

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2014

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in regular session on October 21, 2014 at 7:03 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers. Mayor Weir presided.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Martinson.

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (7:03 p.m.)

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA (7:04 p.m.)

The agenda was approved as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (7:04 p.m.)

A. Approval of the October 7, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

It was noted on page three, line 13, it should state, "...least amount of discretion to consider it when considering the application." On page three, line 16, it should state, "...the application applicant..." On page three, line 23, it should state, "...little discretion in reviewing..." On page three, line 36, it should state, "...applicant was correctly reading interpreted the ..." On page four, line 35, the following sentence should be added, "Anderson concluded that a four bedroom apartment could have then up to eight people not family related." On page four, line eight, it should state, "...conclusion is ..." On page four, line 34, it should state, "...occupants ~~not necessarily~~ did not need to be related." On page four, line 43, it should state, "...and, with increased density, so perhaps..." On page four, line 44, it should state, "...~~relation~~ relationship..." On page five, line 11, it should state, "...~~met~~ meets..." On page six, line 38, it should state, "...~~and in~~..." On page six, line 46, it should state, "...location to be in of a poor location..." On page six, line 23, it should state, "...~~Rachelle~~ Rochelle..." On page seven, line 20, it should state, "...golf course..." On page eight, line 41, it should state, "~~Kelly Kellogg~~..." On page eight, line 48, it should state, "...it was agreed it would be an advantage if the additional turn lanes can be created advantageous to create the additional turn lanes." On page nine, line 19, it should state, "...~~accessing~~ evaluating..." On page nine, line 48, it should state, "explained there can be a partial waiver." On page ten, line ten, it should state, "...consideration for the environmental fund." On page 11, line 19, it should state, "Weir stated ~~she did not think it was up to this standard~~ the Fields of Medina forest is two acres and of moderate quality wetland. On page 11, line six, it should state, "...~~Variance~~ variance would be ~~needed~~ required if requiring 1200 inches were replaced." On page 12, line two, it should state, "...along with (2) a ..." On page 12, line 8, it should state, "...waiver: ~~(1)~~ Resolution ..." On page 12, line 16, it should state, "...post-development." On page 13, line 15, it should state, "...of trains and train noise was considered." On page 14, line five, it should state, "...landscaping on the easement to the east post-project." On page 14, line 21, it should state, "...responded to a structural fire resulting

from a lightning strike but no fire." On page 14, line 23, it should state, "...Celebration Day open house."

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Pederson, to approve the October 7, 2014 regular City Council meeting minutes as amended. **Motion passed unanimously.**

V. CONSENT AGENDA (7:13 p.m.)

Pederson recused himself from this agenda item.

- A. **Approve League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Liability Coverage Waiver Form**
- B. **Resolution No. 2014-66 Certifying Delinquent Storm Water Utility Charges to the Hennepin County Auditor for Collection in 2015**
- C. **Resolution No. 2014-67 Certifying Delinquent Utility Charges to the Hennepin County Auditor for Collection in 2015**
- D. **Resolution No. 2014-68 Granting Extension of Time to Submit Final Plat for Woods of Medina Amending Resolution 2014-04**
- E. **Resolution No. 2014-69 Granting Extension of Time to File the Plat of Enclave at Brockton 4th Addition Amending Resolution 2014-31**
- F. **Resolution No. 2014-70 Granting Extension of Time to File the Plat of Hamel Haven Amending Resolution 2014-31**
- G. **Resolution No. 2014-71 Approving Joint and Cooperative Agreement for Use of Law Enforcement Personnel and Equipment**
- H. **Resolution No. 2014-72 Accepting Donation from Shelly Breintenfeldt**
- I. ~~**Resolution Approving a Mixed Use Stage I Plan for Dominion, Inc. at 501 Clydesdale Drive**~~
- J. **Approve Mixed Use Stage I Plan Agreement By and Between the City of Medina and Medina Recreations, Inc. and Dominion Inc.**
- K. **Resolution No. 2014-73 of Applicant for DEED Broadband Grant Application**
- L. **Approve Letter of Support for DEED Broadband Grant Application**
- M. **Approve Final Invoice for 600 Clydesdale Trail Project**

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Martin, to approve the consent agenda. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Peterson rejoined the Council.

