



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

10801 Town Square Drive
Blaine MN 55449

Thursday, August 20, 2015

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

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.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Quorum present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Patrick Sweeney; Public Services Manager Bob Therres; Finance Director Joe Huss; Police Chief/Safety Services Manager Chris Olson; City Engineer Jean Keely; Communications Technician Roark Haver; Senior Engineering Technician Al Thorp; City Clerk Catherine Sorensen; and Recording Secretary Linda Dahlquist.

Present: 7 - Tom Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember King and Councilmember Hovland

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

5. AWARDS - PRESENTATIONS - ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

5.-1 [PROC 15-03](#) PROCLAMATION - EAGLE SCOUT SIMON WICKS

Mayor Ryan proclaimed Simon Wicks an outstanding citizen and commended him for his work in the 9-Hole Lochness Disc Golf Course, and congratulated Simon on achieving his Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Councilmember Hovland asked residents to contact him if they have any suggestions on projects for the Eagle Scout candidates.

Informational: no action required

5.-2 POLICE DEPT. K-9 PROGRAM RECOGNITION

Police Chief/Safety Services Manager Olson recognized Blaine's two K-9

dogs Remy and Rex and their handlers, Mark Allen and Reggie Larson, for their exceptional competition skills at a recent K-9 competition.

Informational; no action required.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Ryan announced the Blaine Curling Center was designated a U.S. Olympic training center.

Mayor Ryan stated AOPA will be flying into the Blaine Airport this weekend.

Mayor Ryan thanked Pastor Al at Hope Church for almost achieving their goal of serving 5,000 people through their food shelf program.

7. OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Ryan opened the Open Forum at 7:54 p.m.

There being no input, Mayor Ryan closed the Open Forum at 7:54 p.m.

8. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopted as presented

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

Moved on the agenda to follow agenda item 12.1.

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Councilmember Herbst, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, that the following be approved:

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember King and Councilmember Hovland

10.-1 [MO 15-105](#) SCHEDULE OF BILLS PAID

Approved

10.-2 [MO 15-106](#) APPROVE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES OF PORTIONS OF HARPERS STREET AND LAKES PARKWAY FOR BLAINE TRIATHLON

Approved

- 10.-3 [RES 15-137](#) AUTHORIZE INSTALLATION OF REGULATORY SIGNS FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE CUL-DE-SAC IN THE 2300 BLOCK OF 124TH COURT NE

Adopted

- 10.-4 [RES 15-138](#) RECEIVE PETITION AND ORDER PUBLIC HEARING FOR VACATION OF DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS FOR LARSON ESTATES, VACATION NO. V15-04

Adopted

- 10.-5 [MO 15-107](#) AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF NEW ELECTRICAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT FOR LIFT STATIONS 12 AND 13 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,472.00, IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 14-08

Approved

- 10.-6 [MO 15-108](#) APPROVAL OF CARNIVAL LICENSE FOR GOPHER STATE EXPOSITIONS, AT NORTH TOWN MALL, 100 NORTH TOWN DRIVE NE

Approved

- 10.-7 [MO 15-109](#) APPROVE A TEMPORARY ON-SALE 3.2 MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE AND A CARNIVAL LICENSE FOR MAD JAX AMUSEMENTS, (18140 ZANE STREET NW, ELK RIVER) TO BE HELD AT CHURCH OF ST. TIMOTHY'S, 707 - 89TH AVENUE NE

Approved

- 10.-8 [RES 15-139](#) PUBLICATION OF THE TITLE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 15-2321, AMENDING ARTICLE VI. - PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLAINE

Adopted

11. DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

None.

12. ADMINISTRATION**12.-1 [MO 15-111](#)****APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH WALTERS RECYCLING AND REFUSE FOR RECYCLING, GARBAGE, AND YARDWASTE SERVICES FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2021**

City Manager Arneson stated staff received four proposals for garbage, recycling and yardwaste, and determined Walters Recycling and Refuse to be the lowest cost and recommends a contract be entered into with Walters._

Councilmember Swanson asked about adding an additional recycling pick up. Communications Technician Haver replied the cost to add additional recycling pickup would double the cost per household. He noted that Walters will give residents 90-gallon carts for recycling.

George Walters, Walters Recycling and Refuse, noted he is happy to be serving the City he lives in. He noted that cart washing for the residents would be an additional .27-cent charge for all residents and could be arranged for anyone interested.

Moved by Councilmember Bourke, seconded by Councilmember Hovland that Motion 15-140, "Approval of Contract with Walters Recycling and Refuse for Recycling, Garbage, and Yardwaste Services from January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember King and Councilmember Hovland

9. 8:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING AND ITEMS SET FOR A CERTAIN TIME**9.-1 [ORD 15-2316](#)****SECOND READING****CHAPTER 12. - MISCELLANEOUS AND TRANSITORY PROVISIONS****SEC. 12.06. - VACATION OF STREETS.**

Mayor Ryan opened the public hearing at 8:09 p.m.

City Clerk Sorensen stated the Public Hearing was continued from August 6, 2015 Council meeting. She stated the Charter Commission recommends simplifying the process of granting vacations of streets through resolution instead of ordinance.

Mayor Ryan closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Councilmember Herbst asked if the new vacation process applies to water. City Clerk Sorensen replied the revised vacation process would apply to all easements. City Engineer Keely stated vacations include drainage and utility easements, including ditches, and shortens the process for the vacation.

City Clerk Sorensen said the current process is 90-days and if adopted would shorten the process to 30-days. She noted the public hearing requirement would remain unchanged.

Councilmember King questioned if the vacation will still take five Councilmembers approval. City Attorney replied yes.

Moved by Councilmember Herbst, seconded by Councilmember Bourke that Ordinance 15-2316, "Chapter 12. – Miscellaneous and Transitory Provisions Sec. 12.06. – Vacation of Streets," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember King and Councilmember Hovland

ADMINISTRATION - continued

12.-2 [MO 15-110](#)

APPROVAL OF THE 2016 NORTHMETRO CABLE COMMISSION AND NORTH METRO TELEVISION BUDGET

City Manager Arneson stated each year the Cable Commission presents its budget to member cities for consideration and approval by October 15th. He noted the proposed operating budget for 2016 is slightly lower than the 2015 budget due to lower legal fees because the franchise renewal with Comcast has been postponed for three years.

Moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember King, that Motion g15-110, "Approval of the 2016 Northmetro Cable Commission and North Metro Television Budget," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember King and Councilmember Hovland

12.-3 [RES 15-141](#)

ABATE ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT UTILITIES AND CERTIFY DELINQUENT UTILITIES FOR COLLECTION WITH ANOKA COUNTY

Finance Director Huss stated on November 20, 2014, Council adopted Resolution 14-222 to certify delinquent utility bills for 2015 collection with

Anoka County. He stated included in error with the certified list was an assessment for PID 16-31-23-32-0141, which was incorrectly identified from 2011 to 2015 as having delinquent utilities whereas PID 16-31-23-31-0106 is to be certified as having delinquent utilities from 2011 to 2015.

Moved by Mayor Ryan, seconded by Councilmember Clark, that Resolution 15-141, "Abate 2015 Assessment for Delinquent Utilities and Certify Delinquent Utilities for Collection with Anoka County," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember King and Councilmember Hovland

12.-4 [RES 15-142](#)

DECLARE COST TO BE ASSESSED, ORDER PREPARATION AND CALL FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF 101ST AVENUE FROM FLANDERS STREET TO NAPLES STREET, IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 12-18

City Engineer Keely stated the project includes spot ditch grading/repair, storm sewer structures, asphalt surface, traffic control signage, striping, and appurtenant construction for 101st Avenue from Flanders Street to Naples Street. She stated the assessment roll has been prepared consistent with the feasibility report and the cost will be paid by assessments over 10 years, Public Utility funds and Municipal State Aid funds.

Moved by Councilmember Herbst, seconded by Councilmember Hovland, that Resolution 15-142, "Declare Cost to be Assessed, Order Preparation and Call for Hearing on Proposed Assessment for Reconstruction of 101st Avenue from Flanders Street to Naples Street," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

12.-5 [RES 15-143](#)

DECLARE COST TO BE ASSESSED, ORDER PREPARATION AND CALL FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF ABLE STREET FROM CSAH 10 TO 89TH AVENUE, IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 13-19

City Engineer Keely stated the project includes installation of concrete curb and gutter, spot concrete sidewalk replacement, storm sewer and structures, asphalt surface, traffic control signage, striping, and appurtenant construction. She stated the assessment roll has been prepared consistent with the feasibility report and the cost will be paid by assessments over 10 years, Public Utility funds and Municipal State Aid funds.

Councilmember King asked about the differences in the feasibility of funding sources. City Engineer Keely replied the feasibility reports are estimated and the amounts are for the actual costs based on bids.

Moved by Councilmember Hovland, seconded by Councilmember Swanson, that Resolution 15-143, "Declare Cost to be Assessed, Order Preparation and

Call for Hearing on Proposed Assessment for Reconstruction of Able Street from CSAH 10 to 89th Avenue," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember King and Councilmember Hovland

12.-6 [RES 15-144](#)

DECLARE COST TO BE ASSESSED, ORDER PREPARATION AND CALL FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EAST CENTRAL AVENUE SERVICE ROAD FROM 87TH AVENUE TO 89TH AVENUE, IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO.13-20

City Engineer Keely stated the project includes construction of concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer, asphalt surface, traffic control signage, striping, and appurtenant construction. She stated the assessment roll has been prepared consistent with the feasibility report and the cost will be paid by assessments over 10 years, Public Utility funds and Municipal State Aid funds. She noted that at a previous Council meeting, Councilmember Swanson requested to have the two parcels that are used as residential be assessed at the residential rate. She stated the assessment roll presented has the two parcels at the commercial rate.

Councilmember Swanson stated when that section was converted from residential to the current zoning the Council agreed to keep the two parcels residential and promised that the EDA would purchase the two homes at residential market value. He asked the Council to honor their commitment to treat the two parcels as residential as was noted in Council meeting minutes from years ago when the zoning was changed.

Moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Herbst, that Resolution 15-144, "Declare Cost to be Assessed, Order Preparation and Call for Hearing on Proposed Assessment for Reconstruction of the East Central Avenue Service Road from 87th Avenue to 89th Avenue," be approved.

Amended motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember King and Councilmember Hovland

Councilmember Bourke asked for residential rate difference. City Engineer Keely stated the residential rate is half of the commercial rate.

Mayor Ryan noted the assessment roll will be corrected for the public hearing.

Moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Hovland to assess the two residential parcels at the residential assessment rate; 8735 Central Avenue NE and 8839 Central Avenue NE.

Amendment adopted unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember King and Councilmember Hovland

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Ryan stated the Lexington Athletic Park's grand opening will be held on August 25, 2015.

Councilmember Swanson requested a Workshop on Walters unlimited garbage rate.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Herbst, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember King and Councilmember Hovland