

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Citizen Comments

No comments by citizens.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 12, 2018 for approval
2. Minutes of the Natural Resources Commission meeting of April 19, 2018 for approval
3. Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of April 26, 2018 for approval
4. Proclamation of May 13–19, 2018 as National Police Week

Licenses for Approval: Patton Heating & Air; Air Conditioning Associates Inc.

Approval of Claims: 012671–012698

Councilmember Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, with a second from Councilmember Ross. The motion carried unanimously.

Petitions, Requests, & Communication

1. Deputy Mike Burrell's report was presented by Councilmember Ross.
 - Deputy Burrell is taking specialized bike training and will soon start patrolling North Oaks trails on his bike.
 - Fishing is not permitted by residents or guests on any of the City's lakes or waters. Deputy Burrell and other Ramsey County officers will issue fines to anyone caught fishing.
 - A homeowner's purse left in an unlocked vehicle was stolen, and this led to credit cards being stolen and used. Please do not leave valuables in unlocked vehicles.

Unfinished Business

1. Angelo Fraboni, 5330 Hodgson Road: Appeal of Loss of Rental License
Mr. Fraboni was present to appeal the loss of his rental license. Because this home is not a member of NOHOA, usual concerns about renting with regards to private roads and NOHOA amenities will not apply to this case. He also noted that there have been no neighbor complaints or police calls about any of his renters. Councilmember Ross noted the ordinance was drafted to reflect the Countryman deed and that the Fraboni's have not provided a list of renters as required by the ordinance.

Councilmember Nelson made a motion to direct staff to craft an amendment to the Rental Ordinance to allow rentals in the periphery homes with no private road access, which would be brought to the next Council meeting for review. Motion seconded by Councilmember Long. Motion carried 4-0, Councilmember Ross abstained.

New Business

1. Review of North Oaks Variance History

Administrator Robertson reviewed the City's variance history since 1999. Based on this review the Planning Commission did not recommend any changes to the FAR ordinance or the accessory building ordinance because there were so few requests for variances.

2. Proposed CUP 18-02, 6 Preserve Trail: Moving Over 300 Cubic Yards of Soil
Councilmember Nelson made a motion to approve CUP 18-02 with a second from Councilmember Kingston. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Proposed Variance 17-09, 33 Hill Farm Circle: Construction of a Detached Accessory Structure Larger than 50% of the Principal Structure Footprint and Increasing the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) over 12% to 12.5%.

Administrator Robertson reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendation of denial. Councilmember Long noted that he was on the Planning Commission when the FAR ordinance was established and that it has served the City well. Councilmember Kingston expressed concern about limiting people's ability to improve their homes. Councilmember Long noted that most homes in this neighborhood have three or four car garages and that the applicant is proposing a lot more than that.

Councilmember Nelson made a motion to deny Variance 17-09 with a second from Councilmember Ross based on the Planning Commission's recommendation based on the findings in the staff report. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Point of Sale Septic Ordinance

Administrator Robertson noted this was on the agenda after discussion at the previous Council meeting. He reviewed Council discussion from when the ordinance was adopted in 2015.

Councilmember Nelson made a motion to not change the Septic Ordinance with a second from Councilmember Ross. The motion was unanimously.

5. Consider Resolution 1337 Transferring Funds

Councilmember Kingston made a motion to approve Resolution 1337 with a second from Councilmember Nelson. The motion was unanimously.

Councilmember Reports

Katy Ross

- There is a recycling tour coming up in June at Eureka Recycling.
- She spoke at the last meeting of the League of Women Voters.
- The Planning Commission and NOHOA are working on the Comprehensive Plan. The final draft of the plan is due by the end 2018. There will be at least one other public hearing before a final draft comes to the Council.

- She is working with Deputy Burrell and Deputy Gustafson to develop a police blotter for a regular feature in the North Oaks News.

Marty Long

- The Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO) has published its report on area lakes
- The Cable Commission continues to work on the cable agreement.

Rick Kingston

- The Tick Task Force is looking at the increase in tick-borne disease in the Charley Lake area. The disease has decreased everywhere else.
- The Lake Johanna Fire Relief Fund Board has proposed an increase in the amount of their pension payout.
- A committee is looking at creating a Housing Maintenance Ordinance. A survey will be developed to gather feedback from residents on this issue.
- Some trails that cross roads are being considered for signage to warn drivers about pedestrians using the trails.

Gregg Nelson

- The White Bear Lake area continues to be in litigation over possible water restrictions.

Mayor Mike Egelston

- The home being built by Journey Home on Hodgson Road is nearing completion.

City Administrator Report

1. Review of Critical Incident Response

The Sheriff's office held a meeting with area elected officials and managers about responding to a critical incident, such as an officer-involved shooting or a natural disaster. They also heard from the Falcon Heights Mayor and manager about their recent experience. Administrator Robertson will meet with Deputy Burrell, NOHOA Executive Director Mikeya Griffin, and Steve Elfstrom of Mel's Services next Wednesday, May 16 to discuss plans for such events.

2. Draft Water Ordinance

Robertson reviewed a first draft of an ordinance governing municipal water systems. This has been created in response to the White Bear Lake litigation. One result of that litigation is potential water restrictions for those residents who receive water from White Bear Township on the east side of the City. This includes the Summits, Pines, Southeast Pines, Ski Hill, the Gilfillan area, Waverly Gardens, Wilkinson Lake Villas, and Rapp Farm. The next steps would be for the Council to review the draft ordinance, send comments to Robertson, then set a date for a public hearing later this summer.

3. Robertson reviewed the equipment upgrades for broadcasting the City meetings.

Miscellaneous

Next Natural Resource Commission Meeting is Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Next Planning Commission Meeting is Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Next Council Meeting is Thursday, June 14, 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 8:39 p.m.

Attest:

Respectfully Submitted

City Administrator Mike Robertson

Gretchen Needham
Recording Secretary