

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Councilmember Mayor Gregg Nelson at the Conference Room, 100 Village Center Drive, Suite 230, City of North Oaks, Minnesota. Present were Mayor Gregg Nelson; Councilmembers Marty Long, Katy Ross, and Kara Ries; and Recording Secretary Gretchen Needham and Videographer Maureen Anderson. Councilmember Rick Kingston and Administrator Mike Robertson were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Long moved to approve the Agenda. This includes the amended Tobacco 21 Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ries and passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Patricia, 4 Hay Camp Rd., asked that the Council give background as to item #5 on the consent agenda, approval of 2019 Pay Equity Plan. Attorney Magnuson explained that it allows for equal pay for women and men in their respective positions and is required by state statute.

Tom Watson, 45 East Pleasant Lake Rd., spoke about the importance of keeping the Comp Plan's editing to very few individuals within the City to keep stray or unagreed-upon additions or deletions out of the document. Mr. Watson feels the City Planner should be present at workshops. Mr. Watson offered to help further with the Comp Plan and its preparation for Met Council. The documents that he presented at the Planning Commission Workshop on March 13, 2019 will be available to the public at the City office.

Francis Lewis, 3 Red Maple Lane, asked that the City Council carefully consider the East Oaks Development Plan to keep within the intended design of North Oaks.

Rich Dujmovic, 15 Black Lake Road, feels that privacy, safety, security, quality of life and harmony with nature are important tenants of our city, and that an additional entrance would not be aligned with these priorities. A petition signed by over 150 residents asks that the Council reject the development plan if it includes a new entry.

Damien Lepoutre, 6 Black Lake Road, asked for continued transparency, including making documents more available to the community. Mr. Lepoutre asks that all Planning Commission and City Council members work together to make sure the new development works to represent what North Oaks is.

Tom Watson spoke about the former West Black Lake Development of North Oaks Company, which had 3 of 5 phases completed and then was withdrawn, and the North Oaks Company then submitted the East Oaks Development. The proposed road on that West Black Lake Development was rejected by the City at that time.

Lisa Dujmovic, 15 Black Lake Road, asked that the Comp Plan be looked at carefully by the City Council.

Mayor Nelson reminded the community that the Comp Plan is a complex document that has taken a while to put together, and that it is a separate document from the East Oaks Development Plan, though the two do share some common elements and concerns.

Consent Agenda

Licenses for Approval: TLT Enterprises, Inc.; CenterPoint Energy Resource Corp; Marsh Heating & A/C; MSP St. Paul Plumbing and Heating Co.; Alta Heating and Plumbing; Affordable Comfort Mechanical LLC; Air Quality Services, LLC; Hagen Remodeling & Construction; Metro Tree and Stump.

Approval of Claims: Checks Check#: 13025–13058

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

Petitions, Requests, & Communication

Report from Deputy Mike Burrell:

- Speed enforcement will continue as the snow melts and drivers speed up.
- A major traffic accident occurred on Highway 96 by the Pleasant Lake entrance; only minor injuries. Please use care when using the flashing yellow lights.
- Cigarettes have been stolen from the Walgreens in North Oaks.
- A snow removal service was trespassing and soliciting. If you see this action, call the Sherriff's office to report.
- A male arrested was arrested on child pornography charges in North Oaks. Bureau of Criminal Apprehension will conduct the case.

New Business

1. Resolution 1348 – Approval of Ramsey County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Deputy Chief Matt Sather explained that this plan is mandated to be renewed every five years.

Councilmember Long moved to approve the Ramsey County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ries and passed unanimously.

2. Approve 1-Day Temporary Liquor License

NOHOA asked for a one-day temporary liquor license to be used on June 1, 2019.

Councilmember Long moved to approve the 1-Day Temporary Liquor License. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ries and passed unanimously.

3. Approve New Copier Lease

A new copier lease is put forth for the City, which will give the City and NOHOA access to a new copier machine at a lower cost than the current one.

