

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 Councilmembers Marty Long and Katy Ross. Councilmembers Gregg Nelson and Rick Kingston were absent. City Administrator Michael Robertson, City Attorney David Magnuson, City Engineer Mike Kuno, Recording Secretary Linda Hanson and Videographer Maureen Anderson were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Citizen Comments

Jonathan Hoistad, 21 Raven Road, said he has had conversations with Bill McNee, President of NOHOA, who stated that NOHOA and the City have a positive relationship. He said that he does agree that the relationship appears to be moving forward.

Karen Barnes, 16 Peterson Place, was concerned about the recycling program. She lives next to the buildings used for sorting the recycling and the increased traffic and noise created by sorting are concerns for her neighborhood. Ms. Barnes would like to see recycling done differently and she would like to see single sort as well.

Chad Loween, 17 Wildflower Place, agreed with Ms. Barnes. He stated that the noise is a nuisance and he is not in favor of a adding on to the facility, but prefers satellite facilities.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 11, 2016 for approval
2. Minutes of the Natural Resource Commission of February 18, 2016 for approval
3. Minutes of the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of February 25,2016 for approval
4. Licenses for Approval:
Mechanical Contractors: Air America Heating & Cooling Inc.; Liberty Comfort Systems; Metro Gas Installers; Sabre Plumbing Heating & A/C; Silver Tree Plumbing & Heating; Snelling Heating, Cooling & Electrical
Arborists:
General Contractors
Sewer/Water Installation
5. Claims for Approval: Voided check #011750; Approval of Check numbers 11751-011785

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

Petitions, Requests, & Communication

1. **Fire Chief Tim Boehlke- Fire Department Update**

Chief Boehlke reviewed the Lake Johanna Fire Department Annual Report. In 2015 the Fire Department responded to 2,875 calls of which 434 (15%) were in North Oaks. The dollar loss estimate for the City was \$6,300. In July 2015 the Department shifted to a 24/7 staffing schedule which has improved response time. For the City, the average response time was 7 minutes, 28 seconds. If Waverly Gardens is not included, the response time in the City is 6 minutes, 15 seconds. He noted that a house fire can double in size every two minutes and with the newer materials used the houses often come apart faster.

Lake Johanna Fire Department now has 75 fire fighters. In 2017 Station One in Arden Hills is scheduled to be closed. In the future the Department will need to increase staff at the station on County Road I and Lexington as the TCAPP site is built out. Chief Boehlke also wanted to let everyone know that they are doing a Blood Drive on March 28th from 2-7 p.m. at the County Road I/Lexington Station.

Mayor Egelston thanked the Chief and his staff for their hard work and also encouraged residents to give blood on the 28th of March. Councilmember Ross stated that she would ask NOHOA to put an email blast out about the Blood Drive. The Mayor also reminded residents about the importance of having reflective house numbers so that the Fire Department can easily find the address. With large trees and long driveways this often makes it difficult to find the house. Also, it is important to clear around the driveways so that the truck has room to get close to the house.

Chris Leonard, 2 Martin Lane, thanked the department for its quick response time when his 11 month old son had trouble breathing.

Unfinished Business

1. Golf Club Road Use

Marni Hougham, 9 Ridge Road, believes the maintenance traffic from the Golf Course has definitely increased especially on Martin Lane. She would like to see less vehicles or smaller vehicles in this area.

Darren McGann, 10 Swallow Lane, also presented his concern with the Golf Course maintenance vehicle traffic. He too would like to see fewer vehicles and use of the Golf Course property to get around rather than using the roads.

Chris Leonard, 2 Martin Lane, said he would like the City to continue to look at the amount of machinery driving on these roads and designate crossing areas. He would like to see a restriction that these vehicles use the shortest distance necessary and a requirement that all vehicles have lights and reflective signs. He is concerned about the number of large trucks. He would like the City to consider privacy and safety of those living in this area. He is concerned that a number of third party contractors come into the City working for the Golf Course.

Joel Livingood, General Manager at the North Oaks Golf Club, stated he had not heard from some of these residents before and they want to be a good neighbor. Safety is very

important to the Club and training has been increased along with the installation of signs and reflective triangles on the vehicles. He would like to come to an agreement with the residents.