- I. **Resolution No. 2014-74 Approving a Mixed Use Stage I Plan for Dominion, Inc. at 501 Clydesdale Drive**

Anderson noted that he had forgotten to add the sprinkling item and questioned if that item should be added now or whether that should be added in the future.

Weir stated that item is not required by City Code.

Pederson stated that he also agreed that the building should be sprinkled.

Anderson asked whether that item should be further discussed at this time or during the Stage II review.

Martin stated that the Code does not require that to be done and therefore the item could not be made a condition of approval and could only be suggested.

*Moved by Anderson, seconded by Martin, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-74 approving a Mixed Use Stage I Plan for Dominium, Inc. at 501 Clydesdale Drive. **Motion passed unanimously.***

VI. COMMENTS (7:18 p.m.)

A. Comments from Citizens on Items not on the Agenda

Mario Fabrizio stated that the citizens of Medina received a mailing regarding the upcoming elections, which he believed provided false information. He referenced the new fire station and noted that while the issue had been briefly discussed during a summer Work Session meeting, he questioned whether there has been conversation at the Council level regarding the use of the facility at 600 Clydesdale Drive as a fire substation as mentioned in the mailer.

Weir stated that although the letter may imply that, the issue had not been addressed and a decision had not been made to use the facility at 600 Clydesdale Trail as a substation.

Fabrizio stated that the mailer also mentioned a need for better fire service for the northern portion of the city. He asked that the Council affirm that all citizens are receiving the same quality service throughout the city.

Anderson first asked why if the two chiefs were addressing the Council as citizens why were they in uniform. He further stated that the letter never implied that the northern portion of the City was being underserved, but referenced that when trains are passing through the City they may be adding time in responding to calls north of Highway 55.

Fabrizio stated that is untrue and the Fire Department has a route that bypasses the train and stated that as a resident of the northern portion of the city he has the same access to services as other residents.

In response to the statement that there were no plans for a new fire station Anderson stated that the station was listed on the Hamel Volunteer Fire Department 2015 CIP.

Fabrizio stated that item was required to be added as a placeholder by the Public Safety Director. He stated that he has the data to support that everyone in the city has equal access to fire services.

Anderson reiterated his position taken in a mayoral debate supporting a new substation in the Public Works Building. He stated that this communication elaborated on his position.

Fabrizio questioned the position of the Council on whether the north side of the city is serviced in the same manner as the rest of the city.

Weir stated that she believes that the northern portion of the city is serviced very well and in the same manner as the rest of the city, noting that she has discussed the issue with Public Safety Director Ed Belland.

Martin stated that she believed the Fire Department was looking at an affirmation of the Council as to whether the northern portion of the city is underserved. She stated that given the information that she has been given she has no basis to state that any portion of the city is underserved or served in a manner less than any other portion.

Pederson stated that he believed he had heard that the response time is longer to reach the northern portion of the City and questioned if there has been a study done on 500 Hamel Road that is unknown.

Fabrizio stated that a study has not been done and the demographics have not been reviewed. He stated that work will be done in the near future to determine the needs.

Anderson questioned how then the new station was listed in the CIP.

Belland stated that a capital plan is not a budgeted plan but a plan for the future. He explained that the plan must look into the future to determine needs. He stated that there is a place marker on the CIP in order to plan for the future capital interests. He advised that the item is not guaranteed but simply marks it as a placeholder for the future.

Hamel Fire Chief Jeff Ruchti stated that they simply wanted it to be known publicly that the department is doing the best they can with what they have. He stated that the plan was simply developed to ensure the best plans for the future can be made. He noted that a committee will be formed to study the issue.

Pederson thanked the department for their contribution to the City.

B. Park Commission

Scherer stated that the meeting for the following night had been canceled for lack of business items.

C. Planning Commission

Planning Commissioner Mitchell advised that a second meeting was held the previous week to discuss the rate of growth. It was determined that notice would be sent to additional residents and the public hearing had been continued to the first week in November. He stated that the Commission believes that the growth rate has been too rapid and time is of the essence. He noted that additional information was requested and will be reviewed at the next meeting. He advised that the Commission agreed that the jump ahead should still be allowed because of the additional conditions that must be met but questioned the rate of slowing that the Council would like to see in terms of growth. He asked that the Council pass on any direction they have so that the Commission can move in the direction the Council desires.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Charles Cudd De Novo – Woodland Hill Preserve – South of Hackamore, East of County Road 116 (7:33 p.m.)

Finke stated that at the October 7th meeting the Council reviewed this land use request and application and provided staff with direction to prepare the approval documents and supply additional information regarding the tree replacement requirements for incorporation. He reviewed the tree preservation and replacement information specific

to this project and the “old growth forest remnant” discussed. He stated that although there is not a map showing this information, the City Arborist did agree that this area would qualify under old growth standards. He noted that the woodland is identified as good quality, and is one of only a handful within the City. He stated that the City Attorney has advised that there should be a map specifying this information if the 2.1 ratio is going to be recommended. He displayed the maps showing forestry within the City and relating to the quality. He advised that the area in discussion is found to be ecologically significant within the Natural Resources Inventory. He advised that the standard Ordinance would require 2,398 inches of replacement while the 2.1 ratio would require 4,796. He advised that there is a waiver provision that could be granted when the applicant has exhausted all reasonable design options. He reviewed two alternative options and the ratio of tree replacement that would be necessary. He stated that the Planning Commission recommends 1,200 inches of replacement trees.

Martin stated that based on the ambiguity of old growth forest within the Code and given the comments from the City Attorney she would recommend use of the 1.1 ratio. She referenced the rate of \$100 per caliper inch and questioned if that was taken from City Code.

Finke stated that is the information based on the language used in the letter of credit but noted that the letter of credit uses a rate of 150 percent rather than 100 percent.

Martin asked if there is a tree surety as well.

Batty stated that a letter of credit is based on maximum exposure but takes into account what would be at risk on a worst-case scenario. He stated that the idea is to take a realistic approach, noting that landscaping is not included at this point. He explained that landscaping would be covered at the end, but would not be included in the preliminary total.

Kellogg provided additional explanation noting that the City would not complete the subdivision if the developer were to walk away but would simply complete the items necessary for the site.

Martin stated that if the City required a certain number of replacement inches, the packet states that the trees could be placed elsewhere in the City or a calculation could be determined and those funds added into the City Environmental Fund. She questioned how that calculation is determined.

Finke stated that planting of a significant nature could not be completed onsite and believed the expectation of the applicant would be to pay into the Environmental Fund.

Martin questioned how the amount of tree removal is determined.

Finke stated that the trees are marked on the plan consistent with the grading plan, which would be confirmed after grading.

Weir stated that there has been a fairly aggressive planting program in the parks and questioned if there are opportunities for plantings.

Finke stated that there may be an opportunity to plant off-site.

The applicant stated that they will attempt to plant as many onsite and offsite as possible.

Pederson asked if staff is aware of areas that could be planted within the City.

Scherer advised that two other developers are fulfilling obligations in other areas where plantings were necessary. He stated that the Environmental Fund could also be used to purchase trees that could be given to residents to plant on clean-up day.

Pederson stated that he subsidized the cost of trees to be planted at the previous clean-up day and they were quickly taken and planted by residents, noting that there is a demand.

Rick Denman, Charles Cudd Company, stated that he reviewed every tree in the inventory and they will be saving almost 63 percent of the trees 20 inches to 40 inches, versus the one third that will be removed.

Weir noted that in essence the tree preservation regulations are working as the Development Plan for the site has been adjusted and the highest quality trees will be preserved. She stated that she would be in favor of following the recommendation of the Planning Commission in regard to the 1,200 inches of replacement.

Pederson also agreed with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Anderson stated that 65 percent of the trees will remain, or be added, and therefore he is also in agreement.

Martin stated that she also agrees.

Anderson questioned if the same type of tree would be replaced.

Denman stated that the attempt will be to enhance the neighborhood to the degree possible with the largest possible replacement trees. He noted that the entire amount will not be able to be placed onsite and a payment to the Environmental Fund will also be made. He confirmed that the trees planted will be of the most desired species, noting that some deciduous trees will be used for screening.

Martin asked for additional information regarding surety because of the large obligation.

Finke stated that once the landscaping plan is finalized the language in the Development Agreement would be revised to include that figure.

