

**Hanska City Council – Regular Meeting**  
**January 16, 2025**  
**6pm – Hanska Community Center**

The Oth of Office was administered by Acting Mayor Ian Kjelshus to Mayor Daniel Paulson.

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Daniel Paulson to Councilmember Mikale Gustafson and William Wurtz.

The meeting was called 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, Shannon Mosenden, Daniel Vee, Jason Geiger, Angela Pick, Patty Paulson, Patrice Scheibel and Mike Scheibel.

A Motion was made by Lucas Larson 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 William Wurtz and seconded by Lucas Larson to approve the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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 Ian Kjelshus and seconded by Lucas Larson 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.

A Motion was made by Lucas Larson and seconded by Mikale Gustafson to approve Resolution 2025-1 Stating Annual Designations:

1. The official newspaper of the City of Hanska shall be The Hanska Herald.
2. The primary depository of the City of Hanska shall be Alliance Bank.
3. The City Attorney for legal advising, litigation and prosecutions shall be Jared Peterson.
4. The Acting Mayor who shall preside and perform duties in the absence of the mayor shall be Ian Kjelshus.
5. The Acting Clerk/Treasurer who shall perform duties in the absence of the City Clerk/Treasurer shall be Mikale Gustafson.
6. Liaison for the Library Board shall be William Wurtz.
7. Liaison for the Fire Department/Fire Relief Association shall be Lucas Larson.

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 William Wurtz and seconded by Lucas Larson to approve Resolution 2025-2 Regarding Access to City of Hanska’s Checking and Savings Accounts as follows:

- A. Mayor Daniel Paulson
- B. Councilmen Mikale Gustafson
- C. City Clerk-Treasurer Chris Fischer

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 Lucas Larson to approve Resolution 2025-3 Accepting a Donation of \$10,000.00 from the LaSalle Fire Relief Association to be deposited into the Safety Fund. 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 Ian Kjelshus and seconded by William Wurtz to approve the 2025 Pay Equity Report. 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 William Wurtz and seconded by Ian Kjelshus to approve a permanent Utility Easement for parcel: Lot 36, Block 3, Hanska Original Plat. The permanent utility easement approval is contingent on test well drilling. Permanent utility easement may not be required if test well drilling is not successful. 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 Ian Kjelshus and seconded by William Wurtz to accept the new Library Board members:

- President: Vicky Strassburg
- Vice President: Kris Karpen
- Secretary: Courtney Jones
- Member at Large: Cardi Brantley
- Member at Large: Megan Mosenden
- Member at Large: Mikara Meyer
- Member at Large: Anne Grunert

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 Ian Kjelshus and seconded by William Wurtz to approve 2025 Fire Department Officers:

- Chief – Mikale Gustafson
- Asst Chief – Cory Fischer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief – Travis Tauer
- Captain – Jared Larson
- Captain – Denton Strassberg
- Captain – Lucas Larson
- Captain – Aaron Schultz

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 William Wurtz and seconded by Ian Kjelshus to approve increasing the annual retirement rate of benefit from \$1000 to \$1500 for the Fire Department. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, William Wurtz-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved.

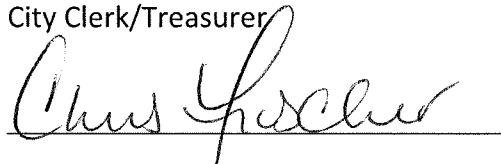
Assistant City Clerk Shannon Mosenden gave an update on City Hall hours and upcoming conversion of the utility billing system in February.

Council discussed moving Citizen Communication to the end of the Council meeting. Residents will have the opportunity to address the Council. Resident is to state their name to the Council. Residents will have 3 minutes to address their concern. The Council may or may not answer the concern that evening. Some concerns may need time to research. The Council appreciates the communication with the residents.

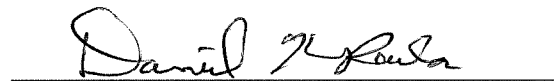
A Motion was made by Ian Kjelshus and second by Lucas Larson to adjourn the meeting at 6:23p.m. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, William Wurtz-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved.

Typed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025

Chris Fischer,  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Handwritten signature of Chris Fischer in cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Attest: City Clerk, Chris Fischer

Handwritten signature of Daniel Paulson in cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Mayor, Daniel Paulson