

M I N U T E S  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 18, 2014  
5:30 PM  
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Members Steve King, Michael Jordal, Roger Boughton, Jeremy Carolan, Judy Enright, Jeff Austin and Council Member-at-Large Janet Anderson (5:31 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, Assistant City Engineer Jenna Obernolte, City Attorney David Hoversten, Police Chief Brian Krueger, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, Library Director Ann Hokanson, Park and Rec Director Kim Underwood and City Clerk Ann Kasel, Firefighters Hans Gilbert and Josh Kunze, Street Department Supervisor Joe Sunderman, HRA Director Jon Erichson

OTHERS PRESENT: David Hagen, Sara Schaefer, Austin Daily Herald

Mayor Stiehm called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Added to the agenda:

- 5. Consent Agenda:
  - Cab Driver: Sam McDonald, 302 37<sup>th</sup> Street SW
  - Food: Runnings, 1400 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW
  - Temporary On-Sale: Marcusen Park Baseball Association at Marcusen Park on August 23, 2014

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, approving the agenda as amended. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Boughton, seconded by Council Member King, approving the minutes of August 4, 2014. Carried.

#### CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Matt Simonson requested flood report information from the Public Works Department.

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Fire Chief Jim McCoy introduced new firefighters Josh Kunze and Hans Gilbert. The Council welcomed them to the City.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, approving the consent agenda as follows:

Licenses:

Food: Sassy Strawberry, LLC, 803 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
Food: Runnings, 1400 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
Food: Vietnamese Top Noodle, 501 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW  
Exempt Gambling (raffle): Austin Morning Lions Club, at the Austin Eagles Club on October 24, 2014  
Master Plumber: Action Plumbing & Heating Corp., 149 Causeway Blvd, LaCrosse WI  
Temporary 3.2 Beer: Austin Jaycees, at Packer Arena on August 23, 2014  
Cab Driver: Sam McDonald, 302 37<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Temporary On-Sale: Marcusen Park Baseball Association at Marcusen Park on August 23, 2014

Claims:

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

| Carried.

BID OPENINGS AND AWARDS:

The City received the following bids for EQ digester/primary digester splitter and overflow box repairs at the Industrial Waste Water Treatment Plant:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alt #1	Alt#2
Winona Mechanical, Inc.	\$318,000	\$150.00	\$150.00
Wapasha Construction Co., Inc.	\$337,000	\$100.00	\$ 85.00
MJ O'Connor, Inc.	\$350,000	\$200.00	\$200.00

Assistant City Engineer Jenna Obernolte stated the project will involve modifications to the splitter boxes for the EQ/primary digesters and modifications to the secondary digester overflow boxes including piping modifications and valves to allow complete isolation of the boxes, repairs to the existing deteriorated boxes and application of protective coatings to the repaired concrete. The costs for the project will be covered by Hormel Foods. Ms. Obernolte recommended awarding the bid to Winona Mechanical, Inc.

| Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution awarding the bid for EQ digester/primary digester splitter and overflow box repairs at the Industrial Waste Water Treatment Plant to Winona Mechanical, Inc. Carried 7-0.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert presented the results of the Council ranking the 2015 Hormel Foundation Grant applications. The rankings results were as follows:

1 - Public Works – Riverside Area renovations	\$500,000
2 - Public Works – LED Street light conversion	\$ 20,000
3 - Nature Center Education Program	\$ 36,972
3 - HRA - Business Encouragement/Enhancement Partnership (BEEP)	\$ 75,000
4 - Library - Redesigning for learning	\$ 37,000
5 - Fire Department – Swift/flood water rescue	\$ 17,000
6 - Public Works – Senior Center A/C west side	\$ 30,000
7 - Park and Rec – Arena Curling Program	\$ 25,000

Additionally, Austin Utilities submitted a grant request for \$15,000 for the purchase of a natural gas vehicle. This request was not received in time for the Council ranking so Mr. Dankert requested it be added to the bottom of the list.

The City also submits requests to the following agencies but the requests are not ranked:

Chamber of Commerce – Freedom Fest	\$ 20,000
Chamber of Commerce – Leadership Austin	\$ 1,500
AACA-2105 Austin ArtWorks Festival	\$ 15,000

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Carolan, approving Hormel Foundation grant applications. Carried.

Assistant City Engineer Jenna Obernolte proposed a new parking permit to accommodate apartment dwellers in the downtown area. The new permit would be good for any public lot in the downtown area and would not have a time limit but the permit holder would be required to abide by the snow emergency parking ordinance. One permit would be issued per apartment unit and the vehicle would be required to have a City issued tag on the rear view mirror of the vehicle.

The City will still offer the option of a dedicated parking stall lease in the Nemitz or Austin Drug lots. This lease would assign a specific stall and would be marked with a sign for the specific business. This lease has been modified to also eliminate the 12 hour restriction and the lessee would be required to abide by the snow emergency parking ordinance.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Boughton, approving new and modified downtown parking permits. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, approving an event application for the Women Our Way 5k on September 6, 2014. Carried.

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

Assistant City Engineer Jenna Obernolte requested the Council authorize the purchase of two trailers and pallet forks for the storage of the 200-250 aluminum stop logs to be placed in the new North Main Flood wall during flooding events. The stop logs would be placed on the two trailers so they can quickly be delivered to the site when needed. The total cost would be \$18,731 and would be paid for through Local Option Sales Tax.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, approving the purchase of trailers for floodwall stop log storage for the North Main Flood Control Project. Carried.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council approve the sale of the City's interest in the property located at 409 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW. The City originally partnered with the HRA to purchase the property and demolish the residence due to its depilated condition. Now the HRA would like to move another residence on the property and the HRA needs to own the property solely in order to do so. The HRA would pay back the City for the initial investment of \$8,758.16 when the City partnered to purchase it.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Boughton, adopting a resolution approving the sale of the City's interest in the property located at 409 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW. Carried 7-0.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert requested the Council adopt a slightly modified policy for the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development's Small Cities Development Grant. The Program Income Policy would be modified so the City is not restricted with the use of any program income it may receive.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution approving a modified program income plan policy for the Small Cities Development Grant. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution accepting the primary election results of August 12, 2014. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 911 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Hebl Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Boughton, seconded by Council Member Austin, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 610 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Khamda Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Austin, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1508 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Sucha and Welke Property. Carried.

## REPORTS

Council Member Enright reported she participated in the Color Dash the previous weekend and had a great time.

Council Member Austin reported he attended a Park and Rec board meeting and also participated in the Color Dash.

Council Member-at-Large Anderson invited the public to attend the Austin ArtWorks Festival on August 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Downtown Power Plant.

Council Member Carolan would like to thank the citizens of Austin for their support in the Fire Department's MDA Fill the Boot Drive.

Parks and Recreation Director Kim Underwood noted the doggy dip at the municipal pool is Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adjourning the meeting to September 2, 2014. Carried.

Adjourned: 5:41 pm

Approved: September 2, 2014

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

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