

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

**MINUTES**  
September 13, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

B. ROLL CALL: LINDSTROM X HARRIS \_\_\_ BROWN THUNDER X  
FISCHER X GUSTAFSON X

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH X  
FREIHAMMER X

C. PRESENTATION

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. August 23, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

Approved

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 9/07/17 \$96,020.05  
Payroll through: 8/31/17 \$20,947.95

2. Acceptance of Minnesota Historical Society - Grant Funding for an Interpretive Sign for Curtiss Field

This will explain the historical significance of the airport that used to be located at Curtiss Field.

3. Acceptance of U of MN Good Neighbor Grant Award - Piano in the Park

These grant funds allow the city to have a piano at Community Park next summer, and a local artist will paint it. The city will reach out for involvement on the theme and design of the piano.

4. Approve Payment #5 to Valley Paving, Inc. for the 2017 Pavement Management Project

City Engineer, Jesse Freihammer, anticipates one more payment this fall and a final payment next spring.

Council Member Gustafson Moved, Approved 4-0

G: POLICY ITEMS:

1. Approve Charitable/Lawful Gambling License and Premise Application - Pull Tabs at Stout's

City Administrator Thongvanh presented on the application submitted by Minnesota Brass Association. The city received all the required materials in August. Minnesota Brass is a non-

profit, performing arts organization. The city will receive 3% of local gambling taxes on gross receipts. In addition to that, the city will also receive 10% contribution of net profit to be administrated by the city. The city will have to set a process for distributing that money. A 501c3 can receive those funds. Staff has been directed to see if a park dedication fund would qualify for fund distribution. The city can also observe what neighboring cities are currently doing.

Council Member Fischer Moved, Approved 4-0

## 2. Fiber Optic Network to Roseville City Hall

The city has worked with the City of Roseville since 2004 through a shared service agreement. The city utilizes INET to obtain these services. The new franchise agreement will no longer provide access to Roseville through INET, so it will be necessary to obtain a comparable network connection. It has been made feasible to pursue fiber optics.

Terre Heiser, Roseville IT Manager, stated that the institutional network is a fiber based, data network that has been provided to cities. The city used to get about 6 strands of fiber, but that has now been redistributed to Comcast. The cities in the collaborative haven't had the need to have servers in their buildings, they exist in data centers. Falcon Heights has relied on that data connectivity. One of the options that was looked at was managed Ethernet services through Comcast. That would be about \$958 per month to utilize the services. An opportunity presented itself in Falcon Heights because the City of Roseville recently received 12 strands of fiber from conduit bonding for future opportunities to connect their schools in their district. This has extended the fiber up to Fairview and Larpenteur. This allows Falcon Heights to connect to this fiber for less than \$50,000.

This would take Falcon Heights connection to 10gb per second. Through other service providers, this service equates to about a \$5,000 value per month. The cost to buy into these services annually is \$4,020. This segment would be included in the locate agreement, and they would have a four hour response with fiber cuts. The majority of the Roseville fiber network runs from St. Anthony to Oakdale along the Hwy 36 corridor.

Sarah Kohn:

Would this project affect traffic when the fiber is being laid along Larpenteur Ave?

Terre Heiser:

In order to lay the fiber, the equipment they use may require a lane closure. Typically this wouldn't take any longer than the course of a day. He anticipates that the project could be completed by the end of October.

Council Member Gustafson Moved, Approved 4-0

## 3. Approve Resolution Receiving Assessment roll and Setting Assessment Hearing Date for the 2017 Pavement Management Project

Engineer Freihammer stated that this year's portion of the project is wrapping up. The project will be completed next year as they are withholding the final layer of pavement until after winter. Estimates have been made for the final layer, and assessments can be determined with those totals. They are proposing a \$1 increase per linear foot for residential, and for commercial

they are proposing a \$1.50 increase per linear foot. The Finance Director recommends the interest rate be set at 5%. The public hearing will be on October 11, 2017.

The reason for the delay in putting on the final layer is to allow it to settle after the water main work. In terms of drainage, that could be problematic in the low points, but they are looking into putting in some patching this fall to help allow for draining. When the work is conducted next summer, it should take about 2-3 days.

One thing that will need to be taken into consideration this year is parking during the winter months. Due to not having that final lift, snow plowing cannot be done from curb to curb. Naturally, this will narrow the streets and will specifically limit the amount they can clear with vehicles parked. They are looking into limiting parking to one side of the street or no parking during the winter.

Residents will have the option to discuss assessments at the public hearing and they can also go through the appeal process.

Council Member Fischer Moved, Approved 4-0

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Weekly Police Reports – Can Now Be Found At:

[http://www.falconheights.org/index.asp?SEC=75B3E8BB-785B-4048-B543-995BAE0716A5&Type=B\\_BASIC](http://www.falconheights.org/index.asp?SEC=75B3E8BB-785B-4048-B543-995BAE0716A5&Type=B_BASIC)

Council Member Fischer:

The Community Engagement Commission is meeting on Monday, and people are welcome to observe.

Council Member Brown Thunder:

NYFS is having their Taste of NE fundraiser on Thursday, October 5 from 5:30-8:30pm. It is \$30 per person, and there is great local food. Tickets can also be purchased online.

Council Member Gustafson:

The wording for the signage for Curtiss Field is included in the Parks and Recreation Commission agenda packet for September. Staff worked with the Historical Society and the author of the Curtiss Field book to put something together. To have more input on that, public can attend the December Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Mayor Lindstrom:

No updates.

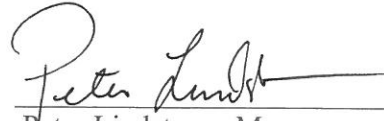
City Administrator Thongvanh:

- The Citywide Garage Sale is on Saturday, September 16, starting at 9am. The map can be found on our website home page.
- The annual Fire Department Open House and Chili Cook Off is on Saturday, October 7 from 11am-2pm. They do fire demonstrations, have a bounce house, and people can check out the fire trucks.
- The Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Family Fun Run/5K is on Saturday, September 16, and registration begins at 7am at Community Park.
- Additionally, the Council will be adopting the preliminary levy at the next meeting on September 27. The Council has worked diligently to decrease the levy from 34% to 24%

by using reserves to offset debt service. The major increase is due to the increase in police services.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

J. ADJOURNMENT: 7:48 pm

  
Peter Lindstrom, Mayor

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017

  
Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator