

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 Egelston and Councilmembers Marty Long and Katy Ross. Councilmembers Gregg Nelson and Rick Kingston were absent. City Administrator Michael Robertson, City Attorney David Magnuson, 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

Rob Scott, 4 Leaf Wing Drive, addressed the Council to follow up on his request for a trial period to use golf carts in Rapp Farm on the City streets. He presented a petition from the neighborhood in support of this request. Mayor Egelston stated that this item was on the Agenda and he would have a chance later in the meeting to speak on this issue.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 14, 2016 for approval
2. Minutes of the Natural Resource Commission of April 21, 2016 for approval
3. Minutes of the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of April 28, 2016 for approval
4. Approval of Resolution 1314 Supporting Ramsey County's Start by Believing Program
5. Proclamation of National Police Week 2016
6. Approve Gambling License for the Metro Urology Foundation
7. Amendment to Ramsey County Election Agreement
8. Licenses for Approval:

Mechanical Contractors Plumbing & Heating: Aquarius Water Conditioning Inc.; Condor Fireplace & Stone; Gallagher Heating & Air; Hugo Plumbing & Pump Service; Major Mechanical; Minneapolis & St. Paul Plumbing, Heating, & Air; Patton Heating

Arborists

Sewer/Water Installation:

9. Claims for Approval: Check numbers 011822-011853

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

Petitions, Requests, & Communication

1. **Michelle Hosfield, Wenck Associates, Annual Report on Highway 96 Superfund Site**

Ms. Hosfield presented the Annual Report done by Wenck Associates on the Highway 96 Superfund Site. She said that sampling is done twice a year by the "Responsible Parties" and the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) oversees the results and progress made. Wenck was hired by the City to review the reports. Ms. Hosfield stated the results were very similar to what was seen in 2014. The report was good news as out of the 69 collected samples, no vinyl chloride was detected. The extraction wells and sump pump

installed in 1989 are doing the job intended. The extraction wells have removed approximately 200 pounds of VOC's since 1989 and the sump pump another 88 pounds. Although the concentrations continuing to decrease, Ms. Hosfield recommends that the wells and pump continue to operate and be maintained.

Councilmember Long mentioned that perhaps at some point Wenck could cut back to doing a report every other year as the MPCA will still be monitoring the site. This will be discussed at another time.

Unfinished Business

1. Consider Purchase of Computer Tablets

Administrator Robertson presented a comparison of tablet costs to the Council. Councilmember Ross reported that she did a demo on the software being considered and thought it would be helpful to both staff and Councilmembers.

Robertson thought that some of the cost would be offset by not producing so many paper copies and reducing the amount of staff time taken to put together the Council packets each month. Councilmember Long stated that the Council will benefit by having the documents and files easily available if needed. These tablets would remain the property of the City and would be returned at the end of each member's term of office.

Councilmember Ross made the motion to authorize purchase of Microsoft Surface Pro 3 tablets and software for Councilmembers. Councilmember Long made the second and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Update on White Bear Lake Augmentation Plan

Bob Larson, Chair of the Natural Resource Committee, attended a Minnesota Senate Hearing on April 29th for the bill to augment White Bear Lake. The issue was tabled at this meeting. However, the Senate did act to begin a study to evaluate long-term water supply sustainability in the north and east metro including the options and the costs involved. The Senate discussed the desire to establish baseline water quality and the impacts on augmenting White Bear Lake from Vadnais Lake. The North Oaks lakes were not included in this proposal. At the hearing it was decided that more study on this issue is needed. Mr. Larson suggested that the City watch this issue and give input as needed.

Councilmember Long stated that the increased volume of water will have an impact on both Charley and Pleasant Lakes. Mr. Larson stated that the cost of the study and options considered could amount to millions of dollars in State expenditures. Mayor Egelston agreed to talk to Senator Chamberlain in regards to this issue. The Mayor also stated that it is good news to hear that Lake Gilfillan is now off the impaired waters list.

New Business

1. Rapp Farm Addition-Request for Golf Cart Use on City Streets

Rob Scott, 4 Leaf Wing Drive, asked the Council to approve a trial use of golf carts by residents in Rapp Farm on City streets to take children to and from the swimming pool.

He noted the petition his neighbors signed in support of this trial. Mr. Scott stated that the State has guidelines that would need to be followed governing golf cart use.

Councilmember Long expressed his concern with traffic and he has asked Ramsey County to watch this area more often. He also stated that this appears to be an issue of convenience only. Councilmember Ross stated that she would like to see home construction completed before acting on this item. Councilmember Ross also had a concern about golf carts going on trails and other parts of North Oaks if allowed.

Both Councilmember Long and Administrator Robertson intend to discuss this with the sheriff before any action takes place. Mr. Scott's final comments stated that allowing golf carts would actually lessen the number of cars parking on the streets by the pool. He also stated that if golf carts are deemed dangerous then bikes and pedestrians also are in danger.

