

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Acting Mayor Fran Ramler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following members were found to be present: Acting Mayor Fran Ramler and Council Members Jan Dingmann, Dave Heinen and Jayme Knapp. Absent: Robert R. Thelen. Others present: Kris Dockendorf, Paul Steil, Cliff Johnson, Jason Blum, Jacqueline Sundholm, Darcy Weber, Reggie Fraley, Frank Rajkowski, Dan Weber, Jim DeRose, Lance Weber, Pat Wenner, Dan Steil, Brian Lintgen, Heidi Stalboerger and Angie Mueller.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Cliff Johnson stated he was concerned that the roundabout designed for the County Road 2 Improvement Project is not large enough to handle the volume of traffic and semi-trucks. Ron Fuchs explained that City staff had driven a semi-truck, which is the same size as the trucks that haul for the Brewery, through the roundabout in Sartell, which is the same size as the one planned in Cold Spring, without any problems.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY HEINEN, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE AUGUST 11, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – July 28, 2015

MOTION WAS MADE BY HEINEN, SECONDED BY DINGMANN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

PAUL STEIL REQUESTS

A. Amendment to PUD Plan for River Links

Paul Steil explained that the PUD Plan for River Links should be amended to match the newly adopted front yard setbacks of 25-40 feet as approved by the Council in May. He also explained an additional amendment to allow the Zoning Administrator and the Building Inspector to approve a greater front yard setback in certain circumstances as specified in the PUD, instead of it requiring approval from the City Council.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HEINEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE THE 1ST AMENDMENT TO THE 1ST RESTATED RIVER LINKS FINAL PUD PLAN RELATING TO FRONT YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Approval for Subdivision Monument Sign

Paul Steil explained his request to place a monument sign for the River Links Development in what is designated as Park B in the Preliminary Plat. Dingmann explained that the Planning Commission was supportive of the placement as long as it was not in the road right of way or in an easement. Steil verified that the planned location for the sign followed these recommendations.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY DINGMANN, TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF A MONUMENT SIGN FOR RIVER LINKS DEVELOPMENT IN “PARK B” OF THE PRELIMINARY PLAT, ACCORDING TO THE MAP PROVIDED AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR SUBDIVISION SIGNS. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 340

Dockendorf explained that state statutes require a public hearing for a preliminary plat and not for a final plat. She stated that the City’s current ordinance requires a public hearing for the final plat only, and also requires a mailed notice which is not required in state statutes. She stated the ordinance prepared would amend the City Zoning Ordinance so that it matches the requirements in state statutes.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY HEINEN, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 340 AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF COLD SPRING BY AMENDING SECTIONS 320:24 AND 320:27 TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PRELIMINARY PLAT RATHER THAN A FINAL PLAT IN ORDER TO MATCH THE REQUIREMENTS OF STATE STATUTES. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

PRESENTATION FROM REGGIE FRALEY ON WENNER RETAIL COMMONS

Reggie Fraley gave an overview of the Wenner Retail Commons Project being planned for the northwest corner of Highway 23 and Red River Avenue South. He explained that there would be requests before the Council for approval of the plat, a parking variance, and a street vacation. He stated the total value of the project is estimated to be \$10 million and that they are in the process of completing the documents to request tax increment financing for the project.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Sergeant Jason Blum presented the monthly report for May and June 2015 incidents and activities in the Police Department.

DISCUSS NOISE ORDINANCE AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 341

Dockendorf explained that at the last meeting the Council had briefly discussed the noise ordinance as it relates to power equipment. Resident Jacqueline Sundholm at 138 Par Lane explained that she lives near the River Oaks Golf Course and that they have been operating their lawn mowing equipment in the morning before the times allowed in the noise ordinance which is 7 a.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. on weekends and holidays. She stated that the noise is disruptive and unreasonable. Councilors Knapp and Heinen agreed that by living on the golf course a person should expect peacefulness and that the noise ordinance should be followed. Councilor Dingmann stated she understood the perspective of the golf course that they need to mow before their patrons arrive to use the course. Acting Mayor Ramler read the proposed ordinance amendment prepared by staff which states that law maintenance equipment for commercial golf courses and all City owned equipment would be exempt from the provision.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY DINGMANN, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 341, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 900:32 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF COLD SPRING PERTAINING TO NOISES PROHIBITED IN THE CITY OF COLD SPRING. MOTION FAILED 2-2. RAMLER AND DINGMANN VOTED IN FAVOR AND HEINEN AND KNAPP VOTED IN OPPOSITION.

STREETS/PARKS SUPERVISOR REPORT**A. Purchase of Tanker Trailer**

Ron Fuchs explained that he approached Goldn' Plump about purchasing the tanker trailer that the City borrows frequently. He stated that the value of the trailer is \$15,000 and that Goldn' Plump is willing to sell it for \$5,000. He stated that \$30,000 had been included in the budget for this purchase.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY HEINEN, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 1959 BUTLER TANKER TRAILER FROM GNP COMPANY AT A COST OF \$5,000 PLUS TAX, TITLE, & TRANSFER FEES, FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID FOR OUT OF LINE ITEM 14-70-72-6413. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Increase in Sealcoating Costs

Fuchs explained that he is expecting an increase to the cost for sealcoating on Main Street from the intersection of Red River Avenue east to Highway 23. He stated that since this area is high traffic they are proposing to do a fog seal on the roadway and then it will also need to be re-stripped which will have to be done by the contractor. He stated it could cost an additional \$2,300 but that he will give an update at the next meeting with a more definitive cost.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT**A. 2015 Capital Improvements Project**

Lintgen explained that the 14th Avenue South connection to Highway 23 is now open. He stated that the utility work is complete on the 2nd Avenue South portion of the project and roadwork has started.

B. Co Rd 2 Improvement Project

Lintgen stated that the Public Hearing for the Improvement Project will be at the August 25, 2015 meeting.

C. Clean Water Grant

Lintgen stated that they are in the design phase of the project and they will be hosting an open house on August 18th for residents to learn more about the project.

D. Well Update

Lintgen explained that after meeting with staff they have decided that the next logical step in the process would be to drill a production well.

LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY HEINEN, SECONDED BY DINGMANN, TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$184,222.35 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$2,979.92 PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY HEINEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO ADJOURN AT 8:12 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 4-0.