

M I N U T E S  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 5, 2021  
5:30 PM  
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor King. Council Members Paul Fischer, Rebecca Waller, Jason Baskin, Michael Postma, Oballa Oballa, Joyce Poshusta and Council Member-at-Large Jeff Austin

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert and Police Chief David McKichan

STAFF APPEARING ELECTRONICALLY: Public Works Director Steven Lang, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann, Park and Rec Director Kevin Nelson, City Attorney Craig Byram, Library Director Julie Clinefelter and City Clerk Ann Kasel

OTHERS APPEARING ELECTRONICALLY: Austin Daily Herald, Honorary Council Member Teresa Lugo, Austin Packer Dance Team, Randal Forster, Lee Gundersheimer, Miranda Moen

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

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, approving the agenda. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Baskin, approving Council minutes from March 15, 2021. Carried.

#### RECOGNITIONS

The Council recognized the Austin Packer Dance Team for their second-place finish at the State competition.

The Southeast Minnesota Arts Council gave a presentation on the organization. Lee Gundersheimer stated the organization serves 11 counties in Southeast Minnesota providing grants for the arts.

Miranda Moen, an Austin artist, testified that she received a grant from the organization.

Randy Forster, director of Summerset Theater, stated their company has received multiple grants that have helped support their shows and company.

Mr. Gundersheimer asked the Council to be the ambassadors for the organization in the Austin Community and added that their will be additional grant opportunities coming forth.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, approving the consent agenda as follows:

### Licenses:

Food: Lemondrops, 129 North Main Street  
Right of Way Contractor: 3701 Communications Way, Evansville, IA  
Sign Installer: Atwood Electric, Sigourney, IA  
Tree Service: O’Connell Tree Service, LLC, Hollandale  
Temporary Liquor: Austin Area Commission for the Arts on April 24, 2021

### Claims:

- a. Pre-list of bills
- b. Credit Card and Financial Reports.
- c. Andy Lunt, 1905 22<sup>nd</sup> Street SW. The matter has been forwarded to the City Attorney to protect the City’s interest.

### Event Applications:

“Procesion Al Aposiol Santiago” on July 24, 2021

Carried.

## BID OPENINGS AND AWARDS

The City received the following bids for the replacement of the roof and insulation at Riverside Arena:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt 1</u>	<u>Alt 2</u>	<u>Alt 3</u>
Heritage Exteriors & Restoration	\$397,032.69	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$40
C&C Services Group	\$485,000.00	\$ 55,000	\$185,000	\$22
Allweather Roof	\$778,690.00	\$316,440	\$277,530	\$55

Public Works Director Steven Lang explained the project and stated the City would like to award the base bid plus alternate 2, which is for a metal roof. He added that the roof has been replaced many times over the life of the arena and would like to switch to the metal roof option.

Council Member Postma asked if there are sound concerns with the metal roof.

Mr. Lang stated the sound concerns would likely be in the summer, when the use of the arena is less.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Postma, awarding the bid for Riverside Arena roof replacement with alternate numbers 2 and 3 to Heritage Exteriors & Restoration. Carried 7-0.

The City received the following bids for asphalt street reconstruction projects:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	\$3,130,005.85
JJD Companies, LLC	\$3,242,735.25
Heselton Construction, LLC	\$3,422,947.85
Wencl Construction, Inc.	\$3,433,195.50

Public Works Director Steven Lang state the City bid all the projects together for cost savings. He recommended awarding the bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc.

Moved by Council Member Baskin, seconded by Council Member Fischer, awarding the bid for asphalt street reconstruction projects to Ulland Brothers, Inc. Carried 7-0.

The City received the following bids for concrete street reconstruction:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Doyle Conner Co.	\$823,551.50
Heselton Construction, LLC	\$961,723.00

Public Works Director Steven Lang recommended awarding the bid to Doyle Conner Co.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, awarding the bid for concrete street reconstruction to Doyle Conner Co. Carried 7-0.

## PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

Administrative Services Director Tom Dankert stated the City sponsors a 457 retirement account for employees with Nationwide. He stated the City negotiated a reduction in fees that are charged to employees that contribute to the account. He requested the Council approve the new pricing platform and investment options. He noted that this is of no cost to the City.

Moved by Council Member Poshusta, seconded by Council Member Fischer, approving the pricing platform reduction and additional investment option for the Nationwide Deferred Comp 457 Plan. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, adopting a resolution approving a transfer of an on-sale liquor license to Cuatro Copas Bar, LLC. Carried 7-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated the Council approved lighting improvements at the Airport with the adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan. The project would be funded by 100% FAA grant. SEH, Inc. has provided a proposal in the amount of \$49,300 for the design and bidding for the project.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Postma, adopting a resolution approving a contract with SEH, Inc. for Airport airfield lighting improvements. Carried 7-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated the City requires additional funding for the construction of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and would like to apply for a Clean Water Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$70 million. This fund may be used instead of bonding for the project.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert stated the City may get a lower interest rate by going with the Clean Water Revolving Fund rather than the City issuing bonds on its own.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, adopting a resolution approving a Clean Water Revolving Fund Loan application. Carried 7-0.

Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann requested the Council update its Fire Department Policy for part-time firefighters. She stated the Relief association changed their bylaws and the City policy needs to be modified to reference the bylaws and Fire Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Moved by Council Member Baskin, seconded by Council Member Oballa, adopting a revised Fire Department policy for part-time firefighters. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, adopting a resolution authorizing the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 609 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Hays Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Oballa, adopting a resolution authorizing the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 904 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Franco Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, adopting a resolution authorizing the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 305 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW, Messerschmidt Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, adopting a resolution authorizing the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1101 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, North Star Homes Property. Carried.

## REPORTS

City Administrator Craig Clark stated that Dr. Ciota is stepping down as the Mayo CEO for Austin.

He stated that the City met with Senator Dornink and Representative Mueller about the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Library Director Julie Clinefelter stated the Austin Page Turners will do a writer's workshop on May 22nd.

Council Member Baskin congratulated the Austin High School girls' basketball team on their section win.

Council Member Poshusta stated that it is National Library Week and Library worker appreciation day.

Council Member Postma stated the Taste of Nations is the coming Saturday.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, adjourning the meeting to April 19, 2021. Carried.

Adjourned: 6:26 p.m.

Approved: April 19, 2021

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

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

