

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Robert R. Thelen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following City Council members were found to be present: Mayor Robert R. Thelen and Council Members Fran Ramler, Dave Heinen and Jayme Knapp. Absent: Jan Dingmann. Others present: Brigid Murphy, Jon Stueve, Heidi Stalboerger, Brian Lintgen, Jim Kuechle, Gary Stang, Brady Goebel, Tanya Rieland, Butch Rieland, Lee Bjerk, Kyle Roach, Chris Boucher, Jason Spoden, Sara Stueve, Chrissy Gaetke and Angie Mueller.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Chief of Police Chris Boucher introduced Brady Goebel, the selected candidate for the part-time Police Officer position. He also informed the Council about the National Night Out event scheduled for August 2nd.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY HEINEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE JULY 26, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – July 12, 2016

MOTION WAS MADE BY HEINEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Authorize Advertisement for Sale of 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee

MOTION WAS MADE BY HEINEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE SALE OF A FORFEITED 1994 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE BY SEALED BIDS. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

C. One-Day Gambling License, Country Snow Cruisers

MOTION WAS MADE BY HEINEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE FORM LG220 APPLICATION FOR EXEMPT PERMIT TO CONDUCT ONE-DAY GAMBLING FOR COUNTRY SNOW CRUISERS FOR A RAFFLE TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 25, 2016 AT THE GREAT BLUE HERON; FURTHERMORE, TO WAIVE THE 30 DAY WAITING PERIOD FOR SAID PERMIT. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

D. Authorize the Hiring of Part-Time Police Officer Brady Goebel

MOTION WAS MADE BY HEINEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER BRADY GOEBEL AT A STARTING PAY OF \$18.69 PER HOUR, CONTINGENT UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE STANDARD PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

E. Authorize the Assessments on the Forfeited Lots within Blue Heron Heights

MOTION WAS MADE BY HEINEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE REDUCING THE ASSESSMENTS ON THE FORFEITED LOTS WITHIN BLUE HERON HEIGHTS TO \$1,950.00 FOR LOTS PRICED \$18,000.00 AND \$5,000 FOR LOTS PRICED \$20,000.00. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

SOLAR GARDEN AGREEMENT PRESENTATION

A. Geronimo Energy

Lee Bjerk from Geronimo Energy described the process of subscribing to a community solar garden. He stated they would provide a one cent refund on the City's electric bill. He explained that Berkshire Hathaway would be managing the solar garden and that the two solar gardens available to subscribe to are both located in Benton County.

B. SunShare Community Solar

Kyle Roach from SunShare Community Solar stated that they offer two different options for subscriptions, the first is the one cent bill credit and the second is a fixed rate of \$0.11 per kilowatt hour. The advantage of the fixed rate is that as the electric rates increase so does the amount saved. He explained that the solar garden available for subscription is located north of Starbuck.

The Council discussed the general idea of subscribing to a solar garden with all members being supportive of joining a garden now that the programs are more establish. Murphy explained that there are twelve premises that the City has and that there is nothing prohibiting the City from subscribing to more than one garden. Mayor Thelen suggested that City staff provide a recommendation to the Council at the August 16, 2016 meeting, as to which solar garden should be subscribed to for each of the City's premises.

ORDINANCE NO. 347 – OPT OUT OF MINNESOTA STATUTE NO. 462.3593

Murphy explained that the Planning Commission had held a public hearing on the ordinance amendment to opt out of the temporary family health care dwellings. She stated that the Planning Commission was in support of the amendment and recommended that the Council adopt it. She stated that they did discuss that if a need arises for such dwellings that they will consider adding it to the zoning ordinance.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY HEINEN, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 347 TO AMEND SECTION 17 OF THE CITY OF COLD SPRING ZONING ORDINANCE TO OPT OUT OF MINNESOTA STATUTE SECTION 462.3593 REGULATING TEMPORARY FAMILY HEALTH CARE DWELLINGS. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

JIM AND LISA KUECHLE VARIANCES, 210 1ST ST N

Murphy explained that Jim and Lisa Kuechle had applied for a variance to construct a single stall detached garage on their property. The variance was requested to construct the garage four feet from the side and rear property lines and six feet from the house, whereas the setbacks required are five and ten feet respectively. Sara Stueve, a neighboring property owner spoke in support of the variance stating that the owners have already improved the property tremendously. Murphy stated that the Planning Commission had recommended that the Council approve the variance.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY HEINEN, TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-34, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TWO VARIANCES ALLOWING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A GARAGE FOUR FEET FROM THE SIDE AND REAR LOT LINE AND SIX FEET FROM THE MAIN BUILDING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 210 1ST ST N, COLD SPRING. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT, JON STUEVE**A. Wells Update**

Stueve stated that Traut Wells is in the process of drilling the test wells. He stated there was a week delay so that the farmer could get his oats out before the test wells drilling occurred.

