

**Hanska City Council – Regular Meeting
January 13, 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, Dan Vee, Mandy Sowers and Mark Strom.

A Motion was made by Lucas Larson and seconded by William Wurtz to approve the agenda with two (2) additional items:

1. Resolution 2026-2 Accepting Donation
2. City Attorney Agreement for Criminal Prosecution services through the Brown County Attorney.

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 December 9, 2025, Council minutes. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes, William Wurtz-Yes and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved.

Mark Strom, a resident of the EDA apartments, was present at the meeting to discuss noise concern. To have the council experience the situation Mark Strom and Clayton Neville (another resident of the EDA) agreed to evaluate the concerns by setting up a time to have Council present when the noise is being made.

Travis Winter and Matt Cole from Bolton and Menk were present to discuss again the Hanska Infrastructure Improvements. This comes from having a leak in the water tower in December and the Council awareness about the infrastructure condition. Council will meet on February 10, in regular session to discuss the next step with the project and funding.

A Motion was made by William Wurtz and seconded by Lucas Larson to approve Resolution 2026-01 Resolution Stating Annual Designations:

- Newspaper – The Hanska Herald
- Bank – Alliance Bank
- Criminal Prosecutions Attorney – Brown County Attorney – Chuck Hanson
- Civil Attorney – Knutson Casey
- Acting Mayor – Ian Kjelshus
- Acting Clerk/Treasurer – Mikale Gustafson
- Library Liaison – William Wurtz
- Fire Dept Liaison – Lucas Larson

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 Lucas Larson and seconded by Ian Kjelshus to approve Resolution 2026-02 Accepting Donation from the La Salle Fire Relief Association:

\$10,000 – Fire Department
\$10,000 – Public Safety
\$2,500 – Hanska Special Event Committee

Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes, William Wurtz-Yes and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved. Fee Schedule attached.

Library update was given by William Wurtz. Not much to report. The grant should be coming next week.

Fire Department update was given by Lucas Larson. Not much to report.

Public Works update was given by Travis Tauer.

A Motion was made by Lucas Larson and seconded by Ian Kjelshus to approve a 5-year contract with Maguire for water tower cleaning in the amount of \$2850.00 a year. 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 Lucas Larson and seconded by Ian Kjelshus to approve a 4% increase in wages for Chris Fischer, Travis Tauer, Angela Pick and Shannon Mosenden. 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 Mikale Gustafson and seconded by Ian Kjelshus that the Lake Hanska Township office if sold will need to connect to city sewer services. The office is currently on a tank system. Voting in favor of said motion; Daniel Paulson-Yes, Mikale Gustafson-Yes, Lucas Larson-Yes, William Wurtz-Yes and Ian Kjelshus- Yes. Motion approved.

At the workshop prior to the meeting Dan Vee discussed the rental inspections and ATV licenses. More research needs to be done regarding the rental inspections. The ATV license are not being done due to the lack of enforcement with them.

The nuisance ordinance will be sent out to all Council to discuss at next council meeting.

Mandy Sowers had a complaint regarding recycling containers on the northeast side of town. There is garbage blowing around. People abuse the use of them and throw garbage away in them. A phone meeting will be set up with Brown County Planning and Zoning to discuss the options that the City has regarding recycling containers.

A Motion was made by Lucas Larson and seconded by William Wurtz 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 January 2026
Chris Fischer,
City Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: City Clerk, Chris Fischer

Mayor, Daniel Paulson