

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2014

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in regular session on May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers. Mayor Weir presided.

I. ROLL CALL

Members present: Anderson, Pederson, Martin, Martinson, and Weir.

Members absent: None.

Also present: City Administrator Scott Johnson, City Attorney Ron Batty, City Engineer Tom Kellogg, City Planner Dusty Finke, Public Works Director Steve Scherer, Public Safety Director Ed Belland, and Recording Secretary Amanda Staple.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (7:00 p.m.)

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA (7:01 p.m.)

The agenda was approved as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (7:01 p.m.)

A. Approval of the May 6, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

It was noted under also present, City Engineer Tom Kellogg was not present and should not be listed. On page two, line 47, it should state, "Anderson questioned ~~how appropriate is it that~~ the appropriateness of representatives from the proposed connected with the development ~~are allowed~~ to make a presentation to the public at these meetings." On page three, line five, it should state, "...he would ~~agree~~ compromise if the presentation ~~could be made factual~~ was composed of slides and would be brief..." On page three, line 50, it should state, "...at this time and did ~~not~~ believe that the time would come for a dog park in the future....planning for the future is a good idea and stated that no dog park funding is included in the Park and Recreation five year Capital Improvement Plan." On page six, line 45, it should state, "...possibility of transit in the future."

Weir read aloud an email that she received from Ann Thies, the Chair of the Park Commission, regarding the information presented during the Parks Update.

Batty provided input and recommended adopting the minutes as amended and then submitting the written comments into the minutes as comments made at this meeting.

*Moved by Pederson, seconded by Martin, to approve the May 6, 2014 regular City Council meeting minutes as amended. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Batty noted that the email has already been read aloud and suggested that the following written comments be included in the minutes for tonight's meeting.

Comments submit via email from Ann Thies, Park Commission Chair, regarding the Park Commission Update presented at the May 6, 2014 City Council meeting:

“As stated, the main point of our meeting on April 29, 2014 was the park tour. Due to the weather, we only were able to review Hamel Legion Park, but we did walk around the whole park. The other major item at that meeting, was the review of the concept plan for Villas at Medina Country Club. There was a brief update by the Dog Park Subcommittee leaning toward a site on Highway 55, but I personally said additional information needed to be obtained. There were no formal resolutions presented nor discussed and no direction was given to present this idea to the Council. The full Park Commission has neither discussed, nor voted on, any preferred location and no recommendation is being presented to the City Council at this time.”

V. CONSENT AGENDA (7:10 p.m.)

A. Approve Payment of \$189.00 to Long Lake Fire Department for 2013 Budget Overrun

Moved by Martinson, seconded by Pederson to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. COMMENTS (7:10 p.m.)

A. Comments from Citizens on Items not on the Agenda

There were none.

B. Park Commission

Scherer reported that the Commission will meet the following night to discuss the RFPs and recommendations for the playground equipment. He confirmed that two parks would be toured prior to the meeting tomorrow night.

Weir stated that she received a comment that many people walk their dog off-leash around the Hamel Legion Park circuit and the suggestion was made to have dog waste bags and a bin provided at that park.

C. Planning Commission

Finke reported that the Commission met the previous Tuesday to hold two public hearings. He advised that the first was the Ordinance which is before the Council tonight regarding loading docks, which the Council will review tonight. He noted that the Commission recommended unanimous approval. He advised that the second hearing was an expansion request for the LORAM parking lot. He noted that a variance was requested regarding loading docks, which was denied due to the belief that the amendments to the Ordinance would be passed prior to the review of their application by the Council. He advised that the Commission did recommend approval of the site plan. He also highlighted four of the applications that will come before the Commission in the near future.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tower Drive, Hamel Road and Kilkenny Lane Street and Utility Improvement Project (7:13 p.m.)

Scherer advised that the Council has discussed this project several times and reported that WSB has drafted a scope of service with the cost, which he believed to be accurate. He stated that this project needs to move forward in order to meet the proposed schedule.

