



City of Blaine
Anoka County, Minnesota
Minutes - Final
City Council

10801 Town Square Dr.
Blaine MN 55449

Thursday, December 1, 2011

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Present: 7 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Kolb and Councilmember Herbst

1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Ryan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call. A quorum was present.

ALSO PRESENT: Bryan Schafer, Community Development Director; Bob Therres, Public Services Manager; Chris Olson, Public Safety Manager/Police Chief; Joe Huss, Finance Director; Roark Haver, Communications Technician; Jane M. Cross, City Clerk; and Recording Secretary Amanda Staple.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.-1 [MIN 11-0018](#)

WORKSHOP MEETING - NOVEMBER 17, 2011
REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 17, 2011

Sponsors: Cross

Attachments: [City Council Minutes 11/17/11](#)
[Workshop Minutes 11/17/11](#)

Councilmember Kolb referred to the regular meeting minutes of November 17th, page three, and noted it should state, "...proposed original Wal-Mart is not a Super Wal-Mart." She referred to the discussion regarding the cost of chemical treatment on page four and stressed that her concern was not with the cost of the treatment but with the damage that could occur to the road.

Moved by Councilmember Herbst, seconded by Mayor Ryan, that the Minutes be Approved as Amended. The Motion was adopted. Councilmembers Bourke and Hovland abstained on the November 17, 2011 Workshop and Regular meeting minutes due to their absence.

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember Kolb and Councilmember Herbst

Abstain: 2 - Councilmember Hovland and Councilmember Bourke

5. AWARDS - PRESENTATIONS - ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Ryan thanked the Police Department for the extra patrols on Club West Parkway. He stated that the residents of that area asked for additional patrols and the Police department provided that service. He stated that another group of troops will be arriving on Saturday at Arden Hills and welcomed any interested residents to attend and welcome the troop's home.

7. OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT

Michael ___, 10289 Hub Street NE, addressed the Council in regard to traffic concerns with the Wal-Mart site at Lexington and Ball Road. He provided traffic counts for different roadways in the City, comparing that to the proposed level of traffic for Ball Road because of this development. He believed that this project would make Ball Street one of the busiest streets in the City. He stated that a community meeting is going to be held on Wednesday, December 14th, at 5:00 p.m., at City Hall and invited the Council to attend.

City Manager Arneson stated that there is not even an application at this time and did not see a purpose for staff and Council to attend.

Councilmember Kolb asked that the meeting be posted so that interested Councilmembers could attend to hear the discussion. The Council stressed that although members of the Council may attend; they would only be present to listen and would not be commenting.

8. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

9. 8:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING AND ITEMS SET FOR A CERTAIN TIME

Item 9.1 was moved in the agenda to follow 12.1

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Herbst, seconded by Councilmember Swanson that the following items be Approved by Consent Vote. Motion adopted unanimously.

10.-1 [MO 11-0033](#)

SCHEDULE OF BILLS PAID

Sponsors: Huss

Attachments: [11/10/11 Bills Paid](#)
[11/18/11 Bills Paid](#)
[October 2011 Payroll Checks & Wire Transfers](#)

Approved unanimously by Consent Vote.

10.-2 [MO 11-0034](#) **APPROVE 2012 WATER TREATMENT CHEMICAL BIDS**

Sponsors: Public Works Director Ulrich

Attachments: [Water Chem bids 11.pdf](#)

Approved unanimously by Consent Vote.

10.-3 [ORD 11-2238](#) **RECEIVE PETITION AND ORDER PUBLIC HEARING FOR VACATION OF DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS FOR LOTS 11 & 12, BLOCK 2, HARPERS STREET WOODS, VACATION NO. V11-07**

Sponsors: Keely

Attachments: [Harpers Street Woods Map.pdf](#)

Introduced, Read, and Placed on File for Second Reading unanimously by Consent Vote.

10.-5 [MO 11-0035](#) **REPLACEMENT OF WELL #12 MOTOR**

Sponsors: Public Works Director Ulrich

Approved unanimously by Consent Vote.

10.-4 [ORD 11-2237](#) **FIRST READING - AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11-2231, ADOPTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF BLAINE AS APPENDIX D OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BLAINE**

Sponsors: City Manager Arneson

Attachments: [2012 Fee Schedule](#)

Councilmember Hovland stated that he did not have time to review the proposed changes and asked for further clarification from staff.

City Manager Arneson reviewed the proposed changes to the fess schedule.

Councilmember Kolb stated that she would not be in favor of an increase to the fee for Lakeside Commons Park but noted that she would not oppose the vote.

