

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

MINUTES

July 26, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm
- B. ROLL CALL: LINDSTROM X HARRIS X BROWN THUNDER ___
FISCHER X GUSTAFSON X
- STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH X

C. PRESENTATION

1. Neal Kwong Award

Nicholas Behrens was presented the Neal Kwong Award. Nicholas is volunteering in many ways that better our community. He is an Eagle Scout, just as Neal Kwong was. Nicholas stated that he has also volunteered by starting a community garden at a senior care facility, worked on conservation projects, has helped teach Sunday school, worked on social justice projects, and at Roseville High School he led a winter clothing drive. He has an extensive list of volunteering experience. Service brings unity and compassion in the world, and he is grateful for the opportunities he has had.

2. Annual Falcon Heights Fire Report - Fire Chief Rich Hinrichs

Fire Chief, Rich Hinrichs, presented that last year the Fire Department responded to 120 calls for service in Falcon Heights and Lauderdale. In 2016, the overall budget was about 155,010. The capital budget was 34,180. There was a surplus of just under 1%. In regards to revenue, the Lauderdale contract was a little over \$28,000, accident cleanup was \$4,500, and the board of firefighter training allotted \$3,600 to Falcon Heights.

110-150 calls for service tends to be the average amount per year. July of 2016 was the busiest with a storm that had come through on a Tuesday. The most amount of calls happened between 4-8pm. Last year there were 81 calls in Falcon Heights, 36 in Lauderdale, and 3 calls for assistance in New Brighton. Last year motor vehicle clean up and collisions yielded the highest number of calls.

The average response time in 2016 was 6 minutes. That is typically accounting for the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief arriving on scene before a fire truck. They rely heavily on the police departments low response time to provide information as early as possible.

They have had new initiatives with apartment complexes to inform residents about the stovetop fire stop product. This is triggered by a fire on the stove and will extinguish it. They also did a fire safety presentation for seniors.

Of their 20 members, last year they participated in over 1,600 hours of training. In addition to that, they have done hazmat, FEMA, and EMT/First Responder training. They have also

attended a lot of community events over the year. Their fourth annual Chili Cook Off is happening Saturday, October 7.

A few purchases that happened last year were updates to the CAD system with tablet capabilities in the trucks, a detoxification unit, and complete uniforms for members. For 2017, they received a grant from Ramsey County Emergency Management for equipment, they look forward to some improvements to the training room, and they are having an insurance survey done on the department.

A new engine truck would be between \$400,000-\$500,000. For any supply line over 600 feet, you're supposed to have an engine truck pumping from the hydrant to the next rig. Council Members would like to look at the budgeted versus the actual for previous years when moving forward with budget discussions. Council Member Gustafson would not feel comfortable moving forward in the budgeting process until he sees those number comparisons. City Administrator directed the Fire Chief to speak with the Fire Department member that put together the report and the Finance Director to verify that the numbers are correct.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. June 28, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

Approved

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 7/13/17 \$280,740.75
Payroll through: 7/15/17 \$44,809.11
2. Establish Funds
 - a. Debt Service Fund 316 -GO Improvement Bonds Serier 2017A
 - b. Capital Projects Fund 427 - GO Street Improvements 2017
3. 2017 PMP Pay Request #3

Council Member Harris Moved, Approved 4-0

G: POLICY ITEMS:

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

Council Member Fischer:

- Roseville Library is showing the documentary Thirteen about incarceration, specific to effects on the African American population.

Council Member Harris:

- Night to Unite is coming up next week, Tuesday, August 1.

Council Member Gustafson:

- Parks and Recreation summer programing will be completing this week, with the exception of summer camps. We have had positive feedback about summer programing. The Ice Cream Social was held last Thursday. We give a big thank you to the Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Lions for all their volunteer efforts.

- The next Parks Commission meeting will be on Monday, September 11. The Commission will be discussing the two grant opportunities that the city was awarded: piano in the park and interpretive signage at Curtiss Field. The Parks Commission is still looking for a new Commissioner, and people can apply online or by calling City Hall.

Mayor Lindstrom:

- He attended the Unity Event on July 6. There were about 100-150 people that attended out on the City Hall lawn. Melanie Leehy did the majority of the work to pull that event together.
- The Ice Cream Social was a lot of fun, and he wants to give a big thanks to the Lions and to staff for pulling that off.

City Administrator Thongvanh:

- He is still waiting on a response from Ramsey County Sheriff's Office for an estimated budget for contracted services. The city has also submitted a grant application to St. Paul Foundation for an individual to assist the city on policing and inclusion. The city requested \$40,000.
- Additionally, he has been working on the budget, and at the next workshop the Council will discuss the preliminary budget, covering special revenues and debt service. The 2015 and 2017 pavement management projects will be reflected in the debt service, and estimated increase of \$150,000 in debt service per year.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

Tom McNitch- 1508 Iowa Ave W:

Since last year, he has been attending the Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Community Relations. They met yesterday, and part of the materials that were distributed included the Falcon Heights Task Force Recommendations. There was an exceptional effort that went into those recommendations.

J. ADJOURNMENT: 8:06 pm


Peter Lindstrom, Mayor

Dated this 26th day of July, 2017


Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator