

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL 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 Jayme Knapp, Shannon Miller and Gary Theisen. Absent: Doug Schmitz. Others present: Brigid Murphy, Brent Neisinger, Jon Stueve, Brian Lintgen, Jason Blum, Tammy Paczkowski, John Kahlert, Marie Kahlert, Deb Hansen, Mitchell Hansen, Gary Stang, Chrissy Gaetke, Ann McGee, John McGee, Jeff Illies and Angie Mueller.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Jeff Illies from the Cold Spring Area Baseball Association informed the Council of the opportunity to receive a grant from the Minnesota Twins for Youth Baseball. He suggested using the grant funds to improve the Little League Field in Pioneer Park by providing more safety coverage over the dugout and moving out the backstop. He also stated that the Bryce Holthaus family would like to donate a Buddy Bench for the Baseball Field. The Council was supportive of the projects as described and stated that they could make a formal decision at a future Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE MARCH 28, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – March 14, 2017

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY THEISEN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2017. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Approval of Race to the Tap 5K Run

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY THEISEN, TO APPROVE THE “RACE TO THE TAP 5K RUN” FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017, CO-SPONSORED BY THIRD STREET BREWHOUSE AND FGHC ACTIVE, WITH THE PROCEEDS BEING DONATED TO ANNA MARIE’S ALLIANCE; FURTHERMORE, TO REQUIRE FGHC TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM STEARNS COUNTY IN REGARD TO THE CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF 1ST STREET SOUTH. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 356 AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE COLD SPRING BREWING CO. PROPERTY WITHIN THE BUSINESS PARK

Brent Neisinger from Cold Spring Brewing Company presented their request to rezone their existing property from I-1 Limited Industrial to I-2 General Industrial. He stated that after taking the resident’s concerns about light and noise into consideration they reconfigured their original expansion plan to move the production process into the area between the two existing buildings. He stated that the rezoning is required to allow for production on those parcels. Neisinger also provided drawings of the preliminary landscape design showing the berm and trees. Several members of the audience asked questions about the design of the berm and stated they were still concerned about truck noise. Audience comments then lead to their disappointment in the lack of a response to email messages, which the Council explained they are going to be adopting a policy on email communication and that they have to abide by the open meeting laws. After continued comments from the audience about noise, Mayor Heinen asked Neisinger to look into a wall to contain truck noise.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 356, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF COLD SPRING ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF FOUR LOTS OWNED BY COLD SPRING BREWING COMPANY WITH PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 48.29316.0929; 48.29316.0900; 48.29316.0904; 48.29316.0905 FROM I-1 LIMITED INDUSTRIAL TO I-2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 355 AN ORDINANCE REZONING GRANITE LANDING 4TH ADDITION FROM R-3 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL P.U.D.

Gary Stang from MNX Properties LLC briefly explained the timeline of the project and that they are planning for a July 1st groundbreaking with an estimated completion date of September 1, 2018. He briefly described the requests before the Council including the rezoning request, height variance and special use permit.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY THEISEN, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 355, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1 OF GRANITE LANDING 4TH ADDITION FROM R-3 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL P.U.D. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-16, ALLOWING FOR A HEIGHT VARIANCE FOR MNX PROPERTIES LLC, AT GRANITE LANDING 4TH ADDITION

Councilor Theisen mentioned that the Fire Chief had been consulted about the proposed building height and he did not have any concerns.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-16, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VARIANCE TO ALLOW A 50 UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING WITH A HEIGHT OF 38 FEET. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-17, ALLOWING FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR MNX PROPERTIES LLC TO BUILD A 50 UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING ON GRANITE LANDING 4TH ADDITION

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-17, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A FIFTY UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE R-3 HIGH DENSITY P.U.D. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CONTRACT FOR DEED FOR THE ADDITIONAL FOOTAGE ATTACHED TO THE PARK LAND DEDICATED TO THE CITY FROM COLD SPRING GRANITE COMPANY FOR THE PROMENADE

Murphy explained that the contract for deed will transfer the land that was dedicated to the City from Cold Spring Granite Company, along with the additional six-foot strip of land that the City is purchasing to make the promenade wider.

