

February 5, 2018

Council Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Pro Tem Vic Moen called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Margie Ritter, Mike Nelson, and Tony Donahue. Also, in attendance were representatives from ICTV and Scenic Range Newspaper, and Jayson Newman, City Engineer.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the January 2, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Ritter, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Donahue and seconded by Nelson to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Claims for Approval List, Treasurer's Report and Correspondence to include DEED, Greenway Joint Rec. Minutes, Itasca Trails Task Force Minutes, LMC, Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, Paul Bunyan TV Franchise check, RAMS, The Ranger, Community Solar Garden, Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board Minutes and Financials, Grand Program-Jerri Venne (IRR), Collaborative Meeting Minutes, and Mediacom Franchise Fee Payment. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried unanimously.

Donahue made a motion to move RAMS – PolyMet Resolution to New Business and Ritter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Forum – None

Additions to Agenda – Invoices to be approved for February moved to New Business.

Reports:

Maintenance – Moen reported that maintenance has not contacted him with any issues. He mentioned that the roads, sidewalks, and the rink all look well maintained.

Attorney – None

Engineer – Newman explained the Radar Sign placement. He also explained that the next step on the Fuhrman Avenue Project was the review of the Feasibility Report and setting the Public Hearing date. Ritter made the motion to have the Public Hearing on Monday March 19th at 6:10 pm and authorize the Clerk to send out notices to the residents and place in the notice in the newspaper. Donahue seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor – None

Clerk – None

Council – None

Committees:

Personnel – None

Park/Recreation – Donahue said that the Winter Party was held on January 6th after being rescheduled due to extreme weather. He thanked all the volunteers and said that it was a small turn out but they all had fun. Donahue explained that he had talked to maintenance regarding the Zamboni use and the issues were resolved.

Facilities/Equipment – Moen reported that maintenance was still receiving estimates on the truck repair.

Zoning – Ritter addressed the minutes from the last Zoning Meeting held on January 10th. She also stated that the meeting for February 7th has been canceled. The next meeting was scheduled for March 14, 2018.

Technology – Nathan Rollins, IT Specialist, explained the e-mail storage shortage and presented a plan for professional email starting at \$3.99 a user and going to \$5.99 a month per user. Nelson made the motion to setup the professional accounts and Donahue seconded the motion. Those who want an email at the City are: Moen, Donahue, Nelson, and the Clerk. The Clerk will ask Mayor O'Brien if she would like a City email. The motion carried unanimously.

Utilities – Ritter explained the capital improvement for 2018 for the Grand Rapids Wastewater treatment plant. The estimated cost for the City will be \$3443 which will be covered by the Sewer Fund.

GreenStep – Moen explained that he will act as chair for this committee and they are scheduling a meeting in March.

Old Business:

A. Domestic Animal Control Facility Agreement – Moen explained the agreement where the County will pay the City of Grand Rapids for the Domestic Animal Control Facility Agreement. The Sheriff Department will pick up the animals for LaPrairie and the City will not need to pay the \$175 per month for the agreement. The Clerk will get the 2018 Agreement.

B. Ordinance No. 250 – Proposed update of fees – correction – Ritter explained the fee for the sewer unit rate would be changed from \$5.57 to \$5.56 after discussing this with GRPU. We will also align the

rate by meter size with Grand Rapids. Ritter made the motion to accept the changes and Nelson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

A. Closed Meeting – February 12, 2018 6:00 – Negotiations Clerk Position – Ritter explained the negotiations for the Clerk Position.

B. Invoices – The Clerk presented invoices for Schwartz, John Licke, and Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board for approval for payment in February. Ritter approved the payments and Donahue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

C. PolyMet Resolution – Donahue explained the request for resolution of support for PolyMet and asked the Council for support. Donahue made the motion to support PolyMet by resolution and Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous roll call with Ayes from Nelson, Donahue, Ritter and Moen.

Adjourn: The motion was made by Donahue and seconded by Ritter to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlana Hess, City Clerk

Vic Moen, Mayor Pro Tem