

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Councilmember Mayor Mike Egelston at the Community Meeting Room, 100 Village Center Drive, Suite 150, City of North Oaks, Minnesota. Present were Councilmembers Marty Long, Gregg Nelson, Rick Kingston, and Katy Ross. City Administrator Mike Robertson, Mayor Mike Egelston, City Attorney David Magnuson, Deputy Mike Burrell, Recording Secretary Gretchen Needham, and Videographer Maureen Anderson were present.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Approval of Agenda**

**Councilmember Gregg Nelson moved to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Katy Ross and passed unanimously.**

### **Citizen Comments**

- Kara Ries at 58 West Pleasant Lake Road spoke about the value and ecological importance of wild turkeys in North Oaks. She asked the Council to review and research data before creating a budget item for removing or reducing the number of turkeys.
- Paul Tillquist at 79 East Pleasant Lake Road spoke about the nuisance behavior of turkeys in his neighborhood in relation to turkeys entering deer traps and disturbing the deer captures.

### **Unfinished Business**

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 12, 2017 for approval
2. Minutes of the Natural Resource Commission meeting of October 19, 2017 for approval
3. Minutes of the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of October 26, 2017 for approval
4. Resolution 1334 Requesting 2018 SCORE Grant Funds
5. Licenses for Approval:  
Mechanical Contractors: Anderson Heating; Ray N. Welter Heating Co.; Legacy Mechanical Services
1. Approval of Claims: # 012473-012501

**Mayor Egelston made a motion to approve the consent agenda, with a second from Councilmember Kingston. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Petitions, Requests, & Communication**

1. Deputy Mike Burrell's Report
  - Speeders continue to be reported to the Deputy, and monitoring has taken place by a speed trailer. Tickets are being issued whenever speeding is observed by the Deputy or other officers.
  - Package thefts were reported from doorsteps over the past month.

- Some residents have asked for crime reporting, and the Deputy suggests any concerned residents use the Lexus Nexus Community Crime App. Deputy Burrell recommends that residents report crimes in a timely manner to help in tracking
- A contractor was speeding on West Pleasant Lake Road; when he was pulled over, he tested at three times over the legal limit for alcohol consumption and he also had false documentation. He has been arrested and may be facing deportation. Deputy Burrell reminds citizens to request background checks for any contractors they hire.
- Safety and Security Commission is considering new signage, such as “No Parking” or “Resident Only Parking,” in certain areas. The pump house and the dock would be two ideal spots to post “Resident Only Parking” signs, for example. No sign is needed for “No Hunting” because hunting is not allowed in Ramsey County; to enforce “No Fishing,” the Deputy would need to work with the DNR to get statutes.

### **New Business**

1. Approval of Proposed Conservation Awards and Procedure
  - Bob Larson, the chairman of the Natural Resources Commission, explained that there are eight categories the awards can be given in.

**Councilmember Nelson made a motion to approve the Proposed Conservation Awards, with a second from Councilmember Kingston. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Councilmember Reports**

- **Councilmember Katy Ross**
  - Septic system article will be in the next issue of the North Oaks News
  - Planning Commission public hearing about the Comprehensive Plan will continue at the next Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, November 30.
- **Councilmember Marty Long**
  - Two openings on the NRC board.
  - Gatehouse is being discussed with the North Oaks Company.
- **Councilmember Rick Kingston**
  - Working with Jim McGillis about trail maintenance
  - Tick task force is putting together a survey to send out in spring of 2018
- **Councilmember Gregg Nelson**
  - Deer traps are being set up and the Department of Agriculture will have shooters out in another work.
  - Cable commission is working on a new contract

- **Mayor Mike Egelston**

- Bids are being reviewed for the cost of video cameras at entrances. The Gatehouse is targeted for updating in spring of 2018. Traffic flow onto 96 will be considered.
- Water levels in ponds are being monitored.
- New developments off Centerville are being discussed with North Oaks Company.

### **City Administrator Report**

1. City Administrator Robertson gave a summary of the 2018 General Budget. Approximately \$70K surplus will in the budget; it was suggested that a Workshop, open to the public, be scheduled to rank priorities for that money. The date has been tentatively set for Monday, November 27 at 8 am.
2. Review of Sewer & Water Budget
3. Resolution 1325 Approving a No Fault Sewer and Water Backup Policy. If the City takes on this insurance policy, up to \$40K per building will be reimbursed.

**Councilmember Long made a motion to the No Fault Sewer and Water Policy, with a second from Councilmember Nelson. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **City Attorney Report**

None.

### **Miscellaneous**

Next Natural Resource Commission Meeting is Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm

City Council Workshop is Monday, November 27, 2017 at 8:00 am

Next Planning Commission Meeting is Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Next Council Meeting is Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Next Tick Task Force Meeting is Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm

### **Adjournment**

**On motion duly made by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Nelson and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.**

Attest:

Respectfully Submitted

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City Administrator Mike Robertson

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Gretchen Needham  
Recording Secretary