

M I N U T E S  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 5, 2018  
5:30 PM  
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Members Jeff Austin, Judy Enright, Laura Helle, Paul Fischer, Steve King and David Hagen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member-at-Large Janet Anderson

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, Public Works Director Steven Lang, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, Assistant City Attorney Craig Byram, Police Chief Brian Krueger, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, Library Director Julie Clinefelter, Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum and City Clerk Ann Kasel

OTHERS PRESENT: KAUS Radio, Austin Daily Herald, Public

Mayor Stiehm called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The following item was added to the agenda:

(mot) 11. Approving the replacement of the roof, ceiling tile and addition of LED lighting in the Park and Rec office area with funding coming from the Building Fund.

Moved by Council Member Hagen, seconded by Council Member King, approving the agenda as amended. Carried.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, approving the Council minutes from February 20, 2018. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Helle, seconded by Council Member King, approving the consent agenda as follows:

Licenses:

Cab Driver: Sophie Wiuff, 1110 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Concrete: Mastec North America, Rochester

Exempt Gambling (raffle): Dutchtown Jumpers on June 16, 2018

Massage Establishment: Impact Martial Arts & Fitness, 1300C 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW

Master Plumber: DMC Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Pine Island

Master Plumber: C&C Mechanical, Inc, Oronoco

Claims:

- a. Pre-list of bills
- b. Credit Card Report.
- c. Saul Zuniga Ramirez, 1408 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. The matter has been forwarded to the City Attorney to protect the City's interest.

Event Applications:

Shamrockin' Run on April 7, 2018  
Stepping Out for Autism Walk on April 22, 2018

Carried.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested the Council approve the City involvement in the Vision 2020 bike arch. The arch would be constructed at the Lions Shelter and would be constructed of old bicycle frames welded together. The City would need to approve the site, provide two used light poles, construct the concrete bases and help with installation.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Fischer, approving a Vision 2020 Bike Arch. Carried.

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated the control panel for the fire alarm system at Riverside Arena has failed and needs to be replaced. Mr. Lang recommended to replace the panel with a low voltage panel and install a complete new voltage system with 30 new horns and strobes. The estimated cost would be \$21,490 from Fox Electric and \$18,645.20 from Custom Alarm. Mr. Lang recommended moving forward with a contract with Custom Alarm for a complete up to date fire system and requested funding from 2018 contingency.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, approving the use of 2018 contingency fund for replacement of the Riverside Arena fire alarm system. Carried.

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested the Council approve a Federal recreational grant application for a proposed trail from 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW to Bustad park at 10<sup>th</sup> Street along the north side of Turtle Creek. Mr. Lang stated the City would be applying for a \$100,000 grant with \$75,000 from the Hormel Foundation and another \$75,000 from the CIP.

Mr. Lang also stated the City would apply for a MnDNR grant in the amount of \$100,000. There would also be matching funds from the City and the Hormel Foundation with that grant.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Hagen, adopting a resolution approving a Federal recreational trail grant application. Carried 6-0.

Moved by Council Member Hagen, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution approving a MnDNR trail grant application. Carried 6-0.

Fire Chief Jim McCoy requested the Council accept a grant in the amount of \$15,356.10 from Mower County for the purchase of ten ARMER compliant radios for the Fire Department.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution accepting a Mower County fire radio grant. Carried 6-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested the Council approve a revised feasibility study for the 19<sup>th</sup> Street NE project. He stated the project was originally designed with concrete but the City would like to roadway to be asphalt due to cost savings and the lower volume of traffic on the road.

Council Member Enright asked how a road is designated a state aid road.

Mr. Lang stated the City designates 20 percent of the roads through the City as state aid. That designation is based on traffic volumes.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, receiving a revised feasibility report for 19<sup>th</sup> Street NE (Oakland Avenue E to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE), Project 18102. Carried.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert stated there are water issues in the Park and Rec office. The roof is in need of replacement and he requested Council authorization to move forward with roof and ceiling tile replacement and the addition of LED lighting in the area with funding coming from the Building Fund. He stated he would bring back bids for the work at a future Council meeting. Park and Rec has moved to the old engineering office area while the work is being completed.

Moved by Council Member Hagen, seconded by Council Member King, approving the replacement of the roof, ceiling tile and addition of LED lighting in the Park and Rec office area with funding coming from the Building Fund. Carried.

## REPORTS

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated snow removal operations will continue into the early evening and will start again early tomorrow morning.

Library Director Julie Clinefelter stated there are upcoming events for the Austin page turners book read "Give a Girl a Knife."

Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace stated the City of Austin and Mower County will have booth at Austin Home and Vacation show.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, adjourning the meeting to March 5, 2018. Carried.

Adjourned: 5:44 p.m.

Approved: March 19, 2018

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

City Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_