

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

MINUTES
February 28, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 PM
- B. ROLL CALL: GUSTAFSON_X_ LEEHY___ MEYER_X_
WASSENBERG_X_ MIELKE_X_

STAFF PRESENT: LINEHAN_X_

- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Meyer motions to approve the agenda; approved 4-0

- D. PRESENTATION

- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. January 24, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- 2. January 24, 2024 City Council Special Workshop Meeting Minutes
- 3. February 7, 2024 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Wassenberg motions to approve the meeting minutes; approved 4-0

- F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- G. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. General Disbursements through 02/23/24: \$305,769.02
Payroll through 02/15/24: \$23,603.48
Wire Payments through 02/15/24: \$15,214.56
- 2. Approval of City License(s)
- 3. Conduit Bond Refinance – Series 2013 Ecumen / Pines of Hutchinson
- 4. Appointment of Adam Keester to the Environment Commission
- 5. Minnesota GreenCorps Application
- 6. AARP Community Challenge Grant Application

Councilmember Meyer motions to approve the consent agenda; approved 4-0

Councilmember Wassenberg wonders about the expenditures.

Administrator Linehan comments that \$280,000 is payment for Ramsey County Sheriff's Office for police services for January & February.

Mayor Gustafson welcomes Adam Keester to the Environment Commission and notes he will be a wonderful addition.

Administrator Linehan also comments on the Conduit Bond Refinance - Series 2013. This was a formality requested by bond counsel as they are looking to refinance their bonds; it has no major implications to the City. He also notes the GreenCorps Grant Application is an opportunity for the City to have a member assist with environmental initiatives, while in return providing professional development. The AARP Community Challenge Grant could help the City fund a permanent, movable net at University Grove Park.

H. POLICY ITEMS:

1. Acceptance of Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for the 2024 Pavement Management Program, RV 24-04

City Engineer Smith provides Council with a plan overview. The proposed project involves milling the pavement, spot curb replacement, spot utility improvements and asphalt pavement overlay on Roselawn Avenue, from Snelling Avenue to Hamline Avenue. Pavement markings will be refreshed on the new pavement. As part of the assessment process, a public hearing was held on January 10, 2024. Comments were heard and City Council ordered the improvement and preparation of plans and specifications of the proposed project. City Engineer Smith notes items that will be added since the public hearing are an upgrade to the Simpson Street crosswalk and spot sidewalk panel replacement is included as a bid alternate. The next step in the process is to approve plans and specifications and authorize the advertisement for bids.

Mayor Gustafson wonders if any of the cost estimates changed since the last meeting on January 10th and if Roseville Council approved plans yet.

City Engineer Smith answers Roseville Council is expected to accept plans and advertise for bids on Monday, March 4th. The cost estimate came in slightly lower by \$6,000, including the bid alternate, for a total of approximately \$119,000.00.

Councilmember Meyer wonders about the Simpson Street crosswalk upgrades.

City Engineer Smith states there will be a yellow diamond crosswalk sign placed further ahead in addition to current signage to alert drivers of an upcoming crosswalk.

Councilmember Mielke wonders about the soil used in the boulevard plantings.

City Engineer Smith assumes topsoil. She notes City crews maintain the plantings periodically in spring by re-mulching.

Councilmember Meyer motions to approve Resolution 24-17 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement Bids for the 2024 Pavement Management Project, RV24-04; approved 4-0

I. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Mielke attended the Partners in Energy open house on February 21st, organized by the Environment Commission. She notes there was great attendance, presentations and discussions.

Councilmember Meyer adds Falcon Heights is participating with the home energy audits as well as part of Partners in Energy.

Mayor Gustafson provides his condolences to the families of the Burnsville first responders. He attended the Larpenteur & Snelling Corridor Study's first focus group meeting on February 26. WSB facilitated great conversation. Next up is a business open house meeting related to the study.

Administrator Linehan notes the Planning Commission held two public hearings at their meeting on February 27. One was to review code language regarding electric vehicle supply equipment and this was recommended unanimously by the Planning Commission to City Council. Second, there was a resident petition from Hollywood Court to change to overnight parking by permit only. After review by the Planning Commission, it was recommended favorably to City Council. City Staff is continuing to take appointments for AARP Tax-Aide. The CEC and Parks & Rec will have a joint meeting on March 18th to start planning for Spring Together. He adds that both St. Anthony Village and Falcon Heights will be launching a survey on Friday, March 1st to gather feedback regarding the potential police partnership. The spring 2024 newsletter and the weekly e-newsletter will have more information on engagement opportunities.

City Engineer Smith notes spring road restrictions that are currently in place per MnDOT.

J. COMMUNITY FORUM:

Please limit comments to 3 minutes per person. Items brought before the Council will be referred for consideration. Council may ask questions for clarification, but no council action or discussion will be held on these items.

K. ADJOURNMENT: 7:26 PM

Councilmember Wassenberg motions to adjourn; approved 4-0



Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 27th day of March, 2024



Jack Linehan, City Administrator