MOTION MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY THEISEN, TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR DEED FOR THE ADDITIONAL FOOTAGE ATTACHED TO THE PARK LAND DEDICATION TO THE CITY FROM COLD SPRING GRANITE COMPANY. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Interim Chief Blum stated that on April 29th from 10 am to 2 pm there will be portable containers located at John Paul Apartments and the Richmond City Hall to accept unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

B. Bids on Cars for Sale Through Sealed Bid Update

Interim Chief Blum explained that bids will be accepted until Friday, April 7th at noon for the sale of the used squad cars.

C. Department Community Outreach Activity

Interim Chief Blum stated that a canine sniff was done at the Sartell High School and a demo was done for the Eden Valley-Watkins 3rd grade class. He stated that the Chamber Showcase and Coaches Carnival went well. He added that an officer spoke to the Trap Shooting League members from Rocori.

D. New Squad Update

Interim Chief Blum stated that the new squad is fully equipped and is being used for patrol.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Vehicle Sale 1990 Chevy ½ Ton and 1985 Chevy ½ Ton Flatbed

Stueve stated that the 1990 model truck is the old parks truck and the 1985 model is an old snow hauler. MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO APPROVE THE SALE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF A 1990 CHEVY ½ TON PICKUP AND 1985 CHEVY ½ TON FLATBED BY SEALED BIDS. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Purchase of Submersible Level Transducers

Stueve stated that he received three bids for the replacement of the transducers for Wells 4, 5 and 6. He stated that the transducers tell the drawdown, static level and water level in the wells. MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SUBMERSIBLE LEVEL TRANSDUCTORS FROM TOTAL CONTROL SYSTEMS FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,944.00 FROM WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET LINE ITEM 6313, EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND UPKEEP. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

C. Well/Water Update

Stueve stated he will be meeting with the DNR this week to discuss water options for the City and the Cold Spring Brewing Company. He also stated that they have been removing trees for the power lines at the new well site.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

A. Main Street Updates

Lintgen explained that an easement is being requested from Cold Spring Co-Op, for the northeast corner of their Country Store property, for the placement of a hydrant, lighting cabinet and new plants. MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY THEISEN, TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE COLD SPRING CO-OP'S PARKING LOT FOR HYDRANT, LIGHTING CABINET, AND NEW PLANTS FOR THE MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. CSAH 2 Updates

Lintgen explained that the MPCA accepted the contaminated soils removal report and it will next be submitted to the Petro Fund for reimbursement.

C. SW Infiltration Project

Lintgen reminded the public that the storm drains, drain directly into surface waters or is directly infiltrated into the groundwater.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Process for Responding to Citizen Inquiries

Murphy explained that the City Attorney drafted a policy for the Council to follow in responding to citizen inquiries. She stated that the policy is fairly straightforward and that it will be a guide for the Council to use for future electronic communications.

B. Discussion on Cold Spring Brewing Company Permit Review

As discussed earlier in the meeting, once the Cold Spring Brewing Company submits their building permit application it will be reviewed by the City Engineer, City staff, and Building Inspector for approval.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION UPDATES

A. EDA

Councilor Knapp explained that they are still doing business visits and discussing downtown parking.

B. Rocori Trail Board

Murphy stated that Phase II of the project will begin soon which consists of 1.3 miles, starting at Co Rd 139 and heading west.

C. Planning Commission

Murphy stated that the Historical Preservation Committee creation was discussed. It was recommended that the committee consist of five members, two citizens, one City Council member, one Planning Commission member and one Cold Spring Area Historical Society member. The Planning Commission also discussed next steps with the Space Needs Study and recommended that a subcommittee not be established and the tasks instead stay with the Planning Commission as a whole.

D. Park Board

It was noted that the Park Board has not met since the last commission/committee update given in February.

E. Joint Powers Exploratory Group

Heinen explained that at their February 22nd meeting the group further discussed the Space Needs Study. The group indicated that it would be better to acquire land, sooner than later. The current contracts were discussed along with identifying the group as an Advisory Board rather than a Joint Powers. They discussed meeting quarterly with the Fire Department to discuss finances and large purchases.

LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$42,035.00 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$3,734.60 PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO ADJOURN AT 7:35 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Dave Heinen, Mayor

Brigid Murphy, City Administrator