

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Heinen at 6:30 p.m. The following City Council members were found to be present: Mayor Dave Heinen and Council Members Mike Fall, Fran Ramler, and Doug Schmitz. Absent: Shannon Miller. Others present: Brigid Murphy, Jon Stueve, Brian Lintgen, Jim Kraemer, Ryan Hennen, Ray Schouviller, Marv Soldner, Derek Hoium, Ken Kraemer, Dave Dingmann, Audrey Nierenhausen, Eric Nierenhausen, Steve Dingmann, Jason Blum and Joe Jelovnick.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – January 25, 2022 Regular Meeting

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Murphy explained that there were twelve members of the public who indicated interest in serving on the construction committee. Councilor Fall suggested that there be two separate construction committees, one for the City Hall complex and one for the stand-alone Fire Hall building. He stated that by creating two committees, each could be more focused and more of the community volunteers could be involved. The rest of the Council agreed with that idea and ranked their top three for each committee. Murphy tabulated the results and after some discussion the members committee were suggested.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JIM KRAEMER, MARV SOLDNER, AND KEN KRAMER TO THE FIRE HALL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Through unanimous consensus the Council then decided on the following members for the City Hall Facility Construction and Renovation Committee: Audrey Nierenhausen, Derek Hoium, and Steve Dingmann.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Public Hearing on Body Worn Camera Policy

The public hearing was opened at 7:07 p.m. Chief Blum provided background information on the proposed policy on body worn cameras and answered various questions from the Council. There were no comments received before the meeting or during the meeting from any members of the public. Mayor Heinen called three times for comment and seeing none, the hearing was then closed at 7:21 p.m. Chief Blum stated that a public hearing will also be held by the City of Richmond on the proposed policy since they receive law enforcement services too. He stated after that hearing he will be back to request approval to purchase the cameras.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO ADOPT THE BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY AND AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Community Policing Agreement

Chief Blum stated that their next meeting will be on February 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Request to have Two Blowers for Wastewater Rebuilt

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE REBUILDING OF TWO BLOWERS BY BVC SYSTEMS AT A PRICE OF \$28,914.00 AND FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID OUT OF WASTEWATER EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND UPKEEP LINE ITEM #6313. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

A. Project Updates

Lintgen explained that interior piping work is continuing on the Water Treatment Plant and rafters are being put on for the roof. He stated that shop drawings are being finished for the Standpipe Water Tower. He stated that they are working towards 100% design for the Wastewater Pre-Treatment Plant.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Initiative Foundation of Central Minnesota

Murphy explained that there is funding available through DEED, which would be administered by the Initiative Foundation to provide local assistance to communities for demolition, reconstruction, repairs and other capital costs associated with helping attract private investment and job creation in the downtown area. The Council was in unanimous agreement that the downtown area should include the businesses along Main Street through to 5th Avenue, and that Murphy could work with the EDA on designating the established area on a map. She stated that a letter of support is needed to assist the Initiative Foundation to be a partner agency with DEED for the project.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY RAMLER, FOR THE MAYOR AND EDA TO DRAFT A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE INITIATIVE FOUNDATION AND FOR THE EDA TO WORK WITH THE INITIATIVE FOUNDATION IF THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL IN RECEIVING THE FUNDING FROM DEED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Approval to Attend MCFOA Conference in March

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S ATTENDANCE AT THE MCFOA CONFERENCE. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

C. Diversity Ad Hoc Committee Update

Murphy stated that DeYoung will be holding a kick off meeting on February 17th. Murphy stated that the Council will need to designate a champion or chairperson to make sure that the benchmarks are being met which could be decided at the Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

COMMISSION UPDATES

A. Planning Commission & EDA

Mayor Heinen stated that the Pints and Policy event was held with approximately 17 participants. There were 150 responses to the Community Survey.

B. EDA, Park Board, Rocori Trail Construction Board

No updates were provided as their meetings will be held in the coming weeks.

LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$87,393.62 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$10,709.44 AS PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO ADJOURN AT 7:42 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

David Heinen, Mayor

Brigid Murphy, City Administrator