



# City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes - Final

10801 Town Square Dr.  
Blaine MN 55449

## City Council Workshop

*\*While this is a public meeting where interested persons are welcome to attend, it is a work session for Council and staff to discuss issues before them. It is not for the purpose of receiving public input.*

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Thursday, May 3, 2012

6:30 PM

Cloverleaf Farm Room A

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Meeting Number 12-29

### NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ryan at 6:30 p.m.

Quorum Present.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clark Arneson, City Manager; Tom Sweeney, City Attorney; Bob Therres, Public Services Manager; Bryan Schafer, Community Development Director; Joe Huss, Finance Director; Nate Monahan; Park and Recreation Program Manager; Chris Olson, Safety Service Manager/Police Chief; Wende Ferguson, Support Services Manager; Jim Kappelhoff, Park and Recreation Director; Roark Haver, Communications Technician; Al Thorp, Senior Engineering Technician; Jane Cross, City Clerk; and Recording Secretary Linda Dahlquist.

**Present:** 5 - Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst, Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Hovland, and Councilmember Swanson

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Clark, and Councilmember Kolb

1. [WS 12-22](#)

### **CRIME AND POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT**

**Sponsors:** Safety Services Manager / Police Chief Olson

Safety Services Manager/Police Chief Olson stated the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) publishes the Minnesota Crime Information Report for the prior year. He stated the information the BCA obtains comes from local police departments and sheriff offices as data is submitted on a regular basis. He stated the data the BCA compiles is submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting Program and from this compilation statistical information and trends are observed on Part I and Part II Crimes.

Councilmember Hovland arrived at 6:34 p.m.

Safety Services Manager/Police Chief Olson stated crime statistics are gathered and reported by reporting authorities using crime codes that are standardized for all agencies in the U.S. Crimes are reported by the local authority to BCA to FBI. He explained the differences between Part I Crimes and Part II Crimes. He stated Blaine has experienced a reduction in crimes from 2009 to 2010 of 7.8% in Part I and 14.6% in Part II Crimes. He stated his staff uses statistics from the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) that is published in September to analyze crime trends, which may result in changes in police activities and deployment. He stated currently the police department uses a County-wide record system and dispatch system that does not communicate between the two systems. Chief Olson commented that Blaine is experiencing a large increase in Permits to Purchase from previous years.

Councilmember Bourke asked about drug enforcement in Blaine. Chief Olson replied the police department is proactive on drug activity. He stated in the past there were entire neighborhoods that had problems and now there are a few rental properties.

Chief Olson showed the Council a chart on Blaine's Crime and Police Activity with Offenses for the Year 2010 compared to 2011. He commented that Blaine's crime statistics for the first quarter for 2012 compared to 2011 and 2010 are similar.

Councilmember Bourke asked about the amount of denials for Permits to Purchase. Chief Olson replied there was a small amount of denials.

Support Manager Ferguson stated the residents of Blaine will be able to use CrimeReports.com to find out about situations that have taken place in Blaine within two days or less. Chief Olson added the information shared is all public information; although addresses will not be shared, but neighborhoods will be identified, and dates and times of the situation. Ms. Ferguson stated the map on CrimeReports.com will show small icons such as B for burglary, T for theft, A for assault, etc. Residents can sign up for email alerts on specific crimes. She stated the police department will get more detailed information than the residents.

#### **Discussed**

## **2. [WS 12-23](#)**

### **2012 BLAINE TRIATHLON UPDATE**

**Sponsors:** Kappelhoff

Park and Recreation Director Kappelhoff stated the first Blaine Triathlon is planned for May 19, 2012 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. in Lakeside Commons Park. He stated a total of 303 registrations (229 individual and 74 teams) have been received. He stated 40% of the total registrations are Blaine residents. He stated 20 local businesses and organizations are sponsoring the event with donations or in-kind services. He stated there is ample parking and one

controlled entrance for the event. He commented there will be road closures at Lakes Parkway and Harpers Street in order for the athletes and spectators to be dropped off. Mr. Kappelhoff reported the event is self-supporting with a small projected profit of \$650.00.

Councilmember Bourke asked about the Anoka permit cost. Park and Recreation Director Kappelhoff replied the City has to have a permit to use the County roads. He gave an overview of the schedule for the day.

Councilmember Herbst questioned the 8:00 a.m. start time of the triathlon. Park and Recreation Manager Monahan replied the times are typical start and end time for triathlons. He commented the spectators will be shuttled into the park from City Hall.

Park and Recreation Director Kappelhoff stated the Killebrew dedication of Miracle League Field in the Baseball Complex and the unveiling of Killebrew sign will be on Saturday. He stated members of the Killebrew family will be in attendance.

#### **Discussed**

#### **Other Business**

City Manager Arneson asked the Council for direction on the rental tent setup for the 3M Championship golf tournament in August. He asked the Council if the City should share entrance with the County. Councilmember Bourke stated he liked a separate entrance. Council consensus was to have a separate entrance.

City Manager Arneson stated the July 5, 2012; Council Workshop and Council Meeting will be cancelled.

#### **ADJOURN**

The Workshop adjourned at 7:30 p.m.