B. Road Striping the Bike Lane in North Pointe

Stueve stated that the striping was completed today by the low bidder as presented at the last meeting.

C. CSAH 2/Red River Avenue Update

Stueve stated that they will be pouring sidewalks in the coming days and that the concrete will need to be cut at night as originally planned.

D. Hometown Pride Update

Stueve stated that they will re-route the detour to accommodate the Main Street closure for Hometown Pride events.

E. Seal Coating

Stueve reported there is currently a granite chip shortage but the seal coating project will still happen in the coming months.

F. Erv Mueller Storm Drain

Stueve reported that the City's insurance denied any coverage to pay for the costs for the storm drain that will need to be installed on the Erv Mueller property. He explained that some cost savings for the project may be possible by using an extra manhole from the CSAH 2 project.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HEINEN, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A STORM DRAIN ON THE ERV MUELLER PROPERTY AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT**A. CSAH 2/Red River Avenue Update**

Lintgen stated that road building will begin soon on the roundabout and that the downtown streetscape paving has begun.

B. Electrical Relocations Update

Lintgen stated that all the easements that the City was required to get have been obtained. He added that the final revised agreement for the electric relocations from Xcel has been provided with the cost coming in at approximately \$35,000, which is \$63,000 less than the original agreement.

C. Contaminated Soil Update

Lintgen stated that the contaminated soils have been hauled to the landfill and he is compiling the costs soon to be submitted for reimbursement through the Petro Fund.

D. SW Stormwater Infiltration Project Update

Lintgen stated that a press release was published in the Cold Spring Record seeking residents to participate in the boulevard tree program. He stated that if residents are not interested in the program there is City owned property in the project area that could be utilized for the project.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT**A. Obtain Bids for Sale of Unused Parts from a Previously Junked Squad Car**

Chief Boucher explained that they have been using parts off of the junked squad car to make various repairs on the other squad car, but the parts left are very minimal. He stated that the car is completely undriveable and that junk yards would likely be the only parties interested in purchasing what remains of the car.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY HEINEN, TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE UNUSED PARTS FROM PREVIOUSLY JUNKED SQUAD CAR VIN NUMBER 2G1WD5EM9B1124520. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Other

Chief Boucher updated the Council on various activities including Richmond River Lake Days, National Night Out, and Towards Zero Deaths waves. He explained that he would like to use a vehicle that was recently seized for forfeiture as a future School Resource Officer car, provided the forfeiture goes through. He stated that a local business may be interested in partnering up and providing graphics for the car. The Council did not object to the proposed concept.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**A. Space Needs Workgroup Review of Bids from Architecture for Formal Needs Analysis**

Murphy explained that two bids had been received from architectural firms for the space needs analysis. She stated that the low bid was provided by HMA Architects for \$12,000.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A SPACE NEEDS ANALYSIS WITH HMA ARCHITECTS FOR \$12,000. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Apartment Development in Granite Landing – MNX Properties, LLC

Murphy explained that MNX Properties is planning on constructing a senior living, 50 unit, market rate apartment building. She stated the developer has been meeting with the City Engineer to discuss stormwater issues. Gary Stang, from MNX Properties spoke briefly about the project which is proposed to be built north of Main Street by the Sauk River in the Granite Landing Development.

LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$580,855.31 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$26,641.78 PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

GENERAL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Thelen requested that the Council consider revisiting purchasing the former First National Bank building by authorizing staff to see if the bank would still honor their original offer of selling the building and lots for \$250,000. Councilors Ramler and Heinen were opposed to the idea and Councilor Knapp was willing to consider it. No further action or discussion was made on the subject seeing as the members present were evenly split on the decision.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO ADJOURN AT 8:14 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Robert R. Thelen, Mayor

Brigid Murphy, City Administrator