

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Heinen at 5:00 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: Ryan Hennen. Others present: Kris Dockendorf, Jason Blum, Jon Stueve, Sam Butler, Joe Wenner, Paul Steil, Kari Franklin and Joe Jelovnick.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE MARCH 27, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – March 13, 2024 Regular Meeting

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF RIVER LINKS 6TH ADDITION

Kari Franklin from SEH discussed several details of the final plat of River Links 6th Addition. She explained there were no changes from the preliminary plat which consists of eleven lots and two easements for extensions of utilities to the golf course. Stueve explained that he would like to see the easements moved from the current proposed location between Lot 2 and 3, to a point further into the plat, between Lot 7 and 8 to eliminate dead ends in the water main. The developers, Joe Wenner and Paul Steil stated their opposition of moving the easements to those lots, due to those being premium lots. Councilor Schmitz suggested that the Planning Commission review the change in location of the easements and make a recommendation to the Council.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF RIVER LINKS 6TH ADDITION. MOTION FAILED 0-4.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO TABLE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07 UNTIL AFTER THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS FURTHER REVIEWED THE PLAT AND REVISIT DISCUSSION AT THE APRIL 24TH COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BROADBAND ACCESS

Joe Jelovnik from Rocori Area TV explained that the local access channel is funded by cable subscribers. He stated that due to streaming services becoming extremely popular, the level of cable subscribers has decreased. He stated that the legislature is considering a bill to move the costs to all broadband providers, not just cable providers. He requested approval of the proposed letter of support to make that change.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF SUPPORT TO LEGISLATORS FOR THE EQUAL ACCESS TO BROADBAND ACT. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Purchase of Picnic Tables

Stueve explained their goal of transitioning out the old style of picnic tables. He stated that this was the low quote and the same vendor that has been used in the past for composite picnic tables.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FIVE COMPOSITE PICNIC TABLES FROM NOF INC. AT A COST OF \$5,605.00; TO BE PAID OUT OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM #6311. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Purchase John Deere Gator

Stueve explained he wants to replace the current cart being used for watering flowers and at the parks. He stated that \$7,500 has been budgeted for the purchase and he has not been able to find the desired type of gator at a dealership yet. He explained his request now for permission to purchase a gator at a price of up to \$7,500, to speed up the buying process, in case one is found but is not able to be held until after a future City Council

meeting. He explained how Facebook Marketplace may be a source to find such an item, and although he hasn't found an exact model at this point he would like the option to make the purchase when it's available. Further discussion was had about sharing the costs of the gator with other departments if it is used for more than one.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE GATOR AT A COST UP TO \$7,500.00; TO BE PAID OUT OF PARK DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM #6311. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Stueve explained that he would like to sell the current Torro and felt that it would get the highest price using Facebook Marketplace. He stated that the best future use of the Torro would likely be on a farm and stated that MinnBid may not have the widest rural audience.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO DECLARE THE TORRO UTILITY VEHICLE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

C. Updates

Stueve stated that he is planning a spring newsletter. He stated they are now working on advertising for bids for crack filling and seal coating so that it gets completed earlier in the summer. He discussed getting a price for a sign with a light on it, to explain that the flame is normal for the torch by the wastewater pre-treatment plant. He stated there have been calls received from motorists passing by who think that something is on fire and that then the fire department gets paged out. Chief Blum explained that communication has been provided to the dispatchers, but due to staff rotations and callers not providing an exact address it has been a challenge. The Council discussed whether the sign would be a further distraction to motorists and if public education is a better option. Stueve explained that most locals know what the flame is now, but it's being seen by motorists who are not locals driving through on the highway.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

A. Project Updates

Butler stated that tree removal started today for the Lift Station #1 Rehab project. He stated they will be starting more work on it in mid-April. He stated the new railing has been installed on the bridge along 2nd Avenue North. He stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan public hearing will be held at the April 10th meeting. Lastly, he stated that site survey and soil borings will be done as part of the Feasibility Study for the 2025 Improvements Project.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Updates

Chief Blum provided a report on the monthly calls for service for February. He reminded the public to keep their doors locked and valuables stored inside buildings. He also continued to reminded the public about scams and fraud incidents.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Updates

Dockendorf explained that the financial audit was done last week and went well. She stated that discussion continues with Spartan Field developers about a trail from the North Pointe development. She stated that details are being finalized for the road agreement with Cold Spring Co-Op.

COMMISSION UPDATES

A. Planning Commission

Dockendorf explained that they discussed the River Links 6th Addition Final Plat.

B. EDA & Park Board

No reports on these boards.

C. Rocori Trail

Councilor Schmitz stated that they discussed the re-alignment of the trail as it relates to the 2025 Improvement Project. They also discussed brush cleaning and clearing, along with the ongoing desire for the DNR to take over the trail.

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 \$125,461.09 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$42,017.64 AS PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO ADJOURN AT 6:00 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

David Heinen, Mayor

Kris Dockendorf, City Administrator