

TUESDAY, MARCH 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, Shannon Miller, Fran Ramler, and Doug Schmitz. Others present: Brigid Murphy, Jon Stueve, Brian Lintgen, Jason Blum, Jim Eiynek, Christi Hoffman and Angie Mueller.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting and February 17, 2022 Special Meeting for Ad Hoc Committee

B. Resolution No. 2022-07, A Resolution Granting Approvals for Saint Boniface Parish for their Boni Ball, Cash Raffle and Boni Fest for 2022

C. Resolution No. 2022-08, A Resolution Declaring Surplus Property

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

Councilor Shannon Miller arrived at 6:32 p.m.

EXTENSION OF GRANITE COMMUNITY BANK'S REVOLVING LOAN

Jim Eiynek from Granite Community Bank explained their request to extend the revolving loan until September 30, 2022. Eiynek stated that the terms of the loan stated they would need to pay back the loan if a building permit was not taken out within four months of the loan. He explained that due to supply shortages and other pandemic related delays a building permit has not been taken out for the project. He added that the property owner is also hoping to obtain funding through the Initiative Foundations Main Street Revitalization Grants for the project. He stated that funding is expected to be announced in a couple months, and if their project is not selected then the property owner will construct a lesser building. MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE REVOLVING LOAN FOR GRANITE COMMUNITY BANK TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Verbal Project Updates

Stueve explained there has been several water line service breaks and service line freeze ups in the last few months. He explained the cost splits between the City and the property owner and reminded residents to check their water temperatures frequently to avoid a freeze up.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

A. Project Update

Lintgen stated that the roof and piping work is continuing at the Water Treatment Plant. Lintgen stated that the 100% plans for the Industrial Pre-Treatment Plant are completed and are in the 60 day comment period with the MPCA. Lintgen stated the equipment for the Stand Pipe Water Tower has been moved onto the site.

B. Request Approval for Soil Borings for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer and Water Improvements

Lintgen stated that directional drilling is necessary to get multiple soil borings for the project, which will give them more confidence in the recommendations for the utility bridge.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE SOIL BORINGS TO BRAUN INTERTEC AT A COST OF \$17,975.00 FOR THE 2022

**BREWERY SANITARY SEWER DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES SCOPE AND FEE.
MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

C. Blue Heron Heights

Councilor Fall inquired about a secondary exit for the Blue Heron Heights neighborhood for safety reasons. Lintgen and Murphy explained that the City owns a 66 foot right of way just west of the Towns Edge Mobile Home Park. Murphy stated that the homeowners association to the south of Blue Heron Heights could be contacted to revisit discussions to consider an exit onto Fireside Road.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Squad Car Purchase Request

Chief Blum explained that the 2016 and 2017 squad cars are experiencing major mechanical failures. He stated that a new engine is being installed in the 2017 and another one will likely be needed for the 2016 too since the issues seem to be similar due in part to the high miles on each squad. He stated that he would like to purchase another new squad car, which will take several months before it would be delivered to keep the squad car fleet complete. He reminded the Council that he had originally requested two new squads to be purchased in 2022, but one of them was removed from the budget. He stated that the cost for the squad car would be \$35,000 and it would need approximately \$25,000 in equipment costs to outfit it. The Council discussed the request and reverted back to the police service contract with Richmond which will need to be negotiated in the coming months.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO HAVE COUNCILOR FALL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLICE SERVICE CONTRACT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITY OF RICHMOND, ALONG WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR FROM COLD SPRING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY 4X4 FROM SCHWIETERS FORD OF MONTEVIDEO AT A COST OF \$33,992, AND FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID OUT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENDITURES LINE ITEM #6413. THE MOTION FAILED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

After further discussion, the majority of the Council agreed that there are too many unknowns and variables at this time with the Richmond service contract to purchase a squad car since it is not in the budget for the current year.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY FALL TO TABLE THE SQUAD CAR PURCHASE REQUEST UNTIL AFTER THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE POLICE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF RICHMOND. ROLL CALL VOTE, AYES – FALL, HEINEN, MILLER AND SCHMITZ. NAYES – RAMLER. MOTION PASSED 4-1.

B. Community Policing Agreement Update

Chief Blum stated that their next meeting will be March 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to review the nearly completed document.

C. Other

Councilor Fall stated that he would like to see a draft for an ordinance change to the snow parking regulations to lessen the number of violations that occur. He requested staff draft an ordinance change to make it a tiered fine system for repeat violations and a higher fee for the violations.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Chamber Showcase Booth Discussion

Murphy explained that the Cold Spring Area Chamber Showcase will be on April 4, 2022. She stated there are two promotional videos that can be shown at the booth. She stated she will need volunteers from the Council and EDA to host a shift at the booth.

B. River Park Foundation Memorandum of Agreement

Murphy stated that the agreement with River Park Foundation for having concerts at Alexander Park was a one year agreement. She stated that they would like to continue hosting the concerts and renew the agreement with a term ending December 31, 2023.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RIVER PARK FOUNDATION FOR THE USE OF ALEXANDER PARK. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

C. Other

Murphy stated that the Stearns County Assessor’s Office had sent a memo that average market value changes for properties in the City are expected to increase by 15-20% for the 2022 assessments for taxes payable in 2023.

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 \$436,127.49 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$65,827.94 AS PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO ADJOURN AT 7:43 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

David Heinen, Mayor

Brigid Murphy, City Administrator