Councilmember Long stated that the course has been in the City for over 50 years and the Club has been a good steward. He said that the Club does own part of the road, but he wants them to continue to look at ways to reduce the use by maintenance vehicles.

Course Superintendent Brian Boll said that because the golf course was built in 1951 it was not made for the machinery of today. Also, it was placed in the middle of housing areas and did not include the maintenance infrastructure that today's courses would include if put into a neighborhood. The topography is also a challenge for the maintenance vehicles to use parts of the course.

Chris Leonard also expressed his concern with the legality of having golf carts on the road according to State law. City Attorney Magnuson stated that the golf carts can be allowed with an exemption. The current Ordinance is being reviewed to decide if permits would be needed and to make the Ordinance comply with revised State laws.

Mayor Egelston stated that the homeowners do come first but that the Club has been a good steward, and he would like to find a balance. He also said that he recently heard additional information from residents after the Council packet was sent out and wants more time to study the issue. He asked the Council to table this issue and have the neighbors meet with the Golf Course to review the issues and look for a compromise. Mr. Livingood stated that he would be more than willing to do this.

2. Golf Club Request for Changes to Ordinance 71.19

Mayor Egelston said the current Ordinance does need to be reviewed and corrected to meet the current State Statutes. The City will continue to craft a new Ordinance and the Council will reconsider the issue at the April 14th City Council meeting.

Councilmember Ross made the motion to table action of the Golf Club request for Changes to Ordinance 71.19 until it can reviewed and addressed at the April 14th, 2016 Council Meeting. With a second from Councilmember Long, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

City Engineer Mike Kuno-Proposed Stormwater Ordinance Change

Administrator Robertson introduced Mike Kuno, the new City Engineer. Previous City Engineer Paul Pearson has gone part-time preparatory to retirement. Kuno said he had joined Sambatek in 2015 and is head of Municipal Engineering.

He came to the meeting to get approval of proposed changes to the Stormwater Ordinance so that the City is in current with State law. New changes have been made for pre and post construction. Both water quality and volume must not be lowered by construction.

Administrator Robertson said that the City was already following the new State laws and that adopting this ordinance will not require changes to any current development. City

Attorney Magnuson said that the City has no choice in this matter if it wants to operate under state law.

Councilmember Ross made the motion to remove the Stormwater Ordinance from the Shoreland Ordinance and approve Ordinance 156 Stormwater Management Regulations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Long and passed unanimously.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Katy Ross

Councilmember Ross has been working with NOHOA's Maintenance Building Committee looking at concerns that Mel's Service has at this time. They are currently gathering information.

At the Planning Commission meeting, a Public Hearing on the proposed Rental Ordinance took place. Councilmember Ross stated that there was good feedback and that a revision is in process. Once done, it will be put on the City web page. The Public Hearing will continue at the March 31, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting. Ms. Ross encouraged homeowners to attend and give feedback.

Mayor Egelston asked that residents read the Ordinance before commenting.

Councilmember Marty Long

Councilmember Long had no report as he has been out of town.

Councilmember Rick Kingston

Not present.

Councilmember Gregg Nelson

Not present.

Mayor Michael Egelston

Mayor Egelston has been working on the Rental Ordinance and Golf Course issues and taking calls from residents. He will be attending the upcoming area Mayors' Meeting on March 14, 2016

Administrative Report

1. Gate House Phase I Update

Administrator Robertson gave the Council the Phase I Environmental Report on the Gate House. The report arrived after the Council agenda packet was sent out. He recommended that Council review the report and take action at the next Council meeting.

2. Administrator Robertson gave an update on the Deer Management Program. To date, 94 deer have been eliminated. No further trapping will happen this year due to the snow melt; however the USDA will continue to shoot deer until the end of March.

City Attorney Reports

No report

Miscellaneous

Next Natural Resource Commission Meeting March 17, 2016 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room

Next Regularly Scheduled Planning Commission Meeting March 31, 2016 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room

Next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting April 14, 2016 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room

Adjournment

On motion duly made by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Ross and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Attest:

Respectfully Submitted

Mayor Michael Egelston

Linda M. Hanson
Recording Secretary