

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting of the City Council
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

MINUTES
July 24, 2013

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM
- B. ROLL CALL: LINDSTROM _X_ HARRIS _X_ GOSLINE _X_
LONG _X_ MERCER-TAYLOR _X_
STAFF PRESENT: FISCHER _X_ TESSER _X_
- C. PRESENTATIONS:
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 10, 2013 APPROVED
- E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
- F. CONSENT AGENDA: Chuck Long Moved, APPROVED 5-0
1. General Disbursements through 7/18/2013: \$436,910.84
Payroll through 7/12/2013: \$20,832.53
 2. Approval of City Licenses
 3. Declaration of Bond Reimbursement
 4. Acceptance of University of Minnesota Grant Award
 5. Acceptance of Scholarship Funds from Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative (CTC)
- G. POLICY ITEMS:
1. Massage License Application
 - Assistant to the City Administrator Michelle Tesser presented the staff report on the agenda item. Council Members discussed the item and asked questions which were addressed by City Staff.
 - Danielle Crawford, 654 Fuller St, St. Paul; spoke in support of the applicant and how she is trying to better herself.
 - Cherilyn Arndt, the applicant; explained her situation.
 - Marjorie Arndt, mother of the applicant; spoke in support of the applicant.
 - Russell Barnes, son of applicant; spoke in support of the applicant.
 - Ken Jelland, 2010 104th Ave, Coon Rapids; spoke in favor of the applicant.

Council directed staff to collect and asked the applicant to provide references and information from the applicant's school, current employer, and proposed employer. Council also asked staff to discuss with the City Attorney what the City's liability is if a license is issued with a negative background check.

Council Member Long moved to table the issue until the second meeting in August while additional information is gathered. APPROVED 5-0

2. Chicken Ordinance

- City Administrator Bart Fischer presented the staff report on the proposed ordinance.
- Council Members discussed the pros and cons of the proposed ordinance.
- Carrie O'Brien, 1916 Prior Ave; spoke against the ordinance and provided a copy of an article on chicken raising (see attached).

Beth Mercer-Taylor Moved Approval of the Ordinance: APPROVED 3-2
(Lindstrom, Mercer-Taylor, Gosline in favor; Long, Harris against)

3. Acceptance of Bond Bid for the 2013 Street Improvement Project (Addendum)

- Nick Anhut provided a report on the bond bid for the 2013 Street Improvement Project, which was favorable to the City. Nick also answered questions from Council Members and provided the attached information.

Chuck Long Moved, APPROVED 5-0

H. INFORMATION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Chuck Long

- Upcoming Ice Cream Social, 7/25/13 from 6-8 pm at Community Park
- Human Rights Commission will be hosting a community forum on immigration with One Voice Minnesota on 8/19/13 from 7-9 pm at City Hall. Please RSVP to Michelle Tesser

Mayor Peter Lindstrom

- Provided an update on his attendance at the League of Minnesota Cities committee relating to fiscal futures of cities
- Announced a press conference for the group Mayors Against Illegal Guns on 7/21/13 at 10AM at the U.S. Federal Courthouse

City Administrator Bart Fischer

- Announced the upcoming Night to Unite on 8/6/13
- Announced the return of the Picnic Operetta in Community Park 8/11/13 at 4 pm

Assistant to the City Administrator Michelle Tesser

- Provided an update on park & rec programs
- Announced the upcoming newsletter coming out in the fall

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

J. ADJOURNMENT: 8:51PM

Deseret News

The downside of raising backyard chickens

By Flint Stephens For the Deseret News

Published: Friday, June 8 2012 2:00 p.m. MDT



Chickens like to dig and scratch in search for food. In the process, they can tear up gardens and flower beds. (Flint Stephens)

With growing interest in [keeping backyard chickens](#), there are plenty of advocates to extol the benefits of having a home flock. No one really mentions the negatives of keeping chickens, yet there are many challenges.

An Internet search for information on the cons of raising backyard chickens doesn't yield much useful information. A few articles refer to one or two negatives after listing numerous positives. Many results appear to come from people with limited or no actual experience.

