

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 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, Doug Schmitz and Gary Theisen. Absent: none. Others present: Brigid Murphy, Reggie Fraley, Mary Kern, Kurt Hemmesch, Drew VanLoy, Jon Acheson, Jon Stueve, Heidi Stalboerger, Karen Stay, Paul Jeddelloh and Angie Mueller.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE JULY 25, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – July 11, 2017

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-35, VARIANCE REQUEST FOR USE OF STEEL SHEETING MATERIAL FOR A PRIVACY FENCE IN THE C-3 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Reggie Fraley explained he was representing Mary Kern for the variance request to use steel sheeting material for a privacy fence for her commercial business, Smitty's Service located at 217 5th Avenue South. He explained that the steel sheeting is solid and strong and provides a greater level of privacy for the property. He explained several other improvements that are planned for the property including a bituminous parking lot and relocating the sewer and water services.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-35, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VARIANCE REQUEST TO INSTALL STEEL SHEETING MATERIAL ON A PRIVACY FENCE AT 217 5TH AVE S, LOCATED IN THE C-3 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

BASEBALL TURF ISSUE – COLD SPRING BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Kurt Hemmesch from the Cold Spring Baseball Association and Jon Acheson from City staff described the needed improvements to the outfield grass and grading issues at the Baseball Park. They also described how this is the first year where the playoff games have ended early and they would have an opportunity to do field work before the weather turns cold. Hemmesch stated that the association would be willing to pay for half of the cost of the improvements or would be willing to discuss other funding structures. The cost of the improvements if they are all done at one time would be \$18,000. The Council was in favor of moving ahead with the project and directed staff to present funding sources at the next meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY THEISEN, TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TURF AT THE COLD SPRING BASEBALL PARK, AND DIRECTED STAFF TO PROVIDE OPTIONS FOR FUNDING THE COST AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-36, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02, ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-36, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS AND MEETING DATES FOR 2017. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Purchase of Four Tires

Stueve stated that \$7,400 had been budgeted for four new tires for the loader.

MOTION MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FOUR TIRES FOR THE LOADER FROM ROYAL TIRE FOR \$7,156.72; FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID FOR FROM LINE ITEM 11-50-51-6313. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Purchase of Ballast Cards

Stueve stated that there are two banks that the water flows through, and these ballast cards will be for one of those banks.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SIX NEW BALLAST CARDS FOR THE UV SYSTEM FROM UV DOCTOR AT A COST OF \$3,150.00; FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID FOR FROM LINE ITEM 14-70-72-6314. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

C. Appoint Interim Streets & Parks Supervisor

Stueve stated that Streets and Parks Supervisor Ron Fuchs will be having knee surgery and will be out for three months beginning August 7th.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO APPROVE PETE WEBER AS INTERIM STREETS & PARKS SUPERVISOR BEGINNING ONE MONTH AFTER THE ABSENCE OF THE STREETS & PARKS SUPERVISOR AND TO APPROVE THE PAY INCREASE OF \$1.98 PER HOUR. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

D. Promenade Update

Stueve stated he has started designing the trail along the Promenade, which will be either eight feet or ten feet wide. He stated he has contacted the Department of Natural Resources about the fencing needed from the edge of the cliff since there is an approximate drop of 20 feet to the river. He added that he has been working with Design Electric for the layout of the lights along the Promenade.

E. Main Street Update

Stueve explained that the first section of the project opened on Friday, July 21st and that the temporary lights are installed. Councilor Knapp stated that he has received negative feedback on the tree that is installed under the awning in front of Weners Hardware. He stated that he would like to see the tree removed and requested that a price be obtained to replace it with a small granite bench. Stueve stated he would pass the request along to the City Engineer.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Amending the Use Table of Zoning Ordinance

Murphy explained a request was received to amend the Use Table to allow Light Manufacturing in the C-3 Highway Commercial District. She stated that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Zoning Ordinance amendment at their August 16th meeting.

B. Joint Powers Agreement for Rocori Trail Construction Board

Murphy stated that a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on September 14th at 4 p.m. for the completion of Phase II of the project. She stated that the Board will be discussing some changes to the Joint Powers Agreement regarding membership and quorums.

C. Rocori Trail Construction Board Payment Request

Murphy stated that included in the list of bills is a payment request of \$16,500 to the Rocori Trail to pay the expenses that aren't covered by the grant funds or County funds. The Trail Board had requested each of the three cities provide a contribution of this amount. She stated this contribution was discussed at a meeting several months ago where the Council endorsed using the proceeds from the Assumption Home Bond refunding to contribute \$16,500 to the trail.

D. Splash Pad Open House

Murphy stated that the presenter is available for the Splash Pad Open House on Thursday, August 10th at 6:00 p.m. The Council directed Murphy to move forward with advertising for the Open House on that date for the public to learn more about the different types of splash pads.

LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$173,189.94 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$22,146.60 PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

COMMISSION AND BOARD UPDATES

A. Planning/HPC

Councilor Miller stated that the Planning Commission had discussed the variance for fence material for Mary Kern and the request to amend the Use Table in the Zoning Ordinance.

B. EDA

Councilor Knapp explained that the EDA had discussed modifying the Revolving Loan Fund to allow more use of it. He stated they had received an update from Larry Hosch about prospective businesses that may be coming to Minnesota. He added that they discussed a business that offers grant writing services.

C. Parks

Murphy reported that the Park Board will meet next month.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO ADJOURN AT 7:20 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Dave Heinen, Mayor

Brigid Murphy, City Administrator