

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 4, 2022
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, Police Chief David McKichan, Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann, Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, City Attorney Craig Byram and City Clerk Ann Kasel

APPEARING IN PERSON: Austin Daily Herald, Taggert Medgaarden, Elaine Hansen

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

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

Moved by Council Member Oballa, seconded by Council Member Waller, approving Council minutes from March 21, 2022. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Licenses:

Massage Therapist: Melissa Offner Mandler, Brownsdale

Right of Way: KNC Concrete, Hayward

Right of Way: MTC Services, LLC, Medford

Taxi Driver: Scott Farnsworth, 1908 4th Avenue NE

Temporary Liquor: Austin Area Commission for the Arts on April 29 & 30, 2022

Temporary Liquor: Pacelli Catholic Schools on April 30, 2022

Tree Service: Michael Carstens, 2016 6th Ave NE

Claims:

- a. Pre-list of bills
- b. Financial and Credit Card Reports.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A public hearing was held for a tax abatement application from Bigelow & Lennon Construction. The single-family home is proposed to be constructed at 801 24th Avenue NW and has an estimated value of \$320,000. City Administrator Craig Clark stated the application is in conformance with the City's policy and requested approval of the abatement.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Council Member Baskin, seconded by Council Member Oballa, approving a tax abatement application for Bigelow & Lennon Construction. Carried 7-0.

A public hearing was held for street improvements on 5th Avenue NW (40th Street NW to Dead End) and 40th Street NW (Oakland Ave West to 5th Avenue NW) Project 22-108. Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum reviewed the project stating the area was annexed into the City in 2015 and the subject roadways are gravel. The assessments are divided by the 28 residential sewer services on the roads and each resident pays \$5,679.82 per unit. He stated there was a public information meeting the week prior with five residents in attendance. The project is anticipated to take a few weeks and will begin in late June.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Oballa, approving a resolution ordering improvement and approving plans and specifications. Carried 7-0.

BID OPENINGS AND AWARDS

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

Ulland Brothers, Inc.	\$2,791,657.15
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Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum stated the bid is for 23 blocks of street reconstruction for the 2022 construction year. Work will consist of pavement removal, sanitary sewer and storm improvements, asphalt paving and sidewalk replacement. He recommended awarding the bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc.

Moved by Council Member Postma, seconded by Council Member Baskin, awarding the bid for 2022 asphalt reconstruction projects to Ulland Brothers, Inc. Carried 7-0.

The City received the following bids for asphalt mill & overlay and full depth reclamation projects:

Ulland Brothers, Inc.	\$360,438.75
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Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum stated the bid is for two projects in the City's 2022 construction plan. He recommended awarding the bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, awarding the bid for 2022 asphalt reconstruction projects to Ulland Brothers, Inc. Carried 7-0.

The City received the following bids for taxiway joint repair at the Austin Municipal Airport:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alt. #1	Alt #2	Total
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	\$ 88,121.10	\$20,005.80	\$11,862.80	\$119,989.70
Rochester Asphalt, Inc.	\$255,650.00	\$61,200.00	\$36,680.00	\$353,530.00

Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum stated the project will consist of milling out the existing joints 7-inches wide and replacing with compacted asphalt material. He recommended awarding the bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., contingent upon the receipt of an FAA grant.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Fischer, awarding the bid for taxiway joint repair to Ulland Brothers, Inc., contingent upon the receipt of an FAA grant. Carried 7-0.

The City received the following bids for taxilane construction at the Austin Municipal Airport:

Contractor	Base Bid
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	\$324,920.00
Rochester Asphalt, Inc.	\$779,915.00

Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum stated the work would consist of the construction of a new taxilane for a future T-hangar. He recommended awarding the bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., contingent upon the receipt of a FAA grant.

Moved by Council Member Postma, seconded by Council Member Oballa, awarding the bid for taxilane construction to Ulland Brothers, Inc., contingent upon the receipt of a FAA grant. Carried 7-0.

Mr. Wenum also requested the City award construction inspection and management services on the taxilane project to SEH, Inc. The contract is in the amount of \$76,400.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Baskin, awarding a contract for construction inspection and management services to SEH, Inc. on the taxilane construction project. Carried 7-0.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

Moved by Council Member Oballa, seconded by Council Member Baskin, authorizing the City to act as the fiscal agent for the Cedar River Farmer's Market for 2022. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Postma, adopting a resolution setting a public hearing for May 2, 2022 for street improvement project assessments. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Postma, setting a public hearing for May 2, 2022 for review of a proposed spending plan for unobligated tax increment funds. Carried.

City Attorney Craig Byram stated the City received a piece of tax forfeited land in 1993 and it designated the intended use for the property at a public street. The State of Minnesota recently checked on the property and stated if it was not being used as a public street then the City would need to deed it back or purchase the property. Mr. Byram stated the City doesn't desire to purchase the property so he requested the City deed the property back to the State.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, adopting a resolution approving the Reconveyance of Forfeited Lands to the State of Minnesota. Carried 7-0.

Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum stated the City is continuing their annual inflow and infiltration program into the North Central sector of town. Work will consist of television, sump pump inspections, manhole inspections, smoke testing and related work. WHKS submitted a proposal in the amount of \$292,260 for the project. Mr. Wenum recommended awarding the contract to WHKS.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Baskin, approving a contract with WHKS for I & I services in the North Central sector of Austin. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Baskin, adopting a resolution declaring the property at 709 Oakland Avenue West a hazardous structure. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Baskin, seconded by Council Member Postma, adopting a resolution declaring the property at 711 Oakland Avenue West a hazardous structure.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Postma, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1206 5th Street NW, Mehling Properties, LLC. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Baskin, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1506 6th Street NW, Luchsinger Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Baskin, seconded by Council Member Oballa, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 305 1st Avenue SW, Serrano Property. Carried.

REPORTS

Council Member Baskin noted that the AHS girls and boys basketball teams made it to the state tournaments.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Baskin, adjourning the meeting to April 18, 2022. Carried.

Adjourned: 5:53 p.m.

Approved: April 18, 2022

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____