

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

MINUTES

March 23, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH X

C. PRESENTATIONS:

1. 2015 Annual Police Report

Chief John Ohl of the Saint Anthony Police Department (SAPD) presented the Annual Police Report. In 2015 SAPD focused on a "Safety through Service" model and some of the outcomes were as follows:

- There were 94 part 1 crimes, down by 17 from 2014. There was a noticeable reduction in burglary.
- There were 102 part 2 crimes, down by 4 from 2014.
- 211 more calls for service were received than the previous year.
- There were 196 criminal cases investigated.
- The Police Department completed 1,541 hours of training.
- SAPD was involved in many community events: cops vs. kids basketball, shop with a cop, safe routes to school, block parties, Winterfest, the Ice Cream Social, and participating as a liaison to the Community Engagement Commission.

2. 2015 Annual Fire Report

Fire Chief Rich Hinrichs presented the Annual Fire Report for the Falcon Heights Fire Department (FHFD). Some of the statistics from 2015 are as follows:

- The FHFD responded to 108 calls for service, 60 of those calls were in Falcon Heights, 46 in Lauderdale, and 2 out of Mutual Aid Hazmat. The average response time was 6 minutes.
- Ramsey County Dispatch updated the CAD computerized dispatch system.
- FHFD was involved in many community events. The department helped raise money for MDA with the MN Firefighters Relief Association, hosted the Fire Department Open House with a second annual Chili Cook Off, participated in MN Night to Unite block parties, Ice Cream Social, Lauderdale Day in the Park, and the 4th of July parade.
- The Fire Department completed 1,500 hours of training.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. March 2, 2016 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Approved

2. March 9, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes

Approved

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 3/17/16 \$32,015.62
Payroll through: 3/15/16 \$16,724.39
2. Fire Department - Shared Services Closest Unit Dispatch Mutual Aid Agreement

Council Member Harris Moved, Approved 5-0

G: POLICY ITEMS:

1. Climate Smart Municipalities Grant
 - This three year grant with the University of Minnesota partners with Germany to send policy makers and municipalities to study climate issues and innovative solutions abroad. Three or four municipalities will have the opportunity to be matched up with cities in Germany and send a few city representatives to work on issues of mutual concern. The application deadline is March 31st and the decision will be made soon after. Falcon Heights qualifies because we are a green step city.

Council Member Fischer Moved, Approved 5-0

I. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Fischer:

No Updates

Council Member Harris:

No Updates.

Council Member Brown Thunder:

- NYFS is having their leadership luncheon on Wednesday, May 4th at 11am at Midland Hills Country Club. Their keynote speaker will be Elizabeth Kneebone. If you're interested in attending, you can sign up on their website.

Council Member Gustafson:

No Updates.

City Administrator Sack Thongvanh:

- AARP is continuing their tax services through April 14th on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-12pm.
- The City had the audit this week. It went very smoothly, and Roland was very prepared.
- Parks and Recreation summer programs registration opened on Monday, March 21. Registrations can be completed online, by phone, or in person.
- Ramsey County Recycling is offering \$20 off compost bins. You can sign up online at recycleminnesota.org to preorder.

- The Good Acre now has a temporary sign to promote their classes and the farmers market that they intend to hold in the summer.
- The Safe Route to Schools has delayed their decisions for the planning grant until the first week of April.

Mayor Lindstrom:

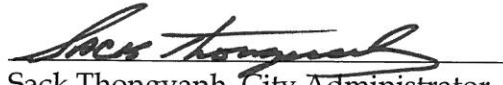
- The Environment Commission has been working on the Climate Smart Municipalities Grant, as well as a Community Solar Garden Workshop that will be hosted at City Hall on April 5th at 7:30pm.
- The Environment Commission has also decided to apply for The League of Minnesota Sustainable City Award this year.

J. COMMUNITY FORUM:

K. ADJOURNMENT: 8:20pm


Peter Lindstrom, Mayor

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2016


Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator