

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Mayor Dains called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Council members present: Lara Mac Lean, Denise Hawkinson, Karen Doherty, Clay Christensen, and Mayor Jeff Dains.

Mayor Dains asked for any additions, deletions, or changes to the meeting agenda. Heck requested the addition of two items; permission for a large group to use the City park and a report on Music under the Trees scheduled for Monday, June 16.

Council member Hawkinson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Mac Lean moved approval of the May 27, 2008, City Council meeting minutes. Council member Hawkinson seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Christensen moved approval of the claims totaling \$79,750.10. Council member Doherty provided the second and the motion carried.

Mayor Dains asked if members of the public wished to address the council. Mr. Lambert addressed the Council with a concern regarding the waste left behind 1819 Eustis Street. He did not think it was right for the City to clean up the mess. He said the clean up is the responsibility of the owner. Mr. Lambert then addressed an issue with the duplex to his north, 1811-1813 Eustis. He listed several problems associated with the property. Mr. Lambert next raised the issue of the boulevard at 1801 Eustis along Spring Street. He wants the City to compel the owner to repair the boulevard.

Council member Christensen moved the Consent Agenda accepting the PCIC minutes, PCIC appointments, Park use application, and fighting policy. Council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried.

Heck provided an update on the issue of street markings. He is in the process of working out an arrangement with Roseville staff, but he has not heard back from the County regarding the striping of county roads.

Heck said he spoke to Midwest Government Advisors, Global Synergy Group, and the League of Minnesota Cities. He said the League will provide services and information on general governance issues for the Council at no cost. MGA will provide the service for \$500 and GSG \$250. Heck commended the Council work with the League on this issue. The council directed staff to arrange a date with LMC to assist the Council and staff.

Bownik provided information regarding Music under the Trees.

Bownik provided information on the history of the tile floor in the social room and the entry/hallway. He indicated the information he has does not include the waxing and sealing. He recommended the city council accept the low quote for the work.

Council member Christensen moved to accept the quote by ABM Janitorial Services to strip, wax and seal the social room, entryway and hallway areas for a cost of \$694.23. Hawkenson seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Dains introduced the issue involving 1953 Carl Street. Heck provided additional background and stated staff met with Bob Alsop, city attorney, to discuss issues the Council raised at the May 27 Council meeting.

Mr. Alsop outlined the basic discussion. He said the City's responsibility it to restore the area disturbed in a manner that reasonably meets the condition of the area before construction. In this case, the city met this condition with the application of sod. Mr. Alsop then referred to the memorandum provided at the May 27 meeting and stated any of the options listed will meet the standard. He indicated another alternative is some type of low maintenance ground cover material. As for ongoing maintenance, he said the city has no obligation for ongoing maintenance once the restoration is complete.

Doherty asked about the need for a liability waiver. Mr. Alsop stated that would not be necessary as the city is meeting its obligation to restore the area. Christensen asked about signed statement accepting the work as complete. Mr. Alsop indicated this type of document is fine.

Council member Mac Lean moved to direct staff to contact Mr. and Ms. Schultz to discuss an offer of settlement and report back to the council. Council member Hawkenson seconded the motion and it carried with all members voting yes.

The Council considered agenda items for the June 24, 2008, Council meeting. Items include Larpeur Avenue, Music under the Trees follow-up, park fencing update, seal-coating update, hockey rink update, 2009 – 2010 goals and priorities, dog park quotes, sound wall update, facilitator update and 1953 Carl update.

Mayor Dains closed the meeting at 8:00 p.m. to discuss pending litigation against the city. The Council returned to open session at 8:26 p.m.

Heck stated the Council allocated \$30,000 to complete a feasibility study for the reconstruction of Eustis Street. Heck wanted to know if the Council wished to move forward

with the project. Consensus of the Council is to move forward with the study and they directed staff to start the process.

Butkowski asked the council if they would like to have a formal thank you for those who worked on the comprehensive plan. She indicated the council hosted a small reception to kick off the process and wanted to know if they were interested in doing a similar event to mark the conclusion of the process. The consensus of the council was to provide the participants with certificates of appreciation and a small reception at the meeting where the Council will consider the plan for adoption.

Bownik presented the recommendation of the PCIC for a dog exercise area. He outlined the PCIC recommendation and went on to list the decisions the council needed to consider, which relates to the dimensions and year of installation.

Jean Blat, Leslie Krantz, and Dan Murphy were present to provide their observations on the issue. The group proposed an alternative to the Council. Their idea is to make the park 60' at the north and a straight 160' on the west. The east portion would follow the ridge line 160'. The south line becomes 106'.

After additional discussion, the council directed staff to obtain quotes for the two layouts, to provide a listing of other park projects under consideration, to consult with public works on maintenance of the proposed areas, and budget information.

Heck presented the preliminary budget for 2009 based on current information. He indicated the council has not yet established priorities for 2009 and identification of these priorities could have an impact on the total budget; however, may not have an impact on the levy.

The council discussed several issues regarding the budget particularly the debt service funds, Eustis Street, and ongoing park improvements. Council directed staff to bring back additional information on the debt service and the funds that can support the debt service.

Council member Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian W. Heck
City Administrator