

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Pearson and Councilmembers Justin Bloyer, Julie Fliflet, Jill Lundgren and Christine Nelson

Staff present: Administrator Handt, City Attorney Sonsalla, City Engineer Griffin, Planning Director Becker, Fire Chief Malmquist, and City Clerk Johnson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 3, "Approve Hire of Assistant City Administrator"; Item 4, ""Approve Draintile and Additional Mulch Costs for Easton Village Park"; Item 5, "Approve Parks Commission Membership Change"; Item 10, "Approve Right of Way Ordinance Update"; Item 11, "Approve Hammes Park Amenities"; and Item 12, "Approve Conditional Job Offer to Park Time Firefighter Applicants Nate Wagner and Kyle Jacket."

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ACCEPT MINUTES

Minutes of the August 15, 2017 Regular Meeting were accepted as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/INQUIRIES

Bill Wacker, 3603 Laverne Ave. N., requested that the City reconsider the location of the proposed hockey rink at Lions Park due to noise and lighting concerns.

PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve Payment of Disbursements
3. ~~Approve Hire of Assistant City Administrator~~
4. ~~Approve Draintile and Additional Mulch Costs for Easton Village Park~~
5. ~~Approve Parks Commission Membership Change~~
6. Approve Private Development Security Reductions – Various Developments.
7. Old Village Phase 3 – Change Order No. 2.
8. CSAH 13 (Ideal Avenue/Olson Lake Trail) – Approve Cooperative Agreement Pmt No. 3.
9. CSAH15 / 50th Street Traffic Signal – Approve Cooperative Agreement Payment No. 2.
10. ~~Approve Right of Way Ordinance Update – Ordinance No 08-186, Resolution 2017-090~~
11. ~~Approve Hammes Park Amenities~~

12. ~~Approve Conditional Job Offer to Part Time Firefighter Applicants Nate Wagner and Kyle Jacket~~

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, moved TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Motion passed 5 - 0.

ITEM 13: Old Village Phase 4 Street & Utility Improvements – Accept Petition and Authorize Preliminary Engineering Services

City Planner Griffin reviewed the Old Village CIP Phasing Plan and areas included in phase 4. Griffin also reviewed details and challenges for street and utility improvements in phase 4 along with the proposed project schedule.

Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pearson, moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-92, DECLARING ADEQUACY OF PETITION AND ORDERING PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND PREPARATION OF A FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR THE OLD VILLAGE PHASE 4 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$26,400. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 14: Royal Golf PUD Final Plat

Planning Director Becker presented a review and analysis of the application for final plat and PUD approval. Becker reviewed changes and issues resolved since approval of the preliminary plat. Becker noted changes recommended by the City Attorney to conditions 9 and 28 and stated that staff recommends approval of the application subject to the 28 recommended conditions.

Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2017-93 APPROVING THE ROYAL GOLF CLUB AT LAKE ELMO FINAL PLAT AND PUD PLANS SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND WITH AN AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONS 9 AND 28 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY AND AMENDMENT TO CONDITION 12 TO ALLOW FOR PARKLAND DEDICATION FEE TO BE PAID IN LIEU OF SOME TREE REPLACEMENT. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 15: Village Park Preserve Final Plat

Planning Director Becker reviewed changes to the preliminary plat and parkland dedication and summarized comments from the Planning Commission, Engineering, Washington County and Metropolitan Airports Commission.

Paul Hoyer, Pulte Homes, addressed questions regarding trails, indicating that the developer would install the trail from the stubbed road easterly to the dedicated park land.

Mayor Pearson, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2017-089, APPROVING THE VILLAGE PARK PRESERVE FINAL PLAT WITH THE 24 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION. Motion passed 4 – 1. (Fliflet – nay)

Councilmember Fliflet stated she did not support the motion as the proposed development lacks the character strived for in Lake Elmo.

ITEM 16: Hidden Meadows Final Plat Extension

Planning Director Becker reviewed the developer's request for additional time to work through the conditions of approval.

Councilmember Fliflet, seconded by Mayor Pearson, moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2017-091 APPROVING A FINAL PLAT EXTENSION REQUEST FOR HIDDEN MEADOWS 2ND ADDITION TO APRIL 30, 2018. Motion failed 1 – 4. (Pearson, Bloyer, Lundgren, Nelson – nay)

Councilmember Bloyer stated he would not support the extension because of the number of deviations. Councilmember Lundgren stated she would not support the extension because it has gone on for 11 years.