City Attorney Magnuson stated that there would be no liability to the City if approved. Mayor Egelston stated that the Council will get back to Mr. Scott in a timely manner. **Councilmember Ross moved to table the issue of allowing golf carts in Rapp Farm until more information can be gathered. With a second from Councilmember Long, the motion carried unanimously.**

2. Review of Peterson Place/Wildflower Place Neighborhood Meeting

Councilmember Ross gave an update on what is being done about the issues in the neighborhoods of Peterson and Wildflower Place. The City is concerned about the noise, traffic and safety in the area. Councilmember Ross has been looking into the issue to see what can be done. A well-attended meeting was held with the neighbors to discuss this difficult situation. She stated that it will take some time and a reasoned approach to resolve the issues. Councilmember Ross has submitted to Google maps a request to not show the street going through the Mel's Service site.

3. Consider Approval of Ordinance Regulating Registered Sexual Predators

Administrator Robertson said that at the Ramsey County Sheriff's meeting the issue of having a common ordinance to deal with registered sexual predators living in a community was discussed. He reviewed the ordinance recently passed by the City of Little Canada. Under the ordinance registered sexual predators are restricted in the areas they can live. They are not allowed near schools, daycares or bus stops unless living with parents. Mayor Egelston asked Robertson to improve the map of affected areas and bring it back to the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Katy Ross

Councilmember Ross noted the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Rental Ordinance. Commissioner Ries will attend the next Council meeting to go over the changes made before action is taken. The revised Ordinance can be found on the City website. The

Council will consider the Rental Ordinance at the next meeting when all Councilmembers will be in attendance.

Councilmember Ross also discussed the work she has been doing on the recycling issue. Eighty five percent of North Oak residents recycle which is 20 percent more than any other community in Ramsey County. Also, North Oaks has always done dual sort recycling so as to not contaminate the paper.

Councilmember Marty Long

Councilmember Long reported that the NRC is looking at best practices to protect the City water resources. Also they are looking into grant opportunities that VLAWMO may currently offer.

He noted the sheriff's deputies are doing a good job especially in the recreation areas.

Councilmember Rick Kingston

No report due to absence.

Councilmember Gregg Nelson

No report due to absence.

Mayor Michael Egelston's Report

Mayor Egelston reported that Kowalski's is in process of building out the former Rainbow space in Shoreview. They have requested that an east bound left turn lane from Highway 96 into the parking lot be added. It appears this will be done.

The TCCAP site development is well underway. This area will have a mixture of retail, restaurants, single family homes and townhomes. If interested, residents should check out the Rice Creek Commons website for more information.

He met with Ramsey County Commissioner Blake Huffman to look at what can be done regarding tick control and to review traffic concerns. County Road J will be restriped starting next week, but the turn lane into Rapp Farm has not yet been approved.

The North Oaks Company is looking at developing land north of Waverly Gardens, but more study is needed regarding the County Road J and Centerville Road intersection.

Mayor Egelston also stated that the Council will also be looking into having a housing maintenance ordinance, so work should begin soon on this.

He complemented the Tick Task Force on the work they have done. The City is sponsoring a Brush Pickup Day on May 20th, 2016 to reduce mice and tick habitat. S & S Tree will pick up the brush, but residents need to first submit a signed waiver taking responsibility for costs incurred. S & S Tree will bill residents directly.

Administrative Report

1. Approve Recycling Contract with Peterson-Waddle Trash

Administrator Robertson reviewed the proposed contract for Peterson-Waddle Trash to continue recycling service in North Oaks. He pointed out that there is an out clause if either party does want to cancel the contract. The contract does include a yearly increase not to exceed 3%. The City also would have the right to change or modify the contract regarding locations and routes, etc.

Councilmember Long with a second from Councilmember Ross moved to approve the contract for recycling services with Peterson-Waddle. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Deer Management Contract with Laughlin/Nuisance Animal Removal Service

Administrator Robertson stated that Laughlin did a good job of deer removal by trapping this past year. No incidences with residents were reported. Robertson recommended the Council approve the three year contract as presented. The cost remains the same as in the past year. Shooting of deer is done by the United States Department of Agriculture and they do not contract or bid for jobs. They can only be hired by the City on a yearly basis. Robertson said he would recommend hiring the USDA again next fall as he found them knowledgeable and very professional.

Councilmember Long moved to approve the three year contract with Laughlin/Nuisance Animal Removal Service for deer removal. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. 2015 Financial Report

Administrator Robertson reviewed his report of the 2015 City Finances. The City is sound financially. The report is intended to be supplemental to the Annual Audit. It provides a snapshot of City finances and projects and is written in less technical language than found in the audit report. No action is necessary.

4. New Hire

With the retirement of Administrative Assistant Linda Hanson, on June 10, 2016, a new Administrative Assistant has been hired. Mary Belden was chosen from 21 applicants. Eight were interviewed. She will start training on May 17th, 2016.

5. Officer Hire

Ramsey County has closed