

M I N U T E S  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
June 4, 2018  
5:30 PM  
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Members Jeff Austin, Judy Enright, Laura Helle, Paul Fischer, Steve King, David Hagen and Council Member-at-Large Janet Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, Public Works Director Steven Lang, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, City Attorney David Hoversten, Police Chief Brian Krueger, Park and Rec Director Kim Underwood, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, Library Director Julie Clinefelter and City Clerk Ann Kasel

OTHERS PRESENT: KAUS Radio, Austin Daily Herald, Public

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

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

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, approving the Council minutes from May 21, 2018. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Licenses:

Excavation: Doug's Electric, 1205 8<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Mobile Business: Hair Traveler, 370 N. Park Drive, Morton  
Sidewalk Café: Rave Nutrition, 310 N. Main Street  
Outside Liquor Sales: The Bakery on June 9 & September 15, 2018

Claims:

- a. Pre-list of bills.
- b. Credit card report.

Event Applications:

Spam Museum 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show and Parade on June 7, 2018

Austin Area ArtWorks Festival on August 25 & 26, 2018  
Downtown Summer Street Dance on June 9, 2018  
Downtown Fall Street Dance on September 15, 2018

Carried 6-0 with Council Member Helle abstaining.

#### PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Administrative Services Director Tom Dankert requested the Council approve the 2017 audit findings. He stated Kim Hillberg from CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP presented the audit at the May 21, 2018 work session and stated everything is in order and no findings occurred during the audit. He noted in the General Fund the City was within 0.11% of hitting the revenue budget, and within 3% of hitting the expenditure budget.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Austin, approving the 2017 audit findings. Carried.

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

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested the Council authorize an access agreement with WEC Energy Group for the former Holiday Dodge site located near the intersection of Oakland Avenue East and 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE. The property was cleaned up by Alliant Energy in 2008 but some additional contamination has been discovered. WEC Energy Group would like to do an additional round of testing in June/July and do a site cleanup in September. The cleanup area would include some of the Cedar River.

Council Member Enright asked if the work will interfere with the bike trails in the area.

Mr. Lang stated the bike trails will need to be closed or rerouted while work is taking place.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, approving an access agreement with WEC Energy Group. Carried 7-0.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert stated the Governor signed the omnibus retirement bill on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The City's 2017 State Fire Aid in the amount of \$129,000 is included in the bill and the City must pass a resolution approving the new bill and submit a certificate of approval to the Secretary of State to ensure payment. Mr. Dankert noted the 2018 omnibus budget bill was vetoed which included repayment of the 2016 State Fire Aid in the amount of \$129,000. He has already contacted Senator Sparks and Representative Poppe about having the repayment included in the 2019 legislative session.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Helle, authorizing Minnesota Laws 2018, Chapter 211, Article 14, Section 26. Carried 7-0.

Police Chief Brian Krueger Requested the Council approve a police liaison officer agreement with Independent School District No. 492 for two officers during the 2018-2019 school year.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Fischer, approving a police liaison officer agreement with Independent School District No. 492. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Hagen, seconded by Council Member King, declaring the property at 408 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE a hazardous structure. Carried 7-0.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace noted the property at 307 7<sup>th</sup> Street NE has been cleaned up and should be removed from the agenda.

Moved by Council Member Enright, 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 1104 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Jones Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Enright, 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 2009 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Smith Property. Carried.

## REPORTS

Council Member Helle stated June 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day to file for public office. She stated she would like to see more diversity in the leadership of Austin.

Council Member-at-Large Anderson stated that 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Fest will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-8:30 p.m. at Horace Austin Park.

City Administrator Craig Clark stated the Governor signed the bonding bill for 2018.

Library Director Julie Clinefelter stated summer reading begins on June 11<sup>th</sup> and kids can sign up at the library. She also stated librarian Kathy Helle is retiring and an open house will be held on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Director Kim Underwood stated the pool opens at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and will feature two new slides and a bouncy swing in tot pool.

Police Chief Brian Krueger state Detective Mark Haider is retiring from the department with 33 ½ years of service.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adjourning the meeting to June 18, 2018. Carried.

Adjourned: \_\_\_\_\_ 5:47 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ June 18, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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