1. Ordinance No. 567 Amending the Official Zoning Map to Rezone the Property Being Subdivided

Moved by Martin, seconded by Anderson, to adopt ordinance no. 567 amending the official zoning map to rezone the property being subdivided as "Woodland Hill Preserve".
Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 2014-75 Authorizing Publication of Ordinance No. 567 by Title and Summary

Moved by Martin, seconded by Pederson, to adopt resolution no. 2014-75 authorizing publication of ordinance no. 567 by title and summary. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Resolution No. 2014-76 Granting Plat Approval and Variance Approve to Charles Cudd De Novo for Woodland Hill Preserve

Moved by Martin, seconded by Anderson, to adopt resolution no. 2014-76 granting plat approval and variance approval to Charles Cudd De Novo for Woodland Hill Preserve, with the conditions as stated in the proposed resolution but modifying to revise Condition 7 to state: A partial tree replacement waiver is hereby granted from the full replacement required by code. The Applicant shall provide 1200 caliper inches of replacement trees. Such replacement shall include any one or a combination of the following: 1) on-site planting of predominantly hardwood species similar to those removed, but only in quantities and locations likely to support long-term survival and in accordance with an approved tree replacement plan; 2) planting of hardwood species in alternative locations within the City as approved by City staff; or 3) financial contribution to the environmental fund in an amount of \$100 per caliper inch of replacement tree. Provide a surety for replacing 1,200 caliper inches equal to \$180,000. The surety will not be layered on top of the other surety required by the terms of the Development Agreement, but will be treated as a "Holdback" for other requested reductions or return of surety. Revise Condition 16 to state: The Applicant shall record Homeowner's Association (the "HOA") documents against all residential lots which shall be satisfactory to the City. This document shall describe responsibilities for maintenance of stormwater improvements, upland buffers, and lawn irrigation systems. The documents shall also describe requirements to safeguard existing trees within tree preservation areas, including but not limited to signage requirements, notification of property owners, and prohibiting removal or replacement without prior City approval. The revised resolution will also include: prior to execution, the draft of the Development Agreement provided to the Council shall be amended, as necessary, to embrace all of the foregoing requirements in form acceptable to the City Planner and the City Attorney. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Development Agreement By and Between the City of Medina and Woodland Hill Preserve, Inc. for Woodland Hill Preserve

Moved by Martin, seconded by Pederson, to approve the Development Agreement by and between the City of Medina and Woodland Hill Preserve, Inc. for Woodland Hill Preserve. **Motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tower Drive Stormwater Pond Discussion (8:09 p.m.)

Johnson introduced the Tower Drive Stormwater Pond project, noting that there are two different options. He advised that staff has been working closely with the two properties in order to obtain easement agreements. He advised that the draft agreements were in the Council packets and advised that a revised agreement had been included at the dais for the Raskob property.

Scherer briefly reviewed background information regarding the project history and planning process.

Finke stated that the first option would simply entail the minimum requirements needed for the additional hardcover. He advised that staff has worked with the two property owners in order to develop an option with additional treatment which would not only benefit the project and property owners but also the general public. He reviewed the proposed costs for both options and noted that the City has received a \$65,000 contribution from Hennepin County, should they move forward with the more detailed project. He advised that the City has also applied for a BWSR grant, which could fund 75 percent of the total project cost. He recommended that the Council approve the agreements between the City and the Raskob Trust as well as the City and Newvesco, LLC. He briefly reviewed the terms of each agreement and the revisions to the Raskob agreement.

*Moved by Martin, seconded by Pederson, to direct staff to apply for relevant agency approval for construction of Option Two for the stormwater improvement for the Tower Drive/Hamel Road/Kilkenny Lane Improvement project, subject to acquiring easements as described in the preceding agreements. **Motion passed unanimously.***

1. Agreement between the City of Medina and John W. Raskob, as Trustee of the Patricia R. Raskob Trust

*Moved by Anderson, seconded by Pederson, to approve the agreement by and between the City of Medina and Raskob Property, 500 Hamel Road, for the Tower Drive Stormwater Pond Project. **Motion passed unanimously.***

2. Agreement between the City of Medina and Newvesco, Inc.

*Moved by Anderson, seconded by Pederson, to approve the agreement by and between the City of Medina and Newvesco property, 610 Hamel Road, for the Tower Drive Stormwater Pond Project. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Weir thanked Scherer for his efforts on this project and also thanked the Raskobs and Newvesco for their cooperation.

