

**Minutes from the Regular Meeting Center City Council
July 11th, 2023**

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

Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Jill Behnke via Zoom, Council Members: Mark Wolcott, Lloyd Vetter, Ryan Pease and Garrett Boulineau

Others Present: City Clerk Dana Miron, Public Works Supervisor Eric Garner, Chisago County Press Denise Martin, Jason Shultz, Tom Bui, Nic Kirvida, Kevin Kirvida, Chris DuBose, Scott Anderson

Consent Agenda: July Agenda, Minutes Regular Council June, Minutes EDA June, Minutes PC June, June Claims. Motion by Vetter and seconded by Wolcott to approve the consent agenda Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried

OPEN FORUM:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Old Jail Demolition:** County continues to get bids on demolition. Planning Commission heard from Don Skelly on possible housing ideas.
- 2. AT&T:** PW Garner reports no funds have been received from AT&T for inspections. Upgrade would likely be done in the fall of 2024.
- 3. Hursh Iron Works:** Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Center City Days:** Center City Days will be held July 28th to the 30th. Motion by Pease and seconded by Boulineau to donate \$250 to the Center City Improvement Group. **Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Motion carried**
- 2. National Night Out:** Council discussed the timing with the August Regular Council meeting and decided to hold the Council meeting as scheduled.
- 3. Initiative Foundation:** The Initiative Foundation has requested a donation of \$260 in the 2024 budget. This will be discussed at the next budget meeting.
- 4. Grand Shores (aka Nordic Harbor):**
 - A:** Variances: Reso 2023-07-11-A: Motion by Pease and seconded by Wolcott to approve the Reso. **Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Motion carried.**
 - B:** Preliminary Plat: Reso 2023-07-11-B: Motion by Pease and seconded by Boulineau to approve the resolution. **Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Motion carried.**
 - C:** Final Plat: Reso 2023-07-11-C: Motion by Pease and seconded by Vetter to approve the resolution. **Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Motion carried.**
 - D:** Comprehensive Plan: Reso 2023-07-11-D: Motion by Vetter and seconded by Wolcott to approve the resolution. **Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Motion carried.**
 - E:** Rezoning: Ordinance #2023-07-11: Motion by Boulineau and seconded by Pease to approve the ordinance. **Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Motion carried.**
- 5. Liquor License:** Jason Schultz stated that he is in the process of purchasing what is currently operating as the Hodge Lodge. He has started the liquor license application process and requested Council approval. Motion by Pease and seconded by Vetter to approve the application. **Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Motion carried.**

6. **Lake Shops Patio:** Tom Bui presented a plan to add a patio to the south end of the Lake Shops Mall. Mayor Behnke stated that a small portion of the patio would be on city property. Council Wolcott expressed concern on parking space. Council discussed parking and access to utilities and decided to consult the City Attorney as well. Plans were made to bring the proposal to the Planning Commission meeting on 7/17/2023 for further discussion.
7. **Additional Utility Connection:** Kevin Kirvida proposed use of the second sewer stub located on his property at 340 Summit Avenue. Previously the property had been divided into two parcels but is now just one parcel. Discussion with Council on the future use of the property and use of the existing second connection ended with plans of bringing the subject to the Planning Commission meeting on 7/17/2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Fire Department:** Nothing at this time.
2. **Public Works:**
 - A: Pavement Patching: PW Garner brought a quote from Bluhm Construction for \$12,235. for various street repairs. The quote also included repair for a cable trench dug by Midco. They have agreed to pay for the repair which is \$1060. Motion to approve the quoted repairs by Vetter and seconded by Pease. Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Motion carried.
 - B: Mobile Reader Maintenance Contract: PW Garner stated more information will be available soon.
 - C: Fishing Pier Agreement: Council discussed the agreement and would like clarification on the paragraphs about the installation of the new pier and disposal of the old pier. PW Garner discussed possible uses for the old pier and stated that this agreement was not to be signed yet, and he can direct questions or comments to the DNR for answers.
 - D: LSL Inventory; Grant Application: PW Garner stated that there are no lead service pipes within the city that he is aware of. Mayor Behnke stated that she would look into the different aspects of the grant and speak with City Engineer Marcus Johnson about it.
 - E: PW Training Contract: PW Garner stated that the contract with Hennepin Technical College is ongoing OSHA compliance and safety training. The cost of the training is \$800 for one year. Motion by Pease and seconded by Vetter to approve. Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Motion carried.
3. **Clerk/Treasurer:**
 - A: LMC Claim: Clerk Miron stated that the LMC has sent payment to Barry Moe for the damages he incurred from the controlled burn. They also sent reimbursement for a payment already made to Barry Moe less the \$250 deductible.
 - B: Website: Clerk Miron provided information collected from several website builders over the past couple of months with suggestions on needed upgrades and convenient/efficient use of the website. Council discussed and agreed that it needs updating and will discuss it further at another time.
 - C: Meter Reads: Clerk Miron stated that meter radio heads are continuing to fail. PW Garner stated that he continues his attempts to contact residents about the replacements.
4. **Personnel:** Nothing at this time
5. **Planning Commission:** Planning Commission met and discussed Grand Shore property.
6. **Wellhead Protection:** Nothing at this time
7. **Ordinance Committee:** Met on 6/28/23 and will be working on ordinance book updates.
8. **Budget Committee:** Wolcott stated that after meeting with the Auditor they are very close in all figures/accounts.
9. **HPC:** Nothing at this time
10. **Parks:** Nothing at this time
11. **Library:** Nothing at this time
12. **Sewer Board:** Council Vetter stated that things are running smoothly. Flow rates have dropped as they were high previously with the amount of snow melt seen this year.
13. **Highway 8:** Council Wolcott stated that the committee did meet. The stretch between Forest Lake and Chisago City is in the final design phase. They will meet again in September.
14. **EDA:** Mayor Behnke stated she met with Nancy Hoffman and that a new realtor is looking at property in the business park to list. There are 5 lots that will be available for sale.

15. Visitor's Bureau: Nothing at this time

16. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon: Nothing at this time

**MOTION by Pease and seconded by Wolcott to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0.
Motion carried.**

Attest

City Clerk

Mayor