

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 21, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENT: Mayor Charles Cadenhead and Councilmembers Katrina Beckstrom, Nick Dragisich, Matt Hirn and Jeff Holtz.

Staff present: Interim Administrator Schroeder, Administrative Services Director Goers, City Attorney Sonsalla, City Engineer Griffin, Finance Director Hadler, Fire Chief Kalis, Community Development Director Stopa and City Clerk Johnson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Administrator Schroeder noted that Item 10, “Approve MPCA Grant Agreement for South Area Production Wells” should be removed from the Consent Agenda as the information was not available for review.

Councilmember Holtz, seconded by Councilmember Hirn, moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED WITH ITEM 10 REMOVED. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ACCEPT MINUTES

Councilmember Dragisich, seconded by Councilmember Holtz, moved TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. Motion passed 5 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/INQUIRIES

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve Payment of Disbursements
3. Approve Planning Commission Regular Meeting Time Change, *Ordinance 2024- 11; Resolution 2024-062*
4. Approve Inwood 7th Addition Final Plat Extension; *Resolution 2024-063*
5. Approve Birth and Haven Zoning Text Amendment Denial Resolution; *Resolution 2024-055*

6. Approve Cross Country Ski Trail Grooming Grant – *Resolution 2024-064*
7. Approve MPCA-3M Administration Grant Agreement
8. Approve MPCA Grant Agreement Amendment for Well #2 PFAS Treatment
9. Approve Resolution Requesting a Variance from Standard for State Aid Operations for the 15th Street North Improvements – *Resolution 2024-069*
- ~~10. Approve MPCA Grant Agreement Amendment for South Area Production Wells~~
11. Approve Budget Calendar
12. Approve Surface Water Fee Appeal 8603 Cherrywood Trail N
13. Approve Surface Water Fee Appeal 5770 Hytrail Ave N
14. Approve Special Assessment Abatements
15. Approve SCBA Fill Station and Compressor Purchase
16. Approve Cable Caster Agreements
17. Approve City Planner Promotion and Approve Planning Assistant Job Description and Authorize Posting

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

ITEM 18: Accept ISD 834 Utility Petition and Authorize Preparation of Feasibility Report

City Engineer Griffin reviewed the request from the Stillwater Area Public School District for connection to city water and sewer at the Oak Land Middle School.

Councilmember Holtz, seconded by Councilmember Dragisich, moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-065, DECLARING ADEQUACY OF PETITION, AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF A FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR CONNECTION TO PUBLIC WATER AND SANITARY SEWER FOR THE OAK-LAND MIDDLE SCHOOL, TO BE COMPLETED JOINTLY BY FOCUS ENGINEERING, INC. AND BOLTON AND MENK, INC. IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$21,000. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 19: At Home Apartments Final Plat and PUD

Contract Planner Fuerst reviewed the request for final plat and PUD approval for At Home Apartments to be located off 39th Street at Wildflower Lane. Planner Fuerst noted that the final plat has not changed since initial approval and he reviewed parkland dedication.

Councilmember Hirn, seconded by Councilmember Dragisich, moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-066 APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT AND PUD, REQUESTED BY AT HOME APARTMENTS, LLC FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL LISTED THEREIN.

Councilmember Beckstrom stated that she can't support development in the city before the water supply issues are resolved.

Motion passed 4 – 1. (Beckstrom – Nay)

ITEM 20: Bridgewater Village Final Plat

Contract Planner Fuerst presented the request for final plat and zoning text amendment requests, noting the development proposed for the site, and the request to reduce the number of parking stalls required by city code. Matt Alexander spoke on behalf of the developer, explaining that parking needs for financial institutions have changed over the years and therefore the applicant is requesting a zoning text amendment to allow for parking that is in line with neighboring communities.

Councilmember Holtz, seconded by Councilmember Hirn, moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-067 APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT, REQUESTED BY BRIDGEWATER BANCSHARES, INC., FOR BRIDGEWATER VILLAGE BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL LISTED THEREIN. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Councilmember Holtz, seconded by Councilmember Dragisich, moved TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2024-12 APPROVING THE ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS REQUESTED BY BRIDGEWATER BANCSHARES, INC. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Councilmember Holtz, seconded by Councilmember Dragisich, moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-068 APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICAITION OF ORDINANCE 2027-12. Motion passed 5 – 0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Beckstrom: Congratulated Planning Assistant Ashley Monterusso for her promotion to Planner.

Councilmember Dragisich: Thanked engineering and finance staff for helping with questions.

Councilmember Holtz: Reported on the 3M Settlement Priority 1 Group meeting.

STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrator Schroeder: Noted this is his last meeting as Interim Administrator.

Administrative Services Director Goers: Announced summer office hour will be starting after Memorial Day.

Planner Fuerst: Noted that the Old Village survey will be available for residents soon.

Fire Chief Kalis: Announced Paid on Call Firefighter recruitment will be starting in June.

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Finance Director Hadler: Encouraged residents to sign up on the new utility billing payment portal.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

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ATTEST:

Charles Cadenhead, Mayor

Julie Johnson, City Clerk