		\$488.00			
5/31/25	9731	Quill	Paper - City Hall	\$63.98				
5/31/25	9732	Bolton & Menk	Well Project		\$1,074.50			
5/31/25	9733	Quadiant Finance USE	Postage		\$27.18	\$27.18		
6/1/25	ACH06012025	Dept of Revenue	May Withholding State	\$340.00	\$82.34	\$82.34	\$20.03	\$41.18
6/1/25	ACH060120252	EFTPS	May Withholding Federal	\$1,265.43	\$306.46	\$306.46	\$186.22	\$153.22
6/4/25	ACH060425-3 9734	Payroll	Payroll 05/18/2025-05/31/2025	\$1,602.28	\$291.26	\$291.26	\$381.72	\$145.62
6/5/25	ACH06052025	PERA	Payroll 05/18/2025-05/31/2025	\$297.58	\$60.48	\$60.48	\$57.16	\$30.24
6/7/25	ACH06072025	PEIP	Health Insurance	\$489.11	\$195.64	\$195.64		\$97.82
6/11/25	ACH06112025	Payroll	Travis - 06/11/2025 #9	\$299.17	\$119.67	\$119.67		\$59.83
6/12/25	ACH06122025	PERA	Travis - 06/11/2025 #9	\$60.70	\$24.27	\$24.27		\$12.13
6/20/25	ACH06202025	Brown County REA	Electric 05/01/2025-05/31/2025	\$1,866.20	\$220.20	\$193.77	\$89.59	
6/10/25	9735	Walters Excavating	Gravel	\$200.00				
6/10/25	9736	American Welding & Machining	Baseball Park Repairs and Shop	\$1,574.03				
6/10/25	9737	Nilson Heating & Air Conditioning	Library Air Conditioning				\$142.50	
6/10/25	9738	Badger Meter	Library Air Conditioning		\$95.88	\$95.88		
6/10/25	9739	MN Dept of Heath	Library Hospitality Fee				\$40.00	
6/10/25	9740	Matheson Tri-Gas Inc	Shop gas	\$108.65				
6/10/25	9741	Runnings	Shop	\$200.91				
6/10/25	9742	Hawkins, Inc.	Water		\$20.00			
6/10/25	9743	Menards	Shop supplies and Library garden hose reel	\$152.64			\$99.99	
6/10/25	9744	Arnold's of Mankato	Kubota repairs	\$589.00				
6/10/25	9745	City of Madelia	Ambulance Purchase-Capital Allocation	\$21,700.00				
6/10/25	9746	Nuvera	Telephone	\$596.57		\$51.83	\$53.82	
6/10/25	9747	MVTL	Sewer Testing			\$101.75		
6/10/25	9748	Plunkett's	Pest Control	\$35.38				
6/10/25	9749	Gopher State One Call	Gopher One Calls		\$1.35	\$1.35		
6/10/25	9750	League of MN Cities	WC Audit	\$1,405.00				
6/10/25	9751	Crestline Software/Munibilling	New Utility Software Agreement		\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00		
6/10/25	9752	Metro Sales	Copier Maintainance Agreement	\$68.64				
6/10/25	9753	River View Sanitation	Garbage	\$333.45				
6/10/25	9754	Central Region Coop	Tank Rental	\$406.94				
6/10/25	9755	Hanska C-Store	Gas	\$599.26				
6/10/25	9756	Travis Tauer	Cell Phone 2024 and 2025	\$495.00				
6/10/25	9757	Fafinski Mark & Johnson	Criminal Legal Expenses	\$1,039.50				
6/10/25	ACH06102025	Amazon	Mailing Envelops	\$136.94				
		TOTALS		\$38,040.69	\$5,359.95	\$3,904.60	\$1,750.10	\$791.37
Mayor, Daniel Paulson					Attest: Chris Fischer, City Clerk			