When communities are debating the legalization of urban chickens at public meetings, worried residents often voice concerns over things like noise and smell. But many challenges are learned only after one undertakes chicken ownership.

Here are some of them:

Noise



Chickens have strong feet and sharp claws adapted for digging and scratching in loose dirt, even if it contains newly planted vegetables. (Flint Stephens)

Noisy roosters top the list of problems, and in many areas ordinances prohibit keeping adult male birds. While roosters crow early, loudly and often, hens also make a racket. Chickens squabble all day long, and plenty of cackling usually accompanies the activity. Admittedly, hens are not as noisy as roosters, but understanding neighbors are a plus for anyone who hopes to harvest home-raised eggs.

Expense

Store-bought eggs are a bargain when compared to the cost of keeping a backyard flock. Setting up a coop with all the equipment can easily cost a few hundred dollars. Then an aspiring chicken rancher must feed and maintain the chicks for five or six months. Only then will he be able to start collecting eggs.

According to www.poultrykeeper.com, in the first 18 months of its life, an exceptional hen could lay up to 250 eggs. At a price of \$2 a dozen, that is \$42 worth. Multiplied by five chickens, that amounts to about \$210. That means it could take three or four years to break even on the initial investment, and that doesn't count labor or continuing costs for feed.



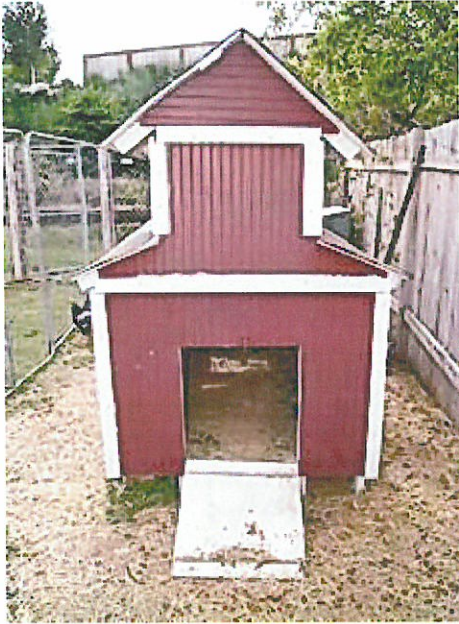
Unfortunately, unwanted roosters and unproductive hens must be culled — a task that is unpleasant. (Flint Stephens)

Garden damage

Chickens are living cultivators and rototillers. That can be a good thing when they are eating bugs and weeds. Unfortunately, chickens can't distinguish between weeds and newly emerging garden vegetables. And if you are lucky enough to raise vegetables or fruit to maturity, chickens believe you have done so for them to consume. If you want to raise chickens and have a nice garden, you'll need to devise a method of protecting the young plants or of keeping the chickens contained.

Smell and mess

Anyone who has been near a commercial chicken operation has undoubtedly experienced some unpleasant scents. Fortunately, keeping a few chickens at home is not comparable. One benefit of Utah's dry climate is that there is little smell or mess with properly maintained backyard chickens. Six chickens produce about the same waste as a medium-sized dog.



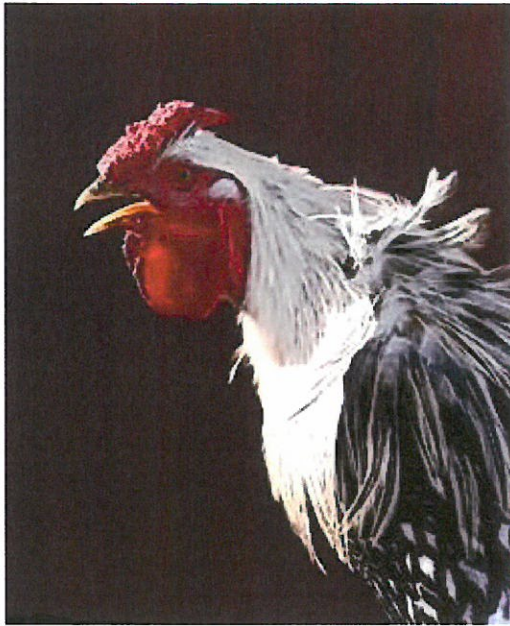
Providing a proper environment for a backyard flock can cost several hundred dollars. (Flint Stephens)

Culling

This is a reality every chicken owner must confront. Even when maintaining hens for eggs, there will eventually be old and unproductive hens. Sometimes chickens become injured or sick, and it makes little sense to spend lots of money taking them to a veterinarian. And when one buys baby chicks from a farm store, some turn out to be roosters — even when the signs on the cages promise they are pullets (young females).

