

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Pearson and Councilmembers Justin Bloyer, Julie Fliflet, Jill Lundgren and Christine Nelson

Staff present: Administrator Handt, City Attorney Sonsalla, City Engineer Griffin, City Planner Becker, Public Works Director Weldon, and City Clerk Johnson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 3, “Approve Met Council SAC Deferral Agreements” and Item 9, “Approve Pebble Park Free Library” were moved to the Regular Agenda.

Mayor Pearson, seconded by Councilmember Fliflet, moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ACCEPT MINUTES

Minutes of the March 7, 2017 Regular Meeting were accepted as presented. (Lundgren – abstain)

PUBLIC COMMENTS/INQUIRIES

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve Payment of Disbursements
4. Approve Special Assessment Abatement for 3459 Lake Elmo Avenue
5. MSAS System Revisions – Resolution Approving Designation of 5th Street North as MSAS Route
6. Old Village Phase 3 Street & Utility Improvements – Approve Plans & Specs; Authorize Ad for Bids
7. 2017 Street Improvements – Approve Plans & Specs; Authorize Ad for Bids
8. Approve Rain Garden Maintenance Agreement
10. Approve Purchase of Two ¾ Ton Pickup Trucks
11. Approve Comp Plan Amendment to City’s Wastewater Facilities and Land Use Plans
12. Approve Selection of Firm for Space Needs Study

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

ITEM 13: Prosecuting Attorney

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, moved TO APPOINT JOHNSON TURNER AS CITY ATTORNEY FOR PROSECUTION SERVICES EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2017. Motion passed 3 – 2. (Fliflet, Lundgren – nay)

ITEM 14: Inwood 5th Addition Final Plat and PUD Plans

City Planner Becker presented the request for approval of the 5th and final phase of the Inwood development. Becker reviewed 10th Street right of way and trail issues, and plat changes recommended by the City Engineer. Planning Commission and staff recommendations were also reviewed.

John Rask, M/I Homes, spoke on behalf of the developer regarding removing the berm, loss of landscaping and impacts to the neighborhood. Rask also pointed out discrepancies in the staff report and requested changes to conditions 9 and 11.

Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Fliflet, moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2017-029 (b) APPROVING THE INWOOD 5TH ADDITION FINAL PLAT AND FINAL PUD PLANS AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF. Motion passed 4 – 0 – 1. (Bloyer – present/not voting)

ITEM 15: Savona Neighborhood Park

City Planner Becker presented the recommendations of the Park Commission for development of Savona Park Phase 1.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Fliflet, moved TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR PHASE 1 OF SAVONA PARK FOR THE INSTALLATION OF RECOMMENDED PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, HALF BASKETBALL COURT, BASKETBALL HOOP, WOOD MULCH SURFACING, AS WELL AS SITE GRADING, NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 16: CSAH 13 (Ideal Avenue/Olson Lake Trail) – Approve Feasibility Report and Call Public Improvement and Final Assessment Hearing

City Engineer Griffin presented the feasibility report for proposed improvements to CSAH 13, reviewed the phasing plan, construction plans, estimated costs, and proposed assessments.

Griffin also presented changes in estimated costs for the project resulting in lower costs than originally anticipated.

Councilmember Fliflet, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2017-34 RECEIVING THE FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR THE CSAH 13 (IDEAL AVENUE/OLSON LAKE TRAIL) IMPROVEMENTS AND CALLING HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2017 WITH DIRECTION TO STAFF TO REVISE THE ASSESSMENTS USING UPDATED COST ESTIMATES. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Councilmember Fliflet, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2017-035 DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED AND CALLING HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT FOR THE CSAH 13 (IDEAL AVENUE/OLSON LAKE TRAIL) IMPROVEMENTS TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2017 WITH DIRECTION TO STAFF TO REVISE THE ASSESSMENTS USING UPDATED COST ESTIMATES. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 17: Appointments to Comp Plan Advisory Committee

City Administrator Handt reviewed prior action and list of applicants for the Committee.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, moved TO APPOINT KATHY WEEKS, BARBARA BIRSCHBACH, MADISON BERGMANN AND BROOKE KNOLL TO THE COMP PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Councilmember Lundgren, seconded by Councilmember Fliflet, moved TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ADD SUSAN DUNN, GEORGE JOHNSON AND NEIL KRUEGER TO THE APPOINTMENTS. Motion on the amendment failed 2 – 3. (Pearson, Bloyer, Nelson – nay). Primary motion passed 3 – 2. (Fliflet, Lundgren –nay)

ITEM 3: Approve Met Council SAC Deferral Agreements

Councilmember Lundgren asked if the City Attorney has reviewed the Agreements. City Attorney Sonsalla stated she had discussed the Agreements with City Administrator Handt.

Mayor Pearson, seconded by Councilmember Bloyer, moved TO APPROVE THE MET COUNCIL SAC DEFERRAL AGREEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 9: Approve Pebble Park Free Library

Councilmember Fliflet asked who is donating the Pebble Park Free Library and thanked them for their efforts.

Councilmember Lundgren, seconded by Councilmember Fliflet, moved TO APPROVE A RESIDENT ERECTING A FREE LIBRARY WITHIN PEBBLE PARK SUBJECT TO THE RESIDENT SUBMITTING TO THE CITY A SIGNED DONATION FORM FREEING THE CITY OF LIABILITY AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY. Motion passed 5 – 0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pearson: Thanked resident Virginia Pleban for bringing flowerpots to City Hall.

Councilmember Nelson: Attended construction open house held by Washington County.

Councilmember Lundgren: Reported on work with the Farmers Market group.

Councilmember Bloyer: Commented on Council communications with developers.

Councilmember Fliflet: Thanked staff for work on the Savona Park project.

STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrator Handt: Reported on Environmental Committee, Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, Clean-up Day, Library negotiations introduced Sergeant Osterman.

City Clerk Johnson: Reported on upcoming HR Committee Meeting.

City Attorney Sonsalla: Currently working on hazardous property abatement, Library negotiations, and will be speaking at the LMC conference.

City Engineer Griffin: Working on various plan reviews.

Councilmember Fliflet, seconded by Mayor Pearson, moved TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:20 P.M. PURSUANT TO MN STAT. 13D.03, TO CONSIDER STRATEGIES FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES OR DEVELOPMENT OR DISCUSSION OF LABOR-NEGOTIATION PROPOSALS. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Closed session held.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Mayor Pearson stated that the Council met in closed session and discussed labor negotiations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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ATTEST:

Julie Johnson, City Clerk

Mike Pearson, Mayor