

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Mayor Michael Egelston at the Community Meeting Room, 100 Village Center Drive, Suite 150, City of North Oaks, Minnesota. Present were Mayor Mike Egelston and Council members Rick Kingston, Gregg Nelson and Katy Ross. City Administrator Michael Robertson, City Attorney David Magnuson, Recording Secretary Kathy Laur and Videographer Maureen Anderson were present. Councilmember Marty Long attended by phone but did not vote.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Kingston moved to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 12, 2017 for approval
2. Minutes of the Natural Resource Commission of January 19, 2017 for approval
3. Licenses for Approval:
Mechanical Contractors: Aabbott Ferraro; Bonfe's Plumbing, Heating & Air Service, Inc; Centerpoint Energy Resource Group dba Centerpoint Energy Minnesota Gas; Horizon Contractors, Inc; Sabre Plumbing Heating and A/C; Standard Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.
Arborists: Central Minnesota Tree Service; Moongate Garden Design dba Branch and Bough Tree Service; Morgan's Tree Service; Nature's Trees Inc., dba SavAtree; Northeast Tree, Inc; Pioneer Tree & Landscape, Inc; Primeau's Tree Service; Rainbow Treecare, Tim's Tree Service, LLC
Sewer/Water Installation:

Claims for Approval: #012161 - 012196

Councilmember Nelson made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with a second from Councilmember Ross. The motion carried unanimously.

Petitions, Requests, & Communication

1. Deputy Mike Burrell Report:
A number of traffic related incidents and accidents were reported. Centerville Road had a pretty serious accident that took out a tree. On days when the weather is nice speeding tends to increase especially on Pleasant Lake Road and East Oaks Road. Earlier in the month a large amount of mail was stolen from the USPS on McMenemy Street. The thieves were caught in Bloomington and the mail was recovered and returned to homeowners.
Numerous reports of fraud have been reported county wide. Residents should be vigilant and keep watch on their checking accounts.
He spoke to a group of Cub Scouts. They got to see the new squad car and the kids got to go in it and look around.
Residents should email Deputy Burrell with the dates that they will be gone and he will

keep an eye on your house.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Councilmember Reports

- **Councilmember Katy Ross:**

1. The Planning Commission has a new member, Dave Pfuhl.
2. She attended the last meeting of the Fire Department. There are 79 Firefighters on the LJFD. The number of North Oaks calls in 2016 was 406, up from past years. The average response time for calls in North Oaks is 7 minutes and 49 seconds. North Oaks had the largest fire loss compared to the surrounding areas due to the loss of a house. Fire Station One has an agreement for purchase.
3. Recycling has been a big issue. Carts were delivered the week of January 23 except for the snowbirds. There are serial numbers on the cart that go with each house. Carts stay with the home upon sale of the home. She has spoken to Waste Management after they changed garbage pickup days on customers. Effective Feb. 27th for Waste Management customers if you have garbage that is picked up on a different day that week it will be picked up on the same day as recycling. This does not apply to any of the other garbage collectors. Waste Management will let their customers know that their garbage pickup day will change again.
4. Watch the paper for the end of March. There will be Eureka Tours scheduled.
5. The Home Improvement Fair is March 12, from 2-5:00pm at the Golf Club. Recycling and Tick Task Force information will be available.

- **Councilmember Marty Long** - No report

- **Councilmember Rick Kingston:**

1. The Tick Task Force Survey is on the City website. Residents are encouraged to take the very short survey. The feedback is really important.
2. He met with the deer management contractors. The deer count for this year is ahead of last year. Residents should let City Hall know if you have a lot of deer activity in your yard.
3. The City will talk to Fire Chief Tim Boehlke about the downed trees in the city. As the trees dry out, and if we have a dry season, it could be a safety risk. Council would like the Chief to weigh in on that.
4. He met with the new President of NOHOA. He is encouraged that there is some common ground with them and ideas shared.

