

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 3, 2022
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Jason Baskin

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, Park and Rec Director Kevin Nelson, City Attorney Craig Byram, Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum, Library Director Julie Clinefelter, Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann and City Clerk Ann Kasel

APPEARING IN PERSON: Austin Daily Herald

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

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

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, approving Council minutes from December 20, 2021. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Licenses:

Exempt Gambling: PayItForward, Inc. on January 15, 2022
Food: Loikaw21 Co., 209 11th Street NE
Food: Sterling Main Street, 1305 1st Avenue SW
Motel: Sterling Motel, 1507 W. Oakland Avenue
Right-of-Way: ACI Asphalt & Concrete, Inc., Maple Grove
Right-of-Way: Carl Bolander & Sons, LLC, St. Paul
Right-of-Way: MetroFibernet, LLC, Overland Park, Kansas
Tree Service: O'Connell Tree Service, LLC, Hollandale

Claims:

- a. Pre-list of bills
- b. Credit Card Report.

Carried.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council designate depositories for checking and investment of public funds. He stated there are no changes from the previous year.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Oballa, adopting a resolution designating depositories for checking and investment of public funds for 2022. Carried 6-0.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council approve the official newspaper for 2022. The Austin Daily Herald is the only eligible newspaper and is raising their rate 8% to \$5.47 per inch.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, designating the official newspaper for the City for 2022. Carried 6-0.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council set the mileage reimbursement rate at .585 cents per mile for 2022.

Moved by Council Member Postma, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, adopting a resolution setting the mileage reimbursement rate for 2021 at .585 cents per mile. Carried 6-0.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested approval of budget adjustment number 1 for the 2022 budget. He stated the adjustment is needed for the Hormel Foundation grants and additional Police items.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, adopting a resolution approving budget adjustment number 1. Carried 6-0.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council approve the appointment of the Mayor and himself to the Board of Trustees for the Volunteer Relief Association. The officers were originally appointed in the 1990's but haven't been appointed since. Mr. Dankert stated the appointment would be an annual item.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Oballa, adopting a resolution appointing Mayor King and Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert to the board of trustees for the part-time firefighter's relief association. Carried.

Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum presented a feasibility report to Council for the 21st Avenue NE – 8th Drive NE to 14th Street NE street construction project. He stated the project is feasible and will have a total cost of \$1,400,000. Mr. Wenum reviewed the project and requested a public hearing be held for the improvement on February 22, 2022.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Oballa, adopting a resolution receiving a feasibility report and calling for a public hearing on February 22, 2022 for street improvements on 21st Avenue NE – 8th Drive NE to 14th Street NE, Project 22101. Carried 6-0.

Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum presented a feasibility report to Council for the 9th Street NW – 10th Avenue NW to 12th Avenue NW and 10th Street NW – 8th Avenue NW to 13th Avenue NW street construction project. He stated the project is feasible and will have a total cost of \$930,000. Mr. Wenum reviewed the project and requested a public hearing be held for the improvement on February 22, 2022.

Moved by Council Member Oballa, seconded by Council Member Waller, adopting a resolution Receiving a feasibility report and calling for a public hearing on February 22, 2022 for street improvements on 9th Street NW – 10th Avenue NW to 12th Avenue NW and 10th Street NW – 8th Avenue NW to 13th Avenue NW, Project 22102. Carried 6-0.

Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum presented a feasibility report to Council for 3rd Avenue NE – Oakland Place NE to 19th Street NE street construction project. He stated the project is feasible and will have a total cost of \$1,010,000. Mr. Wenum reviewed the project and requested a public hearing be held for the improvement on February 22, 2022.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Postma, adopting a resolution Receiving a feasibility report and calling for a public hearing on February 22, 2022 for street improvements on 3rd Avenue NE – Oakland Place NE to 19th Street NE, Project 22103. Carried 6-0.

Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum presented a feasibility report to Council for the 3rd Street NE – 16th Avenue NE to 18th Avenue NE street construction project. He stated the project is feasible and will have a total cost of \$500,000. Mr. Wenum reviewed the project and requested a public hearing be held for the improvement on February 22, 2022.

Moved by Council Member Poshusta, seconded by Council Member Waller, adopting a resolution Receiving a feasibility report and calling for a public hearing on February 22, 2022 for street improvements on 3rd Street NE – 16th Avenue NE to 18th Avenue NE, Project 22104. Carried 6-0.

Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum presented a feasibility report to Council for the 5th Avenue SW – 27th Street SW to 29th Street SW and 16th Street SW – 16th Avenue SW to 19th Avenue SW street construction project. He stated the project is feasible and will have a total cost of \$125,000. Mr. Wenum reviewed the project and requested a public hearing be held for the improvement on February 22, 2022.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Oballa, adopting a resolution Receiving a feasibility report and calling for a public hearing on February 22, 2022 for street improvements on 5th Avenue SW – 27th Street SW to 29th Street SW and 16th Street SW – 16th Avenue SW to 19th Avenue SW, Project 22106. Carried 6-0.

Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum presented a feasibility report to Council for the 7th Avenue SW – 23rd Street SW to 24th Street SW, 11th Avenue SW – 10th Avenue SW to 18th Street SW and 23rd Street SW – 9th Avenue SW to dead end street construction project. He stated the project is feasible and will have a total cost of \$250,000. Mr. Wenum reviewed the project and requested a public hearing be held for the improvement on February 22, 2022.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, adopting a resolution receiving a feasibility report and calling for a public hearing on February 22, 2022 for street improvements on 7th Avenue SW – 23rd Street SW to 24th Street SW, 11th Avenue SW – 10th Avenue SW to 18th Street SW and 23rd Street SW – 9th Avenue SW to dead end, Project 22107. Carried 6-0.

REPORTS

City Administrator Craig Clark stated the joint Council and school board meeting will be on February 14th at 4:30 in the school annex.

Council Member-at-Large Austin congratulated Council Member Oballa on the birth of his son.

Council Member Fischer thanked all law enforcement for all of their hard work lately. Council Member Oballa echoed his words.

Moved by Council Member Postma, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adjourning the meeting to January 18, 2022. Carried.

Adjourned: 5:55 p.m.

Approved: January 18, 2022

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____