

Hanska City Council – Special Meeting
June 24, 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 and Travis Tauer.

The Council met in a Special Session to discuss the presentation the Matthew Cole from Bolton and Menk, Inc. presented on June 10, 2025 in Regular Council meeting. The Council discussed the size of the project and the priority of all the components. Last year the City of Hanska Council approved Bolton and Menk to put together a Water Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report and USDA application for funding on this project. The application has not been submitted. This report and application expense was \$40,000. At this time the Council evaluated the needs of the community:

1. Water System – new wells. This was discussed because of the emergency well replacement that the City is currently dealing with. If the Council was to decide to continue with the project as stated, the current new well (being drilled) would be capped off and 2 new wells drilled in a different location.
2. Water Treatment Facility – We currently do not have it. This would be an added to the current utilities. The question is what is the cost to operate after it is built?
3. Update aging water distribution system – most of the infrastructure has been replaced in the past projects. There are only a few areas that need to be addressed.
4. New Water Tower – The current water tower has the storage capacity that is required for the City and surrounding area for fire protection. The current tower can be rehab.
5. Wastewater System – Lift Station improvements.

In the presentation it was shown that the population of both Brown County and Hanska will see a decline in the next 20 years. More research will be done on this to understand where these numbers came from.

The presentation is attached to the minutes.

The Council discussed the Petterson Land. This will be an agenda item on July 8th, 2025 meeting.

The Council was presented with 2024 numbers and the current 2025 numbers to start understanding how to proceed with budget. On July 8th, 2025 Sara Oberloh, CPA, of Oberloh and Oberloh will present the 2024 Audit.

The council discussed the EDA move in and move out this past month. Repairs were discussed

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 29th day of June 2025

Chris Fischer,
City Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: City Clerk, Chris Fischer

Mayor, Daniel Paulson