

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

**MINUTES**

February 10, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

B. ROLL CALL: LINDSTROM X HARRIS X BROWN THUNDER X  
FISCHER X GUSTAFSON X

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH X

C. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Housing Resource Center

Suzanne Snyder is the Director of the Housing Resource Center. The mission is to preserve, improve, and increase affordable housing and to assist communities with housing revitalization. They provide ethically-priced, first mortgage financing to home-buyers. They also provide a contract-for-deed program for people that are a good credit risk but cannot get financing through the bank. They also work with them on their credit and budgeting to pay off their contract-for-deed.

The services that the Housing Resource Center has focused the most on are home improvement financing, construction consultations (rehab advisory), and information and referrals. To contact for resources they can be called at 651-486-7401.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. January 27, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes

Approved

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 2/02/16 \$361,561.88

Payroll through: 1/31/16 \$17,706.80

2. 2015 PMP - Roselawn Ave Pay Request #1

3. Sanitary Sewer Cleaning Program

- a. In 2007 the city started the sewer cleaning televising. The recommendation is to use the same company we've used in the past and not go out for bids, as the company we've been using has always been the lowest bid. The contract would be three years, and if the city stays with the same company it allows the city to negotiate the price for this next contract.

4. Lauderdale Recreation Agreement

Council Member Harris Moved, Approved 5-0

G: POLICY ITEMS:

1. MnDot Master Partnership Contract

City Engineer Jesse Freihammer stated that MnDot currently uses the TA99 process, and now they're promoting this Master Partnership Contract. There are many services that fall into the contract such as quality assurance testing on state roads, minor repairs, and lighting. This contract makes it a little easier to access MnDot's services in a timelier manner.

Council Member Gustafson Moves, Abstention 1(Councilor Fischer), Approved 4-0

2. Ramsey County Joint Powers Agreement for New Voting System and Operation

In 2001 the city entered into a joint powers agreement with Ramsey County and purchased the voting equipment. In 2015, money was allocated to purchase a new voting system and operations, but the payment was delayed until 2016. The 2015 allocated money has now been rolled over to 2016, and the city is requesting the allocated money be approved for spending in 2016.

Council Member Fischer Moves, Approved 5-0

H. INFORMATION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Fischer:

- He has attended an event hosted by Ramsey County Libraries with Professor Duchess Harris speaking on the Black Lives Matter movement. The last lecture of the series is Tuesday, February 16 from 12:30-2:00 at the Roseville Library.

Council Member Harris:

- The Friends of Ramsey County Libraries had their gala last Saturday night. This year they were able to exceed their goal, and the theme this year was spies, lies, and literature.

Council Member Brown Thunder:

- Tomorrow night NYFS is having its youth award ceremony for outstanding youth from 5:30-7:00pm at the NYFS Discovery and Events Center. The cost is \$30, but it's to honor outstanding youth for outstanding service and commitment.

Council Member Gustafson:

- Winterfest was on the 31<sup>st</sup>, and that was a great success.
- The Parks and Recreation Commission met, and they will have a recommendation for Curtiss Field to the council shortly.
- There's a scouting day coming up Saturday, February 20 for all girl scouts, boy scouts, brownies, and cub scouts. The event will be at the Ramsey County Sheriff's Patrol Station and the Public Works Station. They can explore the National Guard and Sheriff's trucks, equipment, and see the K9 dogs.

- There's also a new position open related to the new voting equipment for Ramsey County: Ramsey County Election and Voter Registration Clerk. The position closes on February 26.

Mayor Lindstrom:

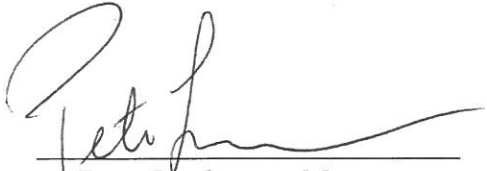
- Winterfest was great! Almost all of the staff was in attendance. We also want to thank the County Commissioner Janice Rettman, as well as the Lions for all of their help.
- Friday night was the Family Fun night at Falcon Heights Elementary School. He was duck taped to the wall in the cafeteria to raise money. They raised \$850 by selling \$1 strips of tape.
- The Environment Commission met on Monday. They are going to be applying for a three year German exchange program to go to cities in Germany that are similar to Falcon Heights. This is a University of Minnesota sponsored program. They would learn about clean energy in Germany and vice versa. They would participate in conferences and events.
- Additionally, the Commission will be sponsoring a community solar event sometime in April. They are also looking at a Tree Trust program (a non-profit). The non-profit partners with different cities in the metro and has a subsidized tree program.

City Administrator Sack Thongvanh:

- AARP tax assistance is Tuesday and Thursdays 9am-12pm at City Hall.
- The Fire Department is searching for paid on-call volunteer firefighters for the City of Falcon Heights.
- If you want to learn what the Good Acre does, they are having an informational on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.
- We should hear back sometime in Mid-March from the Safe Routes to Schools grant that was submitted.
- This week he has attended the Governor's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Conference. It has been good to have police, fire departments, and emergency management individuals getting us prepared and making sure we know how to respond.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

J. ADJOURNMENT: 7:21 pm



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Peter Lindstrom, Mayor

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016



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Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator