

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2019

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in regular session on January 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers. Mayor Martin presided.

I. ROLL CALL

Members present: Anderson, Cousineau, DesLauriers, Martin, and Pederson.

Members absent: None.

Also present: City Administrator Scott Johnson, City Attorney Ron Batty, City Engineer Jim Stremel, City Planning Director Dusty Finke, Public Works Director Steve Scherer, and Chief of Police Ed Belland.

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

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA (7:00 p.m.)

The agenda was approved as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (7:00 p.m.)

A. Approval of the December 18, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Martin noted that she and Anderson provided written comments to be incorporated into the minutes.

*Moved by Anderson, seconded by Cousineau, to approve the December 18, 2018 regular City Council meeting minutes as amended. **Motion passed unanimously.***

V. CONSENT AGENDA (7:01 p.m.)

A. Approve 2019 Meeting Calendar

B. Approve Copier Lease with Marco

C. Resolution No. 2019-01 Accepting Resignation of Janet White from the Planning Commission

Johnson thanked Janet White for her years of service to the City on the Park and Planning Commissions and with past elections.

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

VI. COMMENTS (7:02 p.m.)

A. Comments from Citizens on Items not on the Agenda

There were none.

B. Park Commission

Scherer reported that Public Works is working to redo the ice rinks and get those back in shape. He stated that the sliding hill is very active.

C. Planning Commission

Finke reported that the Planning Commission will meet the following week to hold annual officer elections, review operational procedures, and set goals for the year.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2019-02 Establishing 2019 Appointments and Designations to Various City Services, Authorities, Commissions and Agencies (7:03 p.m.)

Martin noted that an updated appointment list was provided to the Council.

DesLauriers referenced an appointment with respect to the Northwest Hennepin League of Municipalities, which states other Council member.

Martin provided background to the group and stated that her thinking was that the members of the Council would rotate attendance as there is a lot of valuable information available at the meeting.

DesLauriers referenced another appointment and asked if the City only provides a representative to the Hamel Volunteer Fire Department and not the other Fire Departments.

Johnson stated that because the insurance funds from the State for the Fire Department goes through the City of Medina, the City provides a representative.

DesLauriers stated that he is listed as the liaison for the Planning Commission. He stated that with the amount of transition on the Planning Commission, with Albers and White leaving the Commission, he thought that it might be appropriate for Albers to be the liaison to assist with the transition, noting Albers' experience being actively involved in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. He noted that he himself would like to be the liaison for Public Safety because of his history and relationship with the Fire Department.

Martin stated that she originally spoke with DesLauriers and he stated that he agreed to be the Planning Commission liaison. She stated that she then spoke with Albers about being the Public Safety liaison, and he requested that appointment. She explained that Albers has the least amount of knowledge in that area and she believed that she could assist him in gaining knowledge and therefore believed that would be a good fit. She stated that she would like to keep Albers on Public Safety and would not feel comfortable making the change without Albers being present. She noted that this will provide Albers with the experience in that area that the other Council members have.

Pederson stated that Albers did a great job managing comments from the public at the last Planning Commission meeting and noted that he does have some hesitation with White leaving the Planning Commission.

Anderson echoed the comments that Albers did a great job managing the comments from the public at the last public hearing for the Planning Commission.

Martin stated that while she agrees, she does not feel comfortable making the change without Albers present.

Anderson stated that he believes it to be in the best interest of the City for Albers to be the liaison for the Planning Commission. He explained that the City is about ready to introduce the new 2040 Comprehensive Plan, which requires a great deal of communication between the Planning Commission and City Council and believes that Albers would be the best person to provide that link. He stated that regarding Public Safety, 2019 will be an important year to discuss Public Safety in general and specifically Fire. He stated that he cannot think of a better person than DesLauriers to be the liaison to communicate between the Fire Departments and City Council.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Pederson, to Adopt Resolution No. 2019-02 Establishing 2019 Appointments and Designations to Various City Services, Authorities, Commissions and Agencies, changing the Public Safety Liaison to DesLauriers and Planning Commission Liaison to Albers, noting that while the Hamel Volunteer Fire Relief Association Representative would remain as Martin, the alternate should be DesLauriers.

Further discussion: Cousineau stated that because Albers is not present, perhaps this issue should be tabled until he is present. She stated that there are valid concerns brought forward and perhaps this should be discussed with Albers to gain his input.

Anderson stated that it was his opinion, based on comments made previously, that there would be no change in the outcome and that the Council could make the decision tonight.

Martin stated that she would prefer to table the discussion until Albers is present because of the previous discussions that have been had with Albers on the designations.

Anderson stated that he would be happy to have the discussion with Albers following the vote and explaining his rationale for making the decision. He then reminded the Mayor that a motion had been made, seconded, and demanded a vote.

Motion passed 4-1 (Martin opposed).

B. Plymouth Comprehensive Plan Review (7:13 p.m.)

Finke stated that the City of Plymouth proposes to expand to a population of approximately 82,000, which is a ten percent increase. He stated that the City identified the 180 acres yet to be developed near Medina, which is planned for single family developments noting that this planned development is lower density than proposed in the previous Comprehensive Plan for Plymouth. He stated that there are some redevelopment sites identified for higher density development which he highlighted within his report. He briefly reviewed some of the comments he identified regarding transportation, sewer and water, and parks and trails.

Anderson stated that there is interest in expanding the metro link transit system, with a potential stop in the area of Target. He asked if the Council would feel comfortable adding an additional comment on the Metro Link bus system from Plymouth to Medina.

Johnson noted that discussion did occur with the City of Plymouth a few years ago and the response from Plymouth was that there is not sufficient population in Medina and further west to support expansion. He stated that the current station is only at 60

percent capacity and therefore the recommendation from Plymouth is that Medina residents use one of the current Plymouth stations.

VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (7:20 p.m.)

Johnson noted that the January 15th meeting will be busy with the goals worksession to occur at 4:00 p.m., an EDA meeting at 6:30 p.m., and regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. He stated that Batty suggested that the swearing in of the new Council members and Mayor will occur at 4:00 p.m. on a separate agenda with the remainder of the meetings to follow.

IX. MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (7:21 p.m.)

Martin thanked Cousineau for her service to the community. She stated that she attended a breakfast with the other mayors from the Third Congressional District for Minnesota with Dean Phillips and noted that the three most highly noted issues were assistance with road infrastructure, internet access, and the rising cost of health care. She stated that she and Johnson and a few others had a preliminary discussion on supplementary funding for parks. She noted that she invited Anderson to the meeting, but he chose not to attend. She stated that Pederson and DesLauriers will begin discussions with land owners in Uptown Hamel to gain input on development in that area.

Finke stated that he is assuming that he will have a student group to assist discussions and potential planning for the Uptown Hamel area and suggested that perhaps there be coordination between that group and Pederson and DesLauriers to ensure a consistent conversation.

X. APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS (7:24 p.m.)

*Moved by DesLauriers, seconded by Pederson, to approve the bills, EFT 004910E-004918E for \$39,237.65 and order check numbers 048271-048311 for \$169,578.84 and payroll EFT 0509141-0509167 for \$52,120.67. **Motion passed unanimously.***

XI. ADJOURN

*Moved by Anderson, seconded by Cousineau, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Kathleen Martin, Mayor

Attest:

Jodi M. Gallup, City Clerk