Killing chickens is not fun. One can give them away, but that just forces someone else to deal with the problem.

Another reality is that chickens allowed to roam or range are not very good to eat. Unlike the grocery store birds, free-range chickens have little or no fat. They are also tough — as in chewy. If one hopes to raise birds for the table, they need to be confined and eaten at a young age; otherwise, plan on chicken soup instead of fried chicken.



Everyone knows about noisy, crowing roosters, but a flock of hens can also create quite a racket. (Flint Stephens)

Predators

Even in urban areas, chickens attract predators. In Utah, the list includes raccoons, foxes, skunks, mink, weasels, hawks, magpies, dogs and cats. Some are primarily interested in eggs or young chickens. The prospect of eggs or a chicken dinner draws them all. If successful, they will return repeatedly. A sturdy enclosure and regular maintenance are necessary.

Constant care

Chickens need daily attention. They must have food and fresh water. They need to be let out in the mornings and put away at night. Eggs must be collected daily. Coops must be cleaned regularly (at least a couple times each month). Nesting and bedding materials must be provided and changed. Ignoring any of these tasks for even a day or two is irresponsible.

There are many benefits to raising chickens and harvesting one's own eggs. Good places to find information include www.poultrykeeper.com, www.backyardpoultry.com or a local farm supply store. But just be aware that avid urban chicken fans tend to understate many of the accompanying challenges.

Flint Stephens has raised backyard chickens for more than 10 years. He is author of "Mormon Parenting Secrets: Time-Tested Methods for Raising Exceptional Children." His blog is www.mormonparentingsecrets.com.



July 24, 2013

Sale Report

City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota



City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota Results of Bond Sale – July 24, 2013

\$445,000

General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2013A

Purpose: To finance the City's 2013 Pavement Management Program.

Rating: Non-Rated

Number of Bids: 1

Low Bidder: United Bankers' Bank, Bloomington, Minnesota

True Interest Cost: 2.1081%

Summary of Results:	Projected	Results of Sale	Difference
Principal Amount:	\$450,000	\$445,000	-\$5,000
Net Proceeds:	\$419,617	\$419,617	\$0
Discount Allowance:	\$6,750	\$5,340	-\$1,410
True Interest Cost:	2.64%	2.11%	-0.53%
Capitalized Interest:	\$4,220	\$3,153	-\$1,067
Cost of Issuance:	\$15,000	\$12,803	-\$2,197
Coupon Rates:	1.05% - 2.85%	0.75% - 2.40%	
Assessment Rate:	4.65%	4.10%	-0.55%
Average Annual Levy:	\$25,504	\$24,337	-\$1,167

Closing Date: August 21, 2013

Council Action: Resolution Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of \$445,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2013A, And Pledging Special Assessments And Levying A Tax For The Payment Thereof

Attachments:

- Bid Tabulation
- Updated Debt Service Schedules
- Bond Resolution

BID TABULATION

(Negotiated Sale)

\$450,000* General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2013A

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA

SALE: July 24, 2013

AWARD: UNITED BANKERS' BANK

RATING: Non-Rated

BBI: 4.52%

NAME OF BIDDER	MATURITY (February 1)	RATE	REOFFERING YIELD	PRICE	NET INTEREST COST	TRUE INTEREST RATE
UNITED BANKERS' BANK Bloomington, Minnesota	2015	0.750%	0.750%	\$444,600.00	\$43,011.67	2.1164%
	2016	1.000%	1.000%			
	2017	1.350%	1.350%			
	2018	1.600%	1.600%			
	2019	1.850%	1.850%			
	2020	2.100%	2.100%			
	2021	2.400%	2.400%			

*Subsequent to bid opening the issue size was decreased to \$445,000.