Declared by Mayor Ryan, that this Ordinance be Introduced, Read, and Placed

on File for Second Reading. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

11. DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

- 11.-1 [RES 11-0159](#) **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT TO ALLOW FOR AN OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL AT THE NATIONAL SPORTS CENTER ON JUNE 09, 2012 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 10:30 P.M. (CASE FILE NO. 11-0045/BKS)**

Sponsors: Schafer

Attachments: [Attachments.pdf](#)

Community Development Director Schafer presented information regarding the proposed outdoor music festival which would take place at the National Sports Center on June 9, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. He noted that staff recommends approval of the request. He confirmed that staff will be reviewing outdoor concert regulations over the winter and did not see a problem approving this concert prior to those regulations being set.

Moved by Councilmember Kolb, seconded by Councilmember Herbst, that this Resolution be Adopted. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

12. ADMINISTRATION

- 12.-1 [MO 11-0036](#) **AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PIONEER ENGINEERING IN A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$21,000 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN THE GARDENWOOD PLAT AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROPOSAL DATED OCTOBER 4, 2011 (REV. OCTOBER 10, 2011)**

Sponsors: Keely

Attachments: [Pioneer Proposal.pdf](#)

Public Services Manager Therres explained that the request is to enter into a contract with Pioneer Engineering, not to exceed \$21,000, for engineering services associated with Gardenwood Plat.

Carrie Kertz, 1127 Hub Street, addressed the Council in regard to the proposed sidewalk which would run along her property. She explained that the increase in elevation for the sidewalk would cause a steep increase in the driveway which would cause safety issues. She asked that portion of the contract to be delayed and for the sidewalk to ultimately be placed on the other side of the roadway.

Councilmember Herbst suggested that the sidewalk run to her driveway and then resume on the other side of her driveway.

Public Services Manager Therres displayed a map of the proposed area and suggested an area at which the sidewalk could cross to the other side of the

roadway. He stated that staff could review the option of moving the sidewalk to the other side and the alternative options that could be utilized should the sidewalk remain on that side of the roadway.

Councilmember Swanson questioned the schedule for the project and questioned if delay could be made to investigate these options.

Public Services Manager Therres stated that staff would like the Council to proceed tonight and explained that staff would still have the ability to review all options for the sidewalk.

City Manager Arneson stated that this engineering work would need to begin in order to further investigate the possibilities and stated that if the plan were changed a larger neighborhood meeting would need to occur.

Councilmember Swanson confirmed that there are no significant issues with moving the sidewalk to the west side of the roadway.

Councilmember Bourke stated that he would also be in favor of moving the sidewalk to the other side of the roadway.

City Manager Arneson confirmed that \$3,000 would be withheld from the contract for the design of the sidewalk at this time.

Moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, that authorize City Manager to enter into contract with Pioneer Engineering in a not-to-exceed amount of \$21,000 for engineering services associated with the plat of Gardenwood be approved, amending the contract to remove the \$3,000 for sidewalk design and direct staff to hold a neighborhood meeting to discuss moving the sidewalk at 117th. Motion adopted unanimously.

9.-1 [ORD 11-2236](#)

**VACATION OF REAR DRAINAGE AND UTILITY
EASEMENT FOR LOT 12, BLOCK 1, THE SANCTUARY
5TH ADDITION, VACATION NO. V11-06
A. FIRST READING - CHAPTER 193**

Sponsors: Keely

Attachments: [Map](#)

Mayor Ryan opened the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Public Services Manager Therres summarized the request to vacate the rear drainage and utility easement for Lot 12, Block 1, The Sanctuary 5th Addition.

Amy Hennen, 2751 104th Court NE, stated that she was asked to be present at the meeting as the request is for her home.

There being no additional public input, Mayor Ryan closed the public hearing at 8:16 p.m.

Declared by Mayor Ryan, that this Ordinance be Introduced, Read, and Placed on File for Second Reading. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

12.-2 [RES 11-0160](#)

ADOPT THE 2012 CHARITABLE GAMBLING FUND

BUDGET

Sponsors: Huss

Attachments: [2012 Charitable Gambling Fund Budget Summary.doc](#)

Finance Director Huss presented the 2012 charitable gambling fund budget, which was presented at the Council Worksession held on November 17th and noted that no changes have been made to the discussed budget. He stated that revenue from charitable gambling has increased for a second year and staff estimates that the fund will at least remain flat. He explained that these funds are received through charitable gambling, such as pull tabs run by the Lions Club or youth sports associations. He advised that these funds are disbursed to organizations such as the Alexander House, BD4, the Centennial Food Shelf, the Kingswood Church Food Shelf, and to each of the three high schools located in Blaine for senior activities.

Moved by Councilmember Hovland, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, that this Resolution be Adopted. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

12.-3 [RES 11-0161](#)

ADOPT 2012 CABLE TELEVISION BUDGET

Sponsors: Huss

Attachments: [2012 Cable TV Fund Budget Summary.doc](#)

Finance Director Huss stated that this item was also reviewed at the Council Worksession, held on November 17th, and noted that no changes have been made to the discussed budget.

Moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, that this Resolution be Adopted. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

13. **OTHER BUSINESS**

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councilmember Herbst, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, that this meeting be Adjourned. The Motion was adopted unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.