B. Comprehensive Plan – Staging and Growth Discussion (8:26 p.m.)

Finke provided the report requested by the City Council earlier this summer in regard to the staging and growth plan. He noted that the City Council requested that staff study the staging and growth plan in regard to the rapid rate of growth and the impact that growth has on infrastructure and services, as well as the recently reduced Metropolitan (Met) Council projections for 2040. He noted that public meetings were held to discuss the issue. He stated that the Planning Commission recommended, on a vote of 4-2, to direct staff to prepare a Comprehensive Plan amendment, which would remove the ability for a property to “jump ahead” and to amend the Staging/Growth Plan to shift priority. He displayed the current Staging/Growth Plan as well as that recommended for amendment by the Planning Commission.

Martin noted that it had been mentioned that properties already in discussion for development not be included for movement.

Finke agreed those properties would not be pushed back to the next staging period. He briefly summarized the growth activity within the City recently, and that planned and/or approved, as well as the reduced projections from the Met Council. He also reviewed the current staging period capacity as well as the capacity that would be allowed under the proposed amendment recommended by the Planning Commission.

Martin referenced the CIP for the next five years and asked which development capacity would most accurately match the CIP.

Finke stated that the CIP would most likely fall between all of those lines as it is more accurately developed with the actual rate of growth assumption, rather than assuming all property available for development would develop in their staging time, as is done with the capacity.

Martin confirmed that amending the Comprehensive Plan would not interfere with the CIP. She asked specifically if slowing the rate of growth would interfere with budgeting.

Johnson noted that staff would review the projections to ensure that budgets and staffing levels would be in-line with what is needed.

Finke stated that this exercise has shown that the current staging plan is rolled out on an east to west basis and explained that plan ended up front and tail loading residential development substantially. He advised that the staging for residential was loaded mostly into the 2001 and 2011 staging periods, with commercial focus for the 2016 staging period.

Weir agreed that information was very beneficial as the Council may not have wanted to place both of the residential areas within a desirable school district in the first two staging periods. She stated that the desire has been for low density residential and questioned how realistic the leveling out is at the end of that staging period because the medium density and mixed-use areas have not been as desirable.

Finke stated that if there is a demand for low density residential, and not a large supply of land, the City would most likely see additional requests for single family balanced with a smaller area of the site to be used for medium density in order to balance the density of the site.

Pederson believed that it is important to look at the fact that the police and fire departments are operating fully and the City still has one of the lowest tax rates of the 16 surrounding communities. He acknowledged road repairs which were also made through recent development activities rather than forcing that improvement cost upon the residents. He also acknowledged the other benefits the City has received such as a water tower site and park. He stated that while the City desires commercial development, that development cannot be successful without residential development as well.

Weir agreed that there have been many benefits received through development.

Pederson stated that he was unsure on the issue of the "jump ahead", stating that there are also additional benefits gained through allowing "jump ahead" and acknowledging that the Planning Commission would recommend reducing that period from five years to possibly two or three years. He stated that interest rates may increase and the desire for residential development may not be as high in the future.

Concerns have been expressed with growth and traffic congestion on County Road 116 and County Road 101 in Medina. Martin noted two statements made at the previous

Planning Commission meeting. First, none of the land surrounding County Road 116 or County Road 101 would be affected by any delays or reductions to growth. Second, slowing our growth in this area does not mean Rogers or Corcoran will slow their growth. Growth in other cities will keep traffic moving down our roads and frustrating our residents. Delaying the phasing of development in Medina will not reduce the traffic from the north or west.

Weir stated that the point had also been made regarding the growth in the Wayzata School District, noting that Medina is only a small portion of the School District. She stated that other communities within the Wayzata School District will continue to grow and the School District is prepared for that growth. She stated that disallowing the “jump ahead” would have an impact on property owners that may have planned for that and noted that there are benefits to the additional conditions required under the “jump ahead”. She believed that the development would slow as the available parcels move out of the Wayzata School District, which is happening now.

Finke acknowledged that the majority of property within the Wayzata School District was included in the first staging period. He also mentioned a memory care development that could move forward.

Weir stated that she could be persuaded to consider this study within the context of the Comprehensive Plan for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan rather than amending the current Plan.

Pederson agreed that the information could simply be used to develop the new Comprehensive Plan.

Finke stated that the new Comprehensive Plan could not be submitted to the Met Council prior to the end of 2015, as the system statements would not be available until September 2015. He noted that even after the Plan is submitted by the City in 2017, there is still a ten-month period of review that is required.