Adjusted Price - \$439,660.00

Adjusted Net Interest Cost - \$42,058.33

Adjusted TIC - 2.1081%



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City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota

\$445,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013A

Sources & Uses

Dated 08/21/2013 | Delivered 08/21/2013

Sources Of Funds

Par Amount of Bonds	\$445,000.00
Prepaid Assessments (25%)	94,578.50
Watershed Revenues	142,000.00
MSA Revenues	150,000.00
TIF Revenues	400,000.00
Total Sources	\$1,231,578.50

Uses Of Funds

Total Underwriter's Discount (1.200%)	5,340.00
Costs of Issuance	12,803.00
Deposit to Capitalized Interest (CIF) Fund	3,153.33
Assessment Projects	378,314.00
City Levy Projects	135,881.00
CRWD Watershed	142,000.00
MSA	150,000.00
TIF	400,000.00
Deposit to Project Fund (Rounding)	4,087.17
Total Uses	\$1,231,578.50



City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota

\$445,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013A

Debt Service Schedule

Date	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total P+I	CIF	Net New D/S	105% of Total	Assessments	Levy/(Surplus)
02/01/2014	-	-	3,153.33	3,153.33	(3,153.33)	-	-	-	-
02/01/2015	60,000.00	0.750%	7,095.00	67,095.00	-	67,095.00	70,449.75	47,447.92	23,001.83
02/01/2016	60,000.00	1.000%	6,645.00	66,645.00	-	66,645.00	69,977.25	47,447.91	22,529.34
02/01/2017	65,000.00	1.350%	6,045.00	71,045.00	-	71,045.00	74,597.25	47,447.91	27,149.34
02/01/2018	65,000.00	1.600%	5,167.50	70,167.50	-	70,167.50	73,675.88	47,447.91	26,227.97
02/01/2019	65,000.00	1.850%	4,127.50	69,127.50	-	69,127.50	72,583.88	47,447.91	25,135.97
02/01/2020	65,000.00	2.100%	2,925.00	67,925.00	-	67,925.00	71,321.25	47,447.91	23,873.34
02/01/2021	65,000.00	2.400%	1,560.00	66,560.00	-	66,560.00	69,888.00	47,447.91	22,440.09
Total	\$445,000.00	-	\$36,718.33	\$481,718.33	(3,153.33)	\$478,565.00	\$502,493.25	\$332,135.38	\$170,357.87

Significant Dates

Dated	8/21/2013
First Coupon Date	2/01/2014

Yield Statistics

Bond Year Dollars	\$2,002.78
Average Life	4.501 Years
Average Coupon	1.8333702%
Net Interest Cost (NIC)	2.0999998%
True Interest Cost (TIC)	2.1081079%
Bond Yield for Arbitrage Purposes	1.8258818%
All Inclusive Cost (AIC)	2.8037907%

City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota

\$445,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013A

Detail Costs Of Issuance

Dated 08/21/2013 | Delivered 08/21/2013

COSTS OF ISSUANCE DETAIL

Financial Advisor	\$6,500.00
Bond Counsel (Briggs & Morgan)	\$5,000.00
Paying Agent (Bond Trust Services)	\$538.00
Ramsey County Auditor	\$265.00
Post Issuance Compliance	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$12,803.00

City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota

\$283,736 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013A

2% over Bond TIC - Equal P&I

Assessments

Date	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total P+I
12/31/2014	35,814.76	4.100%	11,633.16	47,447.92
12/31/2015	37,283.16	4.100%	10,164.75	47,447.91
12/31/2016	38,811.77	4.100%	8,636.14	47,447.91
12/31/2017	40,403.05	4.100%	7,044.86	47,447.91
12/31/2018	42,059.58	4.100%	5,388.33	47,447.91
12/31/2019	43,784.02	4.100%	3,663.89	47,447.91
12/31/2020	45,579.16	4.100%	1,868.75	47,447.91
Total	\$283,735.50	-	\$48,399.88	\$332,135.38

Significant Dates

Filing Date	1/01/2014
First Payment Date	12/31/2014