

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 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, Shannon Miller, Fran Ramler, and Doug Schmitz. Others present: Brigid Murphy, Jon Stueve, Brian Lintgen, David Jonas, Kenny Fuchs, Dave Blattner, Drew VanLoy, and Joe Jelovnick.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE MARCH 22, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – March 8, 2022

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

COLD SPRING AREA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION FIELD HOUSE DISCUSSION

Drew VanLoy and David Jonas from Cold Spring Baseball Association presented their concept plans for a field house along the left field line at the Baseball Park which would be paid for through private donations. VanLoy explained that they had presented their plans to the Park Board, which was receptive but concerned about potential neighborhood feedback. VanLoy stated that they met with all neighboring property owners who were overwhelmingly supportive of the plans with the exception of one who was disappointed in losing their sight lines to the field. VanLoy explained how the fieldhouse, which would be 85 by 120 feet would be used by spring sports teams and would also elevate the user experience at the field from the viewing deck. Murphy explained that a special use permit and a variance would likely be needed for the planned structure and that the next step would be to draft a developer agreement for the project.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE CONTINUING WITH THE PLANS FOR A FIELD HOUSE AT THE COLD SPRING BASEBALL PARK BY DRAFTING A DEVELOPER AGREEMENT AND PROCEEDING WITH THE REQUIRED HEARINGS FOR THE PROJECT. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

RESOLUTION RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES 2022A

Murphy explained that the Industrial Pre-Treatment Facility which will process the waste produced by Cold Spring Brewing Company will be ran by the City. She stated that the City will be issuing bonds to finance the project. She stated the City is able to apply for a PFA Credit Enhancement Program to make the bonds more attractive at a better rating in the negotiated sale. The first step in the process is to fill out an application to the program.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES 2022A, AND TO APPLY FOR THE PFA CREDIT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Request to Approve Sludge Hauling Bid from R-Way Pumping

Stueve explained that staff will do as much decanting as they can before having sludge hauled. He stated that fuel surcharges have added to the cost for hauling.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO APPROVE SLUDGE HAULING BY R-WAY PUMPING AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.00, AND FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID OUT OF WASTEWATER BUDGET SLUDGE DISPOSAL LINE ITEM #6715. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Approve Advertising for Four Part-Time Seasonal Employees

Stueve explained that there is one previous employee who is interested in returning to their position this year. He stated that he hoped to get a total of four employees for the seasonal positions.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISING FOR FOUR PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

C. Project Updates

Stueve stated that staff is finishing up the fishing pier and that potholes will be repaired in coming weeks.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

A. Project Update

Lintgen stated a pre-construction meeting was held for the Stand Pipe Water Tower project which the contractor is ready to start as soon as weather conditions allow.

B. Water Treatment Plan Change Order Request Number 3

Lintgen presented Change Order No. 3 for the project and explained the necessity for the changes including valve work, interior painting and a transformer relocation. Councilor Schmitz inquired why these changes weren't included as part of the original project. Lintgen and Stueve explained that they tried to keep costs as low as possible thinking that they might not need those components but now realized that they are necessary and should be done now before the project is complete.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER THREE FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

C. Resolution No. 2022-09, a Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing to go to Bid Lintgen explained that the MPCA permit revision has been posted for the required public notice period which will be complete on April 29. He provided a tentative bidding schedule and stated that the Council needs to wait to award the contract until after the MPCA issues the permit.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09, A RESOLUTION APPROVING OF THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING BIDDING ON THE INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PLANT. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Blum had submitted a written report on the monthly calls for February. Murphy stated that Chief Blum would like to have a special meeting to adopt the Community Policing Agreement and asked the Council to check their schedules to make a date determination at the next Council meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Snow Parking Ordinance Discussion

Murphy explained that she had drafted an Ordinance amendment for the Snow Parking regulations. She stated she had added language to clarify that the ticket is issued to the registered owner of the vehicle, that the fee for the first violation would be \$30.000 and the second violation would be \$50.00. She discussed the challenges of officers having to look through records to determine if it is a first violation or second violation on site. Councilor Fall suggested that the language on the ticket could be modified so that office staff would be able to determine whether it's a first or second violation and charge the appropriate fee. The Council agreed they liked the graduated fee for a second violation and stated they would like the amendment to be brought back for a second reading at the next meeting.

B. League of MN Cities Annual Conference Information

Murphy stated that the conference is back to in-person this year. She stated she could register the Council members interested in attending.

C. Other

Murphy stated that Legislative Day at the Capitol is on April 20, 2022. She stated that she is unable to attend, but if any Council members are interested, they should let her know so that she can arrange for meetings with local legislative representatives.

COMMISSION UPDATES

A. Planning Commission

They did not meet since the last report.

B. EDA

Councilor Schmitz and Ramler stated that representatives from the Kiess property spoke to the EDA about plans for the property and potential funding assistance to demolish the building. Murphy stated that the promotional video for the City was reviewed and will be played at the Community Showcase booth.

C. Rocori Trail

Councilor Schmitz stated that branches and brush were being cut and cleaned out to make way for the trail which has a connection final completion date of fall 2022.

D. Construction Committee

Councilor Ramler stated that they reviewed blueprints and have discussed the size and necessity of rooms for the Fire Hall. Councilor Schmitz stated that some in person tours are being planned of area libraries and that the next meeting is planning on being both groups together in April.

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 \$479,586.68 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$2,059.51 AS PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:24 p.m. Mayor Heinen announced that the Council would be in a closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subdivision 2(b) to investigate an allegation of hostile work environment.

RE-OPEN THE REGULAR MEETING

At 7:55 p.m. p.m. Mayor Heinen re-opened the regular meeting. He stated the results of the closed session were that no action was taken by the council. Mayor Heinen asked if there was any further business.

Member Fall stated that would like to resign from the Richmond Police Contract Negotiation Committee. The Council accepted the resignation.

Mayor Heinen asked who would be interested to replace Fall. Mayor Heinen, Councilmember Ramler and Councilmember Schmitz stated they would be interested.

MOTION BY FALL, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO APPOINT MEMBER SCHMITZ TO THE RICHMOND POLICE CONTRACT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE. MOTION PASSED 4-1. HEINEN, MILLER, FALL AND SCHMITZ, YEA. RAMLER NAY.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO ADJOURN AT 8:01 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

David Heinen, Mayor

Brigid Murphy, City Administrator