

**Hanska City Council – Regular Meeting
October 14, 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, William Wurtz and Lucas Larson.

Others present were Chris Fischer, Travis Tauer and Angela Pick.

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

A Motion was made by Ian Kjelshus and seconded by Lucas Larson to approve September 9th and Special Meeting September 13, 2025, Council minutes. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes, William Wurtz and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved.

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

Angela Pick gave the Council an update on the library. Usage numbers are still up and everything is going well.

Lucas Larson gave an update of the Fire Department. DNR Grant was discussed.

Travis Tauer gave an update on Public Works. The well is up and running.

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

Travis Tauer presented quotes on paving the patches on Viking and Railroad. A Motion was made by Ian Kjelshus and seconded by Lucas Larson to approve the quote from MR Paving in the amount of \$3591.00 to pave the patches before winter. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes, William Wurtz and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved.

Travis Tauer presented quotes for removing some of the dead trees in the park. These are ash trees that are dying due to ash bore. A Motion was made by Ian Kjelshus and seconded by Lucas Larson to approve Randy's Quality Tree Service to remove 5 trees in the amount of \$1850.00. Other quotes received were Ahrens Arbor Care - \$3026.00 and Cole Halvorson - \$1925.00. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes, William Wurtz and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved.

Chris Fischer presented a deferred assessment from 2004 for parcel #007.000.005.06.060 in the amount of \$2,300.11. This deferred assessment should have been decertified when the property was forfeited and sold to Habitat for Humanity. A Motion was made by Ian Kjelshus and seconded by Lucas Larson to decertify the deferred assessment on parcel #007.000.005.06.060. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved. William Wurtz abstained.

Chris Fischer gave an update.

City Attorney Jared Perrerson will not be practicing municipal Civil and Criminal law after January 1st, 2026. The city will need to entertain a RFP for attorney services.

Due to Veteran's Day on November 11th the next council meeting will be held on Wednesday November 12th.

EDA apartment #1 new tenant is David Nelson.

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

1. MPCA Schedule of Compliance was discussed. The city has reached an agreement with the MPCA regarding a plan of action on the increased amount of water that is going into the sewer system. Due to the violations regarding the discharge the city will need to develop a short-term and long-term plan and present it to the MPCA within 180 days of signing the agreement. If the plan is not submitted within this time frame the city will be expected to pay the penalties outlined within the agreement. The items within the short-term and long-term plan will be presented to the Council and public at the next Council meetings leading up to April 15, 2025. A grant for some of the plan of action is being pursued.

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, Lucas Larson-Yes, William Wurtz-Yes and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved.

Typed this 19th day of October 2025
Chris Fischer,
City Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: City Clerk, Chris Fischer

Mayor, Daniel Paulson