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

4. Three-Month Review of Social Media Policy

Councilmember Ries said that the City's policy is consistent with surrounding communities. Mayor Nelson reported that there have no significant issues with the social media policy.

Councilmember Reports

Kara Ries

- Councilmember Ries attended a VLAWMO meeting in Councilmember Long's absence; one of the topics discussed was measuring and monitoring local lakes and waters.
- The Cable Commission approved a handbook for employees, and put together a task force on how CTV can support the communities they serve.
- The coyote informational meeting that took place right before this meeting was very successful. The event was taped and will be on the website. The presentation gave statistics, trends in Minnesota, and education about coyotes.

Katy Ross

- The City Council toured areas involved in East Oaks Development proposed by North Oaks Company.
- The most recent Planning Commission meeting and working session had lots of attendance, which is appreciated. Councilmember Ross feels the Planning Commission is in a good position to move forward with the Comp Plan soon. There have been lots of questions from residents, and it takes time to look up answers and get back to residents. The Commissioners and Councilmembers will do their best to respond expediently to resident concerns.
- Mailboxes are for sale at a discounted rate from the City office. Order up until April 19. A handyman service will be available for installation.
- A recycle and shred event will be held on June 22 at Southpointe. Information will be on the City website.

Marty Long

- Commissioner Long appreciates the work of Tom Watson and the Planning Commission to work through the complexity of the Comp Plan.
- Locations for a new fire hall in Shoreview are being considered.

Mayor Gregg Nelson

- Mayor Nelson watched the work session of the 13th and appreciated the dedication and hard work of the Planning Commissioners. He did express concern over Commissioner Azman's comments that the Planning Commission is not properly supported. A city planner is available to the Planning Commission and should attend all significant meetings, as well as a city attorney. Any problems with these contractors should be brought to the City Council. Mayor Nelson also remarked that Planning Commission Chair Ross said she has been having a hard time getting a hold of the planner, but Mayor Nelson had only recently heard of this comment from her. Mayor Nelson expressed

disappointment that the comments for the Comp Plan took so long in the workshop; these comments and edits should have been made sooner.

- Mayor Nelson reminded everyone that the Comp Plan and East Oaks Development are separate documents, although they have certain overlaps. He is pleased to see so much interest in the development plan by the residents.
- Mayor Nelson attended a mayors meeting and was reminded that our Planning Commission has to be independent from City Council.

City Attorney Report

1. Approve a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a New City Attorney

Councilmember Long moved to approve a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a New City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ries and passed unanimously.

Councilmember Ries noted the City's planner left last year and institutional knowledge is needed for the Comp Plan. Tom Watson has supplied some of it. The Planning Commission worked hard on the document and that the extra time spent over the past four months is critical. It's a value to the North Oaks of the future to have the Comp Plan completed correctly; Councilmember Ries thanked the Planning Commissioners of 2018 for all the good background work they did.

Councilmember Ross says that the Planning Commission wanted to amend the Comp Plan and give that to the Council, but Council decided to remand it back to the Planning Commission. New information had come to light. Councilmember Ross says she emailed Mayor Nelson asking for the planner and legal support, and that the response she received was that we already had a City Attorney and that she should talk herself to the planner.

Councilmember Long says he's had 20 plus years in the community, and thinks the Planning Commission and City Council are acting properly. The Planning Commission is working hard, and if we need to support the Planning Commission, that's the job of the City Council. Councilmember Long has been involved in comp plans and knows the involvement of a planner is important, but that planner has to be educated to our particular community.

Councilmember Long asked if there is a list of things Planning Commission needs from City Council and the City.

Miscellaneous

Next Natural Resource Commission Meeting is Thursday, March 21, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Next Planning Commission Meeting is Thursday, March 28, 2019, @ 7:00 pm

Next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting is Thursday, April 11, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Next Tick Task Force Meeting is Tuesday, April 16, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Adjournment

On motion duly made by Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Ross and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:

Respectfully Submitted

City Administrator Mike Robertson

Gretchen Needham
Recording Secretary