Kellogg advised that the action tonight would simply be to order a public hearing, which he believed would be held on June 17, 2014.

Weir advised that the Watershed is discussing cost-share opportunities and noted that this project may qualify. She confirmed that she would follow up with the Watershed to determine the aspects that would need to be included in the plan in order to qualify.

1. **Resolution No. 2014-32 Calling for Public Hearing on the Tower Drive, Hamel Road, and Kilkenny Lane Street and Utility Improvement Project**

*Moved by Martin, seconded by Martinson, to adopt resolution no. 2014-32 calling for a public hearing on the Tower Drive, Hamel Road and Kilkenny Lane Street and Utility Improvement Project. **Motion passed unanimously.***

B. **Ordinance No. 2014-33 Regarding Loading Dock Regulations in the Industrial Park Zoning District; Amending Section 833 of the City Code (7:22 p.m.)**

Finke presented background information regarding the existing Ordinance governing loading docks, noting that there was flexibility added to other zoning districts but the Industrial Park (IP) district was not updated at that time. He reviewed the recommendation for amendment to the IP district and noted that the amendment would add flexibility to the IP district as well. He advised that the Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval of the amendment.

Weir stated that she views this as an oversight in that this Ordinance was not updated in 2009 when the language for the other zoning districts was amended.

*Moved by Anderson, seconded by Martin, to adopt ordinance no. 2014-33 regarding loading dock regulations in the Industrial Park zoning district. **Motion passed unanimously.***

1. **Resolution No. 2014-33 Authorizing Publication of Ordinance by Title and Summary**

*Moved by Martin, seconded by Anderson, to adopt resolution no. 2014-33 authorizing publication of the ordinance by title and summary. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Weir noted that the good news for LORAM would be that they would no longer require a variance.

VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (7:29 p.m.)

Johnson reminded the Council that the park tour takes place the following night and asked everyone to meet at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. He also noted the public town hall meetings regarding the Dominion development are scheduled for May 28th and 29th at 5:30 p.m.

IX. MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (7:30 p.m.)

Pederson stated that he attended Toll Brother's open house and advised that he and Belland cut the ribbon for the project. He advised of an ice cream social he attended the Lake Independence Citizens Association (LICA) at Independence Beach. He also reported that he attended the Uptown Hamel meeting earlier today.

Martinson stated that she attended a presentation regarding playground equipment for the Fields of Medina.

Johnson noted that item will come before the Council on June 3rd.

Anderson reported that he attended the Northwest Hennepin Mayor's League dinner and there was discussion regarding sprinkling of buildings.

Martin reported that she and Johnson toured the Dominion project in Albertville and was very impressed with the quality of the development. She noted the project is similar in size to the proposed Medina site and is also bordered by similar adjacent uses. She advised that 40 percent of the units were occupied by two parent families, 40 percent of the units were occupied by single parent families, and the remaining units were occupied by separated families. She commented that this was a very nice development and believed that it would be hard to identify by the development or the tenants that this was a low income development. She believed that the proposed development would fit very well into the proposed site and would be aesthetically pleasing to the adjacent neighbors.

Weir stated that she drove by the development in Albertville and saw families outdoors and children playing. She commented that it appeared to be a nice neighborhood and the plantings and yards were well maintained.

Martin stated that there is a waiting list of 300 applicants for the Albertville site.

Weir stated that it also appeared that most units have two cars, and well maintained cars at that. She believed that sometimes there is a negative connotation as to the type of people that would live in a low income development. She commented that she also attended the LICA event.

X. APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS (7:41 p.m.)

Moved by Pederson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the bills, EFT 002602E-002623E for \$51,665.44, order check numbers 041237-041286 for \$150,467.52, payroll EFT 505640-505669 for \$44,958.57 and payroll check number 020426 for \$604.31.

Motion passed unanimously.

XI. ADJOURN

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Pederson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Weir, Mayor

Attest:

Scott Johnson, City Administrator