Councilmember Nelson, seconded Councilmember Bloyer, moved TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR A FINAL PLAT EXTENSION FOR HIDDEN MEADOWS 2ND ADDITION AND DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION WITH FINDINGS FOR DENIAL. Motion passed 4 – 1. (Fliflet – nay)

ITEM 3: Approve Hire of Assistant City Administrator

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO HIRE JACOB FOSTER AS THE ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR WITH A STARTING BI-WEEKLY SALARY OF \$2,116.80. Motion passed 4 – 1. (Fliflet - nay)

Councilmember Fliflet stated she did not support the motion because she did not support the addition of the position.

ITEM 4: Approve Drain Tile and Additional Mulch Costs for Easton Village Park

City Administrator Handt outlined the costs for installing drain tile and additional mulch at the Easton Village Park.

Councilmember Lundgren, seconded by Councilmember Fliflet, moved TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF DRAIN TILE BY FRIEDGES INC AND THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL MULCH FROM NORTHLAND RECREATION FOR EASTON VILLAGE PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,000. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 5: Approve Parks Commission Membership Change

Brief discussion held concerning the membership change.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Fliflet, moved TO CONFIRM TUCKER PEARCE AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE PARKS COMMISSION. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 10: Approve Right of Way Ordinance Update

City Attorney Sonsalla explained amendments made to the state statute by the legislature that necessitate updates to the City's ordinance.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Mayor Pearson, moved TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 08-185 AMENDING CHAPTER 94: RIGHT OF WAY MANAGEMENT PERMITS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS AND STANDARDS FOR SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES, ORDINANCE 08-186 AMENDING THE CITY'S FEE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE A SMALL WIRELESS FACILITY PERMIT FEE, AND RESOLUTION 2017-090 APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 08-185 AND 08-186. Motion passed 4 – 0 - 1. (Lundgren – abstain)

ITEM 11: Approve Hammes Park Amenities

City Administrator Handt briefly reviewed the proposed park amenities and noted that they are consistent with the amenities at Pebble Park as desired by the Parks Commission.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO APPROVE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARK WITHIN HAMMES ESTATES (LAKERIDGE CROSSING). Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 12: Approve Conditional Job Offer to Part Time Firefighter Applicants Nate Wagner and Kyle Jacket

Discussion held concerning the total number of applicants and the interview process.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, moved TO APPROVE A CONDITIONAL JOB OFFER TO NATE WAGNER AND KYLE JACKET, TO ALLOW THEM TO CONTINUE WITH AND COMPLETE THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE HIRING PROCESS. 1) BACKGROUND CHECK, 2) ABILITY TEST, 3) PRE-PLACEMENT PHYSICAL AND 4) PSHYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION. Motion passed 4 – 1. (Fliflet – nay)

Councilmember Fliflet stated she did not support the cost of physicals and testing if the new hires currently work in other communities.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pearson: Recognized the contributions of recently resigned Parks Commission Chair Shane Weis. Attended Open for Business meeting and comp plan meetings. Noted that Councilmember Bloyer went to Texas with food and water to assist with relief efforts.

Councilmember Nelson: Attended the Old Village ribbon cutting, addressed citizen comments and announced upcoming ground breaking for the Sally Manzara Nature Center.

Councilmember Lundgren: Thanked Shane Weis, attended comp plan meetings and thanked farmers market volunteers.

Councilmember Bloyer: Fielded comp plan comments, attended Open for Business event. Thanked Chief Malmquist and Brian Johnson for help with the Tri Lakes event.

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Councilmember Fliflet: Fielded many questions from residents, noted the upcoming last weekend for the farmers marking.

STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrator Handt: Reported several project are ongoing including water meter replacement. Staff is preparing for upcoming committee meetings. Attended Washington County release party and noted Lake Elmo was recently featured in a Minnesota Real Estate magazine.

City Clerk Johnson: Reported that a live telecast of public meetings is now available through a link on the City's website.

City Attorney Sonsalla: Working on the Royal Golf and Village Preserve development agreement and plat.

Planning Director Becker: Planning to attend the upcoming farmers market to solicit input on the comp plan.

City Engineer Griffin: Working on construction projects and plan review. Meeting scheduled regard the Highway 36 south frontage road.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Mike Pearson, Mayor

Julie Johnson, City Clerk