

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 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, Ryan Hennen, Fran Ramler, and Doug Schmitz. Others present: Brigid Murphy, Jon Stueve, Brian Lintgen, Jason Blum, Sam Court and Joe Jelovnick.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE JUNE 14, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes – May 24, 2022 Regular Meeting and May 18, 2022 Special Meeting

B. Appointment of Election Judges for the August 9, 2022 Primary Election and the November 8, 2022 General Election: Brigid Murphy, Kris Dockendorf, Lois Lieser, JoAnn Thelen, Anita Neu, Debra Holder, Cathy Bales, Barb Fuchs, Wanda Domke, Janet Stang, Tony Pojawis, William Latare and Adelaide Turkowski; Furthermore, to Appoint Brigid Murphy, Kris Dockendorf, Lois Lieser, and JoAnn Thelen as Head Election Judges

C. Saints Peter & Paul Church, LG220 Application for Exempt Permit, Bingo to be Held November 5, 2022 at The Great Blue Heron

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

### **INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 750 PRESENTATION ON REFERENDUM**

Sam Court from the Rocori School District gave a presentation on the referendum questions that will be voted on by district residents on August 9, 2022. He stated that there are two questions on the referendum, question #1 deals with needed improvements across the district and question #2 can only be approved if question #1 passes. Question #2 is for the construction of an Activity Center, of which there is a potential donation of \$15 million, leaving the cost for the taxpayers for the Activity Center at \$8.9 million.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

A. Monthly Call Report

Chief Dan Weber stated there were 63 calls in May, and 27 calls so far in June. He urged the Council to move forward with a decision on the Public Safety Building.

B. Appointing Two Council Members to a Hiring Committee for Firefighter Interviews

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPOINT DAVE HEINEN AND RYAN HENNEN TO THE FIREFIGHTER HIRING COMMITTEE WITH INTERVIEWS TO BE CONDUCTED JUNE 21 AND JUNE 23, 2022. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT**

A. Request to Purchase Aeration Valve

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN AERATION VALVE FROM DEZURIK COMPANY AT A PRICE OF \$3,475.00, AND FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID OUT OF WASTEWATER BUDGET LINE ITEM EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND UPKEEP #6313. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Water Rate Discussion

Stueve explained that the wells owned by the City are maxed out on their pumping capabilities. He stated that he is researching locations for a potential new well. He stated he would like to significantly increase the rate for the higher tier of water rates, to deter residential customers from needlessly overwatering their lawns. He stated that significant industrial users such as Pilgrims and Cold Spring Brewing Company would be impacted too. He discussed bringing back a proposal on the rate increase with a recommendation at the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, and proposed that the new rate be effective for July usage.

### C. FEMA Grant for Flood Damage Discussion

Stueve stated that the flood damages to the playground area in Frogtown Park include the edging and mulch. He stated that he is hoping that a FEMA grant may cover some of those costs, which are estimated at \$10,000 for wood and \$20,000 for rubber mulch. He stated that the edging options being considered are timber and concrete. He stated he would have a recommendation at the next meeting.

### D. Other

Stueve stated that one of the flower pots was stolen and dumped out. He stated that he would be ordering two more cameras for the Alexander Park area to hopefully assist in apprehension or deter further damage. He stated that the current system can handle up to four cameras.

## **CITY ENGINEER REPORT**

### A. Accept Braun Industries Construction Testing Services

Lintgen stated that a pre-construction meeting is set for next week in preparation of the contractor, Rice Lake starting work in early July. Lintgen explained that testing services are needed to make sure that there is a solid foundation for the pre-treatment building. He stated that material excavation would be done along with trench testing.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM BRAUN INDUSTRIES FOR CONSTRUCTION TESTING FOR THE PRE-TREATMENT PLANT AT A COST OF \$49,164.00. MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

### B. Project Updates

Lintgen stated that there is some roadway surface patching taking place behind Cold Spring Brewing Company. He stated that clean up work and re-seeding is completed on the Co Rd 158 project. He stated they are still waiting on components for the Stand Pipe Water Tower.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

### A. K9 Officer Riley

Chief Blum explained that after declining health over the course of a few weeks, K9 Officer Riley had recently passed away from cancer.

### B. Request Permission to Seek Grants and Donations for a New K9 Officer

Chief Blum stated that he would like to proceed with applying for grants and donations for the purchase of a new K9 for the department. He explained that K9 Riley was trained in narcotic detection and tracking. He stated that K9 Cash is trained in narcotics and apprehension. Councilor Fall stated he wasn't sure that two K9 units were needed and requested more time before making a decision.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO SEEK GRANTS AND DONATIONS FOR A NEW K9 OFFICER. ROLL CALL VOTE – AYES: HENNEN, RAMLER, HEINEN AND SCHMITZ, NAYES: FALL. MOTION PASSED 4-1.**

### C. Retirement Party for Officer Zayas

Chief Blum stated that a retirement party will be held for Officer Zayas on June 24 at 5 pm at Bad Habit Brewing in St. Joseph.

### D. Updates on Department Activity and Ordinance Enforcement

Chief Blum encouraged property owners to mow their grass and clean up their properties as nuisance ordinance enforcement will be ongoing.

### E. Other

Chief Blum stated that the speed truck has been out on the streets. He reminded residents to keep their vehicle doors locked to deter thefts from vehicles. He answered questions about parking near Assumption Home and about grass in the Business Park.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**A. Liability Insurance Coverage Waiver**

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE MAINTAINING LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE AT THE STATUTORY TORT LIABILITY COVERAGE LIMIT. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

**B. St. Boniface Parade Participation**

Murphy inquired whether the Council would like to participate in the parade in August as the registration form is now online.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE ST. BONIFACE PARADE. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

**C. Amending Resolution No. 2022-01 for Park Board**

Murphy stated that a Council member is needed to serve on the Park Board due to the resignation of Shannon Miller.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01, TO APPOINT RYAN HENNEN TO THE PARK BOARD. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

**D. June 28, 2022 Meeting Limited Agenda Items**

Murphy stated that she is planning for a limited agenda for the next meeting on June 28, 2022 since there will be a public hearing on the construction committee findings for the public safety building project.

**LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS**

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$610,989.82 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$15,384.01 AS PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Heinen announced that the Council would be moving into a closed session at 7:50 p.m. pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3 (a) for the Performance Review of the City Administrator.

**OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Heinen re-opened the meeting at 9:20 p.m., Administrator Murphy was given a satisfactory review.

**ADJOURN**

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY HEINEN, TO ADJOURN AT 9:20 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

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David Heinen, Mayor

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Brigid Murphy, City Administrator