

M I N U T E S  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 6, 2023  
5:30 PM  
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor King. Council Members Paul Fischer, Laura Helle, Jason Baskin, 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, Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann, Public Works Director Steven Lang, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, Park and Rec Director Dave Merrill, Library Director Julie Clinefelter, Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum and City Clerk Ann Kasel

APPEARING IN PERSON: Austin Daily Herald, KAUS Radio, Jeff Holt

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

Added to the agenda:

9. Receiving bids for biosolids removal at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.  
(res) a. Awarding bid.

10. Receiving bids for asbestos abatement at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.  
(res) a. Awarding bid.

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

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Baskin, approving Council minutes from February 21, 2023. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Licenses:

Exempt Gambling: United Catholic Schools Foundation on April 29, 2023

Food: Osayer Shoppe, LLC, 714 ½ 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE

Massage Therapist: Melissa Offner Mandler, 706 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW  
Sign Installation: Fastsigns of Maple Grove-Osseo, Osseo

Claims:

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

Carried.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

City Administrator Craig Clark presented a request from Hormel Foods for a fifteen-year tax abatement for the construction of a child care facility. The facility is proposed to provide care for 130 children for Hormel and non-Hormel families and has a proposed valuation of \$5 million.

Moved by Council Member Baskin, seconded by Council Member Postma, adopting a resolution approving a fifteen year tax abatement for a child care center from Hormel Foods Corporation. Carried 6-0 with Council Member Baskin abstaining.

## PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

Moved by Council Member Baskin, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adopting a resolution accepting donations to the City of Austin. Carried 7-0.

Administrative Services Director Tom Dankert requested the Council approve 2022 budget carryovers. He stated the carryovers are from 2022 projects that were not completed and the funding would be added to the 2023 budget. He noted a lot of the items not purchased were related to supply chain issues.

Moved by Council Member Baker, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, adopting a resolution approving 2022 budget carryovers. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Postma, granting a 3.2 beer - on-sale, wine on-sale and Sunday wine on-sale licenses to Pho Kayah Co. Carried 7-0.

## BID OPENINGS AND AWARDS

The City received the following bids for biosolids removal at the Waste Water Treatment Plant:

| Contractor                   | Bid       |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Oyer Trucking & Pumping, LLC | \$990,000 |

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated the bid would be for four sludge applications in 2023 and 2024. He recommended awarding the bid to Oyer Trucking & Pumping, LLC. He noted this may be the last biosolids liquid removal as the future process at the waste water treatment

plant would result in a solid matter instead of a liquid.

Council Member Baker asked about the high increase over prior years.

Mr. Lang stated he doesn't believe the City would receive additional bids if it was offered for rebid.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Helle, awarding bid for biosolids removal at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to Oyer Trucking & Pumping, LLC. Carried 6-1 with Council Member Baker voting nay.

The City received the following bids for asbestos abatement at the Waste Water Treatment Plant:

| Contractor                   | Base Bid    |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Environmental Plant Services | \$15,600.00 |
| Mavo Systems                 | \$17,165.00 |
| Asbestrol, Inc.              | \$23,410.00 |
| Sterling Systems             | \$28,750.00 |

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated work will consist of removing asbestos containing materials from ten structures at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, awarding bid for asbestos removal at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to Environmental Plant Services. Carried 7-0.

## REPORTS

Council Member Baker stated the Twin Cities Business Journal had an interesting article about being a working woman and the State of Minnesota ranked 4<sup>th</sup> highest.

Council Member Helle noted the City is encouraging home based child care. She stated the Parks Department facilitated a paint the ice event at Packer Arena. She reported the Park and Recreation Department will hold an emerald ash borer meeting on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the Council Chambers.

City Administrator Craig Clark stated the bonding bill is in the Minnesota House this evening and he was hopeful it would pass for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Library Director Julie Clinefelter stated the Library welcome Eric Christians as the new tech support coordinator.

Mayor King sent condolences to the Page family for their recent loss.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Postma, adjourning the meeting to March 20, 2023. Carried.

Adjourned: 5:46 p.m.

Approved: March 20, 2023

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

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