

CITY OF BLAINE
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, November 13, 2019

6:35 P.M.
Council Chambers
10801 Town Square Drive

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR RYAN

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. by Mayor Ryan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Tom Ryan, Councilmembers Andy Garvais, Richard Paul, Jess Robertson, and Dick Swanson.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Wes Hovland and Julie Jeppson.

Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Michelle Wolfe; Community Development Director Erik Thorvig; Public Works Director Jon Haukaas; Police Chief/Safety Services Manager Brian Podany; Finance Director Joe Huss; Public Services Manager/Assistant City Manager Bob Therres; Budget/Fiscal Analyst Ward Brown; Communications Technician Roark Haver; Fire Chief Charlie Smith; and City Clerk Catherine Sorensen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

AWARDS - PRESENTATIONS - ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT

None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

None.

7:30 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ITEMS SET FOR A CERTAIN TIME

None.

DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

None.

ADMINISTRATION

12.1 Resolution 19-176, Minnesota Department of Public Safety Grant Opportunity for a DWI Officer.

Police Chief/Safety Services Manager Podany stated the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS), Office of the Traffic Safety (OTS) is seeking proposals from law enforcement agencies for a full time DWI officer. The DWI officer will work the peak nights and times when drinking and driving occurs. The City of Blaine received this grant in 2018 and is eligible to apply for an additional nine months but the deadline for applications is Friday, November 15. It was noted this grant would allow the City to continue the increased traffic enforcement in the evenings as the position is DWI-specific and the officer's hours have to be between 5:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. This grant has proven to be more cost effective than adding another officer to the Traffic Unit and at the end of the grant term, the City would be responsible for the officer. Staff is supportive of allocating the DWI officer to the Traffic Unit after the nine-month term.

Councilmember Paul asked if this was for one DWI Officer. Police Chief Podany reported this was the case.

Moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, that Resolution 19-176, "Minnesota Department of Public Safety Grant Opportunity for a DWI Officer," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Ryan stated he would like to see City Council grant all employees four hours of holiday pay and close early on December 24, 2019, in appreciation of their work throughout the year.

Moved by Mayor Ryan, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, to grant all employees four hours of holiday pay and close early on December 24, 2019.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Mayor Ryan commented the Airport Commission was having a difficult time getting a quorum present for meetings. He discussed how the airport was changing and noted the museum had closed and Aviation Days would not be held anymore. He explained the City Council may have to discuss this matter further to brainstorm how to get members to attend future meetings. He commented further on the complaints the airport receives and explained generally the complaints are from the same individuals.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Garvais, seconded by Councilmember Paul, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Tom Ryan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Catherine Sorensen, CMC, City Clerk
Submitted by TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.