

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 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. Others present: Brigid Murphy, Jon Stueve, Brian Lintgen, Nancy Schulzetenberg, Jessica Green, Duane Krueger, Drew VanLoy, Robin Vettleon, Paul Waletzko, Dan Weber, Jason Blum and Joe Jelovnick.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Cliff Johnson from the Cold Spring Area History Museum stated that they have a new exhibit featuring century farms, and discussed upcoming speakers they will be hosting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE MAY 10, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – April 26, 2022

B. Resolution No. 2022-14, a Resolution Approving the Master Partnership Contract with MNDOT

C. Direct Voting Agreement with Steans County

D. Declare the 1981 Lund 14-foot Boat and Trailer, and 25 HP Johnson Motor as Surplus Property and Authorize the Advertisement of Sale of Said Property by Sealed Bids

E. Declare the 2008 Cadillac DTS Forfeiture Vehicle as Surplus Property and Authorize Advertisement for Sale of Said Vehicle by Sealed Bids

F. Accept the Resignations from Cindy Goerger & Lisa Brinker Effective May 31, 2022, and Authorize Advertising for Cleaning Services at City Hall

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, AYES – FALL AND RAMLER. NAYES – SCHMITZ AND HEINEN. MOTION FAILED 2-2.

Councilor Schmitz inquired about the boat being declared as surplus property and whether it might be useful to the Fire Department for water rescue purposes. Councilor Schmitz recommended that the Fire Chief look at the boat to determine if it might be useful before it gets sold to the public.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO REMOVE ITEM D FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE REMOVAL OF ITEM D. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

REVIEW OF THE 2021 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Nancy Schulzetenberg from BerganKDV presented the audited financial statement for 2021.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE 2021 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

RESOLUTION 2022-15, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE SERIES 2022A G.O. SEWER REVENUE BONDS

Jessica Green from Northland Securities updated the Council on the bond sale that had taken place. She stated that the true interest cost is 4.65% for the bonds due to the increase in treasuries. She stated that taxable refunding or restructuring the bonds in the future may be an option if rates go much lower than what they are now. She stated the call date for the bonds will be February 1, 2030.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF

\$23,590,000, TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2022A.
MOTION PASSED 4-0.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CSABI

Duane Krueger and Drew VanLoy, representing Cold Spring Area Baseball Inc. announced that they were gifted enough funds to cover the upgrading of the lights at the Cold Spring Baseball Park. VanLoy stated the new lights will be LED and use less energy while providing brighter lighting. He stated that there will be less overflow lighting than the current lights and that the brightness will be focused on the playing area. He stated the development agreement provides the funding details and the turn back of the improvements to the City.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH COLD SPRING AREA BASEBALL INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LIGHTING SYSTEM AT THE COLD SPRING BASEBALL PARK. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

SENIOR GRADUATION ALL NIGHT PARTY NOISE VARIANCE UNTIL 1:00 A.M.

Robin Vettleson was present to request approval for the all night senior class graduation party to be granted a noise variance until 1 a.m. on June 5, 2022. She explained that the event would be similar to last year and that there were no issues then.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE OUTDOOR EVENTS UNTIL 1:00 A.M. ON JUNE 5, 2022 FOR THE SENIOR ALL NIGHT GRADUATION PARTY AT THE DISTRICT EDUCATION FACILITY FOR ROCORI SCHOOL DISTRICT. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED POLICE MEMORIAL PROJECT

Resident Paul Waletzko explained his request to raise funds for a four-foot bronze memorial statute to honor Tom Decker and the continued dedication of the police department. He stated he would be raising private funds to cover the cost of it, which is estimated to be between \$25,000 to \$30,000. The Council was supportive of the idea and gave their consent for Waletzko to continue with planning the memorial project.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Dan Weber stated the department had 47 calls in March, 48 calls in April, and 22 calls so far in May. He discussed a recent workers compensation scenario that happened in Richmond. Murphy and Weber proposed drafting a resolution listing all the special events, games, festivals that the department is authorized to participate in, so that personnel would be covered by workers compensation if personnel were injured at one of those events. They discussed that it would be an annual resolution and that when these events occur they will have the dispatch center create a call for them.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Request to Rehire Seasonal Part-Time Employees

Stueve stated that several workers from last year will be returning for this summer. He stated that he received five additional applications and will have a proposal for hiring two additional workers at the next meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE REHIRING OF JEFF ILLES, LANDON WINKELMAN, AND MERIDETH THEIS FOR PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES AT A RATE OF PAY OF \$13.00 PER HOUR. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. City Logo on Standpipe Discussion

Stueve discussed the drawings showing the options for the logo on the standpipe, and the cost of \$3,360.00 for the decal. He stated that it would be 70 feet in the air and would face to the west. The Council was not in favor of moving forward with it since only residents of North Pointe would see it and the water tower in that area already has the city name on it.

C. Dog Park Update

Stueve stated that locates are being done in the area designated for the Dog Park. He stated that rules for the park will need to be established.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

A. Project Updates

Lintgen explained that the pipe work has been wrapped up for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer and Water Improvements project. He stated that a bituminous patch will be needed on 5th Avenue North and then electrical work would be next. Lintgen stated that on the Standpipe project they are still waiting for steel to move forward with the next footing pour and then they will be able to bolt pieces together. Lintgen stated on the CSAH 158 project they will be evaluating the seeding and doing sidewalk repairs.

B. Industrial Pre-Treatment Facility Project Bid Award

Lintgen stated that there were five bidders with bids that were close which was a good sign. He stated that he felt that the low bid by Rice Lake Construction Group was a fair bid.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE 2022 INDUSTRIAL PRE-TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

C. Scope of Work Approval for Construction Management of the Industrial Pre-Treatment Facility

Lintgen explained that the construction management tasks would include continuing from the current status, through construction and start up of the services, to ensure that the City gets what it's paying for. MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL PRE-TREATMENT FACILITY AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Resignation of Officer Ruben Zayas

Chief Blum presented the resignation of Officer Ruben Zayas and thanked him for his 17 years of service. MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF OFFICER RUBEN ZAYAS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022 AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AND FURTHERMORE, TO APPROVE THE ADVERTISING FOR A REPLACEMENT. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Winter Parking Report and Discussion

Chief Blum provided the Council with additional information on the number of snow parking and sidewalk snow removal violations. He explained that the number of repeat violators is small compared to the number issued, and that the current process already has an escalated fee structure, starting with a city ticket, then to a state ticket and lastly, towing if necessary. He proposed increasing the state ticket fine amount which would be easier to implement than having a graduated fine amount for first, second and third offenses on a city ticket.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Interviews for Vacant Council Seat

Murphy stated that there were five applicants for the vacant seat. The Council discussed the interview process and if interviews should be held. Murphy suggested making the appointment at the May 24th meeting and the new Council person could be sworn in that night.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE INTERVIEWING FOR THE VACANT COUNCIL SEAT ON MAY 18, 2022, BEGINNING AT 4:15 P.M. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Construction Committee Meeting Update

Murphy stated that the construction committee had been presented with ten different options of possible department combinations at the locations selected. After further discussion the committee reduced the number down to six. She stated that the Granite Landing parcel is still up in the air since there are no soil borings from where the building would sit on the lot. She stated that the soil borings would cost \$11,335, which would put the total cost of the parcel around \$400,000 including the assessments. She stated that the Council would need to determine if they want to order the soil borings, to determine if the site is still an option to build on, or if this site is no longer of interest. Mayor Heinen stated that the cost of the land is getting too expensive. Councilor Fall stated he likes the location of the lot, but was concerned about the cost. Councilor Schmitz stated he was not interested in the lot at those costs. Councilor Ramler stated he wanted to move forward with the soil borings. Murphy stated that there is another potential site for the library and she will continue to check on site availability.

MOTION MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE SOIL BORINGS FOR THE GRANITE LANDING SITE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING. ROLL CALL VOTE, AYES – RAMLER AND FALL, NAYES – SCHMITZ AND HEINEN. MOTION FAILED.

C. Ad Hoc Committee Update

Murphy stated that that the executive committee would be meeting on May 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS

Councilor Fall commented that he would like to see the supplemental list of bills ahead of time. He also inquired whether a supplemental list is necessary at all or if the invoices on the list could wait until the following meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$512,770.51 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$33,344.20 AS PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Councilor Ramler stated that there was a bad accident by Schwieters Chevrolet and he wondered whether a traffic control device would have been beneficial to prevent the crash. Chief Blum stated it would, but MnDOT would need to be willing to put one at that location.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO ADJOURN AT 8:27 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

David Heinen, Mayor

Brigid Murphy, City Administrator