Weir believed that based upon her experience that mid 2017 would be a good estimate of when the Plan would be enacted.

Martin questioned if the Met Council could state that they would not consider an amendment as the system statements are not yet available.

Finke stated that the Met Council has stated that they will entertain amendments during this time period based on the reductions.

Martin stated that she would be inclined to amending the Comprehensive Plan in order to delay some of the growth, provided that it does not interfere with the active development.

Anderson agreed with the comments made by Pederson that the Council should be wary of slowing growth. He stated that he attended the Planning Commission meetings and stated that he would support some level of amendment as recommended.

Weir asked for additional opinion from Finke in regard to reducing the “jump ahead” from five years to two or three years.

Finke stated that to limit the “jump ahead” to two to three years could have some benefits as the “jump ahead” properties would not directly compete with the current staging period.

Bob Belser stated that it is evident to him that there is a tremendous amount of growth that has occurred in Medina and is planned for development.

Weir stated that while the development seems sudden, the current rate evens out the development that did not occur during the recession.

Belser questioned how roads and infrastructure would be affected and paid for.

Weir advised that the new homes pay taxes, which fund those improvements.

Belser referenced the growth of the households and the importance for affordable housing and asked how those are meeting the needs of the current employers within the City.

Weir stated that developers are not interested in developing that type of housing in Medina.

Belser referenced an idea that had been brought forward regarding two-year increments for development and another idea that could deal with the train traffic. He stated that he believed the City would implode with the current rate of growth and that the growth rate should be slowed through a moratorium. He believed that the interest rates would remain low for a long time and that there would be a benefit to delaying development.

Joe Cavanaugh Jr. referenced the Cavanaugh property and Weir confirmed that property would remain in the current staging period. He also referenced the memory care development and believed that would be a great addition to the City that would not impact the traffic rates.

Weir stated that the Council is split in their decision as two members would be in favor or waiting while the other two would be in favor of an amendment. She asked for additional information regarding reducing the “jump ahead” period.

Mitchell stated that he would not want to see development simply stop abruptly and agreed that perhaps the best way to slow growth would be to reduce the staging period from five years to two to three years.

Weir stated that perhaps smaller “jump ahead” periods would be a good compromise.

Martin agreed that could be a compromise.

Weir stated that her goal is to even out growth for budgetary and staffing purposes.

Finke agreed that the goal to take the next 25-30 years of growth and design a staging plan which would approximate a fairly level achievement could be a very manageable action. He agreed that could be investigated as an option.

Weir noted that anyone who has submitted an application or Concept Plan would remain in the current staging period.

Finke confirmed that the Council would be in agreement with providing notice to the property owners discussed by the Planning Commission.

IX. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (9:28 p.m.)

Johnson stated that the crime free multi-housing discussion will take place at the December Work Session. He advised that Mediacom has chosen not to move forward with the direction given by the Council and therefore the build-out will not move forward this year. He advised that there are some residents that will approach Mediacom directly in an attempt to gain service at their homes at their own cost. He reported that the employee appreciation breakfast took place this morning and thanked the department heads for their contributions.

X. MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (9:31 p.m.)

Martin stated that she attended the Hamel Fire training and advised that she and Weir also met with a resident regarding the possible subdivision of his property. She stated that she also toured the Hamel Fire Department.

Pederson stated that he attended the candidate forum hosted by the League of Women Voters and at Medina Ridge and commended all candidates that participated.

Weir stated that she also attended the demonstration house burn and advised that Hamel Fire worked cooperatively as a team. She stated that Maple Grove Firefighters also spoke with respect of the Hamel Fire Department. She also commended the candidates that participated in the forums. She noted that she also visited the new rain garden at Hamel Legion Park and questioned if there will be additional plantings.

Scherer stated that the plantings are fresh and may spread so staff will continue to monitor the area. He stated that the City was audited by the MPCA this week and it went very well, commending staff for their efforts.

XI. APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS (9:36 p.m.)

*Moved by Pederson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the bills, EFT 002819E-00285E for \$46,716.57, order check numbers 041913-041973 for \$198,405.97, and payroll EFT 505948-505980 for \$46,420.91. **Motion passed unanimously.***

XII. ADJOURN

*Moved by Anderson, seconded by Pederson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Elizabeth Weir, Mayor

Attest:

Scott Johnson, City Administrator