- **Councilmember Gregg Nelson:**

1. North Suburban Cable Commission (NSCC) is working on a franchise agreement with Comcast. There is a stakeholder meeting coming up soon to address what services the

NSCC currently provides and what it should provide. This will be on February 16.

2. The Finance Committee met to talk about strategic planning.

- **Mayor Michael Egelston's Report:**

1. A Housing Maintenance Policy has been in the works since 2015 and morphed into the Housing Rental Ordinance. The council would like to get back to the maintenance policy. It's important to maintain our property values.

2. A new fire truck is coming. Residents are encouraged to please take a look at low hanging trees. Low hanging trees damage the fire trucks that the City pays hundreds of thousands of dollars for. Please adhere to the 13 feet up and 5 feet back rule.

3. Underbrush, brush piles and downed trees need to be removed. Residents are encouraged to clean up.

4. Mail theft is a significant issue. You are encouraged to get a locking mailbox. If you see something, say something. Safety and security is very important to our community.

5. He spoke with County Commissioner Blake Huffman about traffic on Hodgson Road. It has significantly increased and there is talk about a stop light on Wildflower Way and Hodgson Road.

6. Due to enrollment growth the Mounds View schools have closed open enrollment.

City Administrator Report

1. Approve Resolution 1325 Approving No Fault Sewer/Water Backup Policy – Administrator Robertson recommended that this be removed from the agenda until next month as he is still trying to get final costs. Attorney Magnuson said that this is a needed policy.
2. Approve Purchase of Radio Read Water Meters for Village Center – Robertson noted that he recently reviewed all the water meters in the Village Center commercial area which the City has taken over from North Oaks Company. Currently they all have to be read by hand and one of them is not working and has to be estimated. It will cost the City \$10,060 to purchase new radio read meters for the Village Center. In addition to that there will be the cost to plumbers to install them. He recommended approval of the purchase.

Councilmember Nelson moved to approve the purchase of 19 water meters for the Village Center commercial area at the cost of \$10,060 from the Municipal Utilities Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and passed unanimously.

3. Youth Involvement Update – Robertson spoke with officials at Mounds View schools. Student representatives currently report to the School Board monthly on activities at their high schools. Other cities tend to have student representatives on parks and recreation committees. He recommended that interested students attend NRC meetings. Councilmember Long said that there are six or seven schools that students from North Oaks attend and he is looking for 1-2 students from each of those schools to

participate with the NRC. Chair Bob Larson of the NRC said they would have many things for the students to do.

4. Spring Parade of Homes Security Measures – Robertson met with North Oaks Company and Deputy Burrell about the Parade of Homes. The Parade will start in March. There are four homes in the Parade all concentrated in one area of Rapp Farm. There will be signs at the east most entrance to Rapp Farm directing traffic to the western entrance. There will be people stopping traffic and handing out information at the pool house. Roads will be blocked off to the rest of Rapp Farm to discourage people from driving down those roads. Rapp Farm will be one way the days of the Parade with parking prohibited on one side of the street. Mayor Egelston asked that this information be communicated to Rapp Farm residents.
5. Rental Update and Vacation Rental By Owner – Robertson updated council members on rental homes in North Oaks. The question of Airbnb has come up especially with next year's Super Bowl. VRBO is a significant issue nationally. City Attorney Magnuson said that he had obtained some information at a recent City Attorney's conference. Mayor Egelston directed that this be put on next month's agenda.

City Attorney Reports Nothing to report

Miscellaneous

Next Natural Resource Commission Meeting is February 16, 2017 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room

Next Tick Task Force Meeting is February 21, 2017 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room

Next Regularly Scheduled Planning Commission Meeting is February 23, 2017 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room

Next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting is March 9, 2017 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room

Adjournment

On motion duly made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Ross and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Attest:

Respectfully Submitted

Mayor Michael Egelston

Kathy Laur
Recording Secretary