

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 18, 2022
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor King. Council Members Paul Fischer, Rebecca Waller, Jason Baskin (5:45 p.m.), Michael Postma, Joyce Poshusta, Geoff Baker 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, Public Works Director Steven Lang, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, Park and Rec Director Dave Merrill, City Attorney Craig Byram, and City Clerk Ann Kasel

APPEARING IN PERSON: Austin Daily Herald, KAUS Radio, Diane Baker, Taggert Medgaarden, Heather Wagner

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

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert administered the oath of office to Geoff Baker.

Additions to the Agenda

(mot) 4. License:
Right of Way: Swan Companies, Inc., Columbia Heights

(res) 12. Granting a hard liquor on sale license to El Parral Ballroom, Inc.

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

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, approving Council minutes from July 5, 2022 and July 7, 2022. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Licenses:

Right of Way: Arvig Enterprises, Inc., 160 2nd St. SW, Perham, MN 56573

Temporary Liquor: Angry Hog Brewery at Bandshell Park on August 27, 2022

Right of Way: Swan Companies, Inc., Columbia Heights

Claims:

- a. Pre-list of bills
- b. Investment and Financial Reports.

Event Applications:

Hormel Foods Finance, IT & Strategy Employee Appreciation on July 26, 2022
B&J Music in the Parking Lot on July 29, 2022 (Temporary Outside Sales Permit)

Carried.

BID OPENING AND AWARD

The City received bids for the replacement of a culvert of 27th Avenue NW. The following bids were received:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alt. 2	Selected- base + Alt 2
Jensen Excavating & Trucking	\$8,600	\$36,950	\$21,772	\$30,372
Hansen Hauling & Excavating	\$6,940	\$45,850.80	\$28,602.80	\$35,542.80
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	\$14,350	\$52,640	\$33,000	\$47,350
Hesleton Const.	\$20,400	\$56,550	\$41,700	\$62,100
Hodgman Drainage	\$13,550	\$78,300	\$64,150	\$77,700

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated the work will consist of culvert replacement, ditch grading and restoration and recommended awarding the base bid plus alternate 2 to Jensen Excavating & Trucking.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Postma, awarding the base bid and alternate 2 for 27th Avenue NW culvert replacement to Jensen Excavating & Trucking. Carried 6-0.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

City Administrator Craig Clark requested the Council approve a property exchange agreement with HPW, LLC. The exchange agreement would swap some City property to the east of the building with property to the north of the building. The Council reviewed the matter at a closed meeting and recommended approval of the property exchange agreement.

Moved by Council Member Poshusta, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adopting a resolution approving a property exchange agreement with HPW, LLC. Carried 6-0.

Parks and Recreation Director Dave Merrill requested the Council approve a contract with CivicPlus for website services for the Parks and Recreation Department. He stated the product would be beneficial to the department. The cost for the first year of service is \$10,631 with an annual maintenance fee of \$4,725. Funding would come from 2022 contingency funds.

Council Member Postma asked if there is a point-of-sale software in the program.

Mr. Merrill stated that it would serve that function.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adopting a resolution approving a proposal to use CivicPlus as the vendor for Website Design/Hosting Solutions for Park and Recreation. Carried 6-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested the Council set a public hearing on September 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for the review of the I-90 bridge projects.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, adopting a resolution setting a public hearing on September 6, 2022 for the I-90 Bridge Improvement Project Municipal Consent Review. Carried 6-0.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Waller, adopting a resolution approving an agreement applying for funding at the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission. Carried 6-0.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace reviewed an annexation ordinance which would annex a portion of I-90 that is located in the City of Austin.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, for preparation of the annexation ordinance. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Fischer, for adoption and publication of the ordinance. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Baskin, seconded by Council Member Fischer, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 808 10th Avenue SW, Ernst Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Postma, seconded by Council Member Fischer, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 802 11th Avenue SW, Cifuentes/Engler Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, granting an on-sale liquor license to El Parral Ballroom, Inc. Carried 7-0.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Heather Wagner, 504 North Main Street, had concerns about parking in the City owned parking lot next to her business at Brick Furniture. She would like the City to stripe the parking lot with limited access near her loading dock.

REPORTS

City Administrator Craig Clark stated Senator Dornink stopped by earlier in the day to discuss the waste water treatment plant issue.

Council Member Poshusta stated she had a lot of people contact her about pickleball.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adjourning the meeting to August 1, 2022. Carried.

Adjourned: 5:53 p.m.

Approved: August 1, 2022

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____