

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 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, Dan Weber, Jim Kraemer, Chuck Krebsbach, Barry Belknap, Chris Weber, Drew VanLoy, David Jonas, Nicholas Willenbring, Katie Willenbring, Julia Konop, Mark Dockendorf, Jason Kirchoff, Cara Langston, Brenda Timm, Wendi Wigham and Joe Jelovnick.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Chuck Krebsbach spoke about the construction committee discussion from the last Council meeting. He provided additional thoughts of concern about the Sauk River Road location for the public safety complex. He stated safety should be the first priority and that this a very important decision for the City's future.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE JUNE 28, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – June 28, 2022

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

BARRY BELKNAP, CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Barry Belknap introduced himself to the City Council and explained why he was running for the County Commissioner seat in the 3rd District. He stated he lives in Marty, has children that attend Rocori Schools, and is a commercial banker. He stated that he wants to make sure Stearns County stays good and make it even better.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-21, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR CHRIS WEBER

Chris Weber, resident at 1308 4th Street South, explained his request for a variance from the required 25-foot setback, to place a deck on the west side of his home at 14 feet from the right of way of 14th Avenue South. Mayor Heinen stated that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the variance. MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-21, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VARIANCE TO ALLOW THE PLACEMENT OF A DECK 14 FEET FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY ON 14TH AVENUE SOUTH, COLD SPRING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1308 4TH STREET SOUTH. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH COLD SPRING BASEBALL INC.

Drew VanLoy and David Jonas from Cold Spring Area Baseball Inc. were present to discuss the development agreement.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH COLD SPRING AREA BASEBALL INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIELD HOUSE AT THE COLD SPRING BASEBALL PARK. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Council resumed their discussion of the Construction Committee report from June 28, 2022. Councilor Fall stated that no one had said that they liked the Sauk River Road location for a public safety building and if the building will be there for the next 50 years, it needs to be in the right location. He

stated his concerns about response time and location. He stated that he was not against an upgrade or the proposed size, but didn't want picking the wrong site on his conscious. Councilor Schmitz stated that since the last meeting many people have talked to him and expressed their dislike for the Sauk River Road location. He stated that the Council should do their due diligence and not make a hasty decision. He stated that he still feels that the size of the building can be reduced and that prices may go down if they hold off on the project. Jim Kraemer stated that the Sauk River Road location is wrong for response time and is too far out of town. He stated that the Council should work backward on the project by first establishing a budget. Mayor Heinen stated that the Council did establish a budget and the requests for proposals had that information in them. Mayor Heinen stated that he was not in favor of closing any streets and was optimistic about a reduction in price of the Granite Landing property. Councilor Ramler inquired if the Council needed to decide on a package moving forward. Several Council members indicated their preference for Package A. Councilor Hennen stated that from the feedback given no one was in favor of the Sauk River Road location. He stated that in many ways the Granite Landing site is better and urged the Council to keep moving forward. He stated that space needs are urgent for the police department too and that Package B should be considered where both public safety entities are in one building. MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO MOVE AHEAD WITH SOIL BORINGS ON THE GRANITE LANDING PROPERTY AT A COST OF \$13,550. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Resolution No. 2022-20, Declaring the 1976 Pumper Truck Surplus Property

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-20, DECLARING THE 1976 PUMPER TRUCK SURPLUS PROPERTY AND ALLOW FOR THE FIRE CHIEF TO DISPOSE OF IT. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Approval to Hire Two Firefighters

MOTION AS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE THE FIRE FIGHTER HIRING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FILL TWO CURRENT OPENINGS WITH STEPHANIE KRONE AND LUKE SHURRUM CONTINGENT UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE STANDARD PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

C. Resolution No. 2022-22, Fire Department at Community Events

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-22, A RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRE DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE AT COMMUNITY EVENTS. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

D. Monthly Reports

Chief Weber stated that in May there were 63 calls for service, in June there were 61 calls and there have been 19 so far in July. He stated that if things continue in this direction, full-time fire fighters are going to be needed.

E. Other

Chief Weber stated that years ago the Fire Department had received a Chevrolet Suburban from the MN DNR as surplus property. He stated that the department has no room for it and doesn't use it. He stated that it will need to be returned to the DNR in Willow River.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO RETURN THE CHEVROLET SUBURBAN TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN WILLOW RIVER. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

F. Construction Committee

Chief Weber stated that the Police and Fire Departments should be together in one building. He stated it is too bad that over two years were wasted going nowhere.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Accept & Award Seal Coat Bid

Stueve reported that there were two bids received for the seal coating. He stated that Astech Corp has done the seal coating in the past and the fog sealing that they do is a better product and a quicker process. MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE SEAL COAT PROJECT TO ASTECH CORP. FOR SEAL COATING AND FOG SEALING UP TO \$90,000, AND FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID OUT OF STREET BUDGET LINE ITEM 6611. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Updates

Stueve stated that the newsletter is being reviewed at City Hall. He stated that he will have information to present at the next meeting on increases to the water rates.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

A. Project Updates

Lintgen stated that the 2021 Sanitary Sewer and Water Improvements are mostly complete and that they are waiting on electrical panels and generators. He stated on the Standpipe Water Tower project the starter ring of steel has been cast into the concrete base and the remaining steel to complete the tank should be coming by the end of July. He stated that the ponding upgrades remain for Blue Heron Heights 4th Addition. He stated that work is continuing on the interior piping for the Water Treatment Plant along with site piping and electrical service. He stated that excavation work will begin soon on the Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment project.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Ordinance Enforcement Update

Chief Blum stated that ordinance enforcement is continuing and follow up will be done on the warning violations that were issued.

B. National Night Out

Chief Blum stated National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 2nd. He stated that residence should contact the police department to have an officer stop at their block party.

C. Department Activity Update

Chief Blum stated that the Bike Rodeo will be held on Thursday, July 21st at 5 pm in Alexander Park along the trail.

D. Other

Chief Blum gave a brief synopsis of a few of the calls the department has responded to recently. He stated that there is a grant that would pay half of the cost for the new canine, provided the department is able to raise the other half of the cost. He stated he will continue forward with fundraising efforts.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Approve Contract with Flip Cleaning for City Hall Cleaning Services

Murphy stated that after re-advertising for the cleaning services request for proposals there were two companies that had provided bids. She stated the bids were for the same amount, which is considerably more than what had been paid in the past to single individuals who had contracted for cleaning. She stated since the bids were the same, she was recommending approval of the local company.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE CONTRACTING WITH FLIP CLEANING AT A MONTHLY COST OF \$1,680.00/MONTH. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Approve City Administrator Raise of 3.5% Per Annual Review

Murphy explained that a formal motion had not been given at her review to approve the raise of 3.5%. MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE A 3.5% RAISE FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

C. Other

Murphy stated that she was hoping to include information in the newsletter about the grant available through the Initiative Foundation for the Main Street Revitalization program.

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 \$244,835.97 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$502,348.33 AS PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:49 p.m. Mayor Heinen announced that they would be closing the meeting pursuant to Minnesota State Statute Section 13D.05 Subdivision 3(c)(3) to consider an offer to purchase property within the City of Cold Spring, specifically parcel no. 48.29442.0008.

REOPEN MEETING AND ANNOUNCE RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

At 7:56 p.m. Mayor Heinen re-opened the meeting. He stated the following occurred during the closed session.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO ACCEPT THE OFFER FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 48.29442.008, THAT THE CITY WILL SEEK A LOT CONSOLIDATION FOR THE LOT, AND THAT THE USE THE BUYER HAS FOR THE PROPERTY COMPLIES WITH THE ORDINANCES. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO ADJOURN AT 7:57 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

David Heinen, Mayor

Brigid Murphy, City Administrator