

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

MINUTES
April 13, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00pm
- B. ROLL CALL: LINDSTROM __X__ HARRIS __X__ BROWN THUNDER __X__
FISCHER __X__ GUSTAFSON __X__
- STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH __X__
- C. PRESENTATIONS:
1. Eagle Scout Presentation
- Ben, a current Eagle Scout, completed his project by building an Earth oven at Camp du Nord. In order to earn his merit badge for citizenship in the community, he is attending the council meeting.
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. March 23, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes Approved
- E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
- F. CONSENT AGENDA:
1. General Disbursements through: 4/06/16 \$172,252.71
Payroll through: 3/31/16 \$16,703.48
2. City License(s)
3. Reapportion of Special Assessments to New Parcel Identification Numbers
4. Authorization to Submit for a MN Board of Fire Fighter Training and Education Grant
- Council Member Gustafson Moved, Approved 5-0
- G. POLICY ITEMS:
1. Sanitary Sewer Cleaning Program Amendment
- In 2014 the bid for cleaning and televising was awarded to American Environmental Services. This year there were 15 hours of root cutting and additional grease removal. The bid amount was not reflected in the 2016 budget. There is a request for a motion to amend the 2016 budget amount from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The unplanned work costs totaled \$7,000. The plans will need to be reviewed for lining, and the council will need to set priorities. At the current rate of \$50,000 a year, the whole city would be lined in 13-15 years.
- Council Member Fischer Moved, Approved 5-0

2. Resolution in Support of the "Ramsey County: A Start by Believing Community" Initiative
 - Ramsey County Commissioner McDonough is leading an initiative to hear the voices of sexual violence survivors and to help transform our community's response to sexual violence victims. The purpose of the initiative is to pledge to build a community that starts believing sexual violence survivors. This event is sponsored by Hamline, the League of Women Voters, and the MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Council Member Harris Moved, Approved 5-0

3. MPCA EA Open Grant 2016 City Stainability Planning
 - This grant is to help take the resiliency planning to the next step. The grant is a total of \$15,000 including a 25% in-kind matching requirement. The purpose of the grant would be to help the city prepare for the Comprehensive Plan that needs to be completed by 2018.

Council Member Brown Thunder Moved, Approved 5-0

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Fischer:

- The Community Engagement Commission is meeting on Monday to go over their plan for the year.

Council Member Harris:

No updates.

Council Member Brown Thunder:

- NYFS has their leadership luncheon at Midland Hills Country Club on May 4, 11:30-1pm. Tickets for the luncheon can be purchased on the NYFS website. Also, June 13 is the Mayors Challenge Golf Tournament at Keller Golf Course.

Council Member Gustafson:

- The Ramsey County League of Local Governments (RCLLG) is holding their board meeting on Thursday, April 28. This will be followed by a community forum on how the board can unite with the MN Ethnic Council Panel Discussion. The meeting is hosted at the Maplewood City Hall. The RCLLG will also be having a golf tournament in June.
- The Park and Recreation Commission is looking forward to moving ahead with the Master Plan. They also discussed implementing a low waste event for the Ice Cream Social and Movie in the Park.

Mayor Lindstrom:

- The Environment Commission met on Monday and discussed 2016 low waste events. The city has many experts in their field. Among those, a University of Minnesota professor on the Environment Commission, Rebecca Montgomery, has recently had her work in the area of forestry profiled in the New York Times.

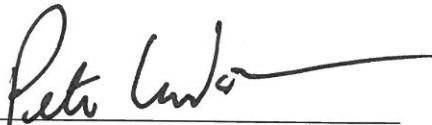
- The city hosted an event on community solar gardens. This allowed for an opportunity to ask questions, learn more about the topic, and find out what it means to subscribe.

City Administrator Sack Thongvanh:

- The Ice Cream Social and Movie in the Park may be the city's first low waste event.
- Has been working with Doug Wester of Geronimo Energy, and they have been authorized to move forward in drafting a contract. There are still a few things that will need to be clarified in the numbers the city intends to use.
- The 2017 Pavement Management project open house will be April 20 at 6pm. The letters have been sent out to residents in the University Grove and Garden Ave.
- Had a meeting with area Police Chiefs and State Fair representatives to discuss an event that will be held at the State Fair in May called Soundset. There will be continued communication on the event.


I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

J. ADJOURNMENT: 7:34pm



Peter Lindstrom, Mayor

Dated this 13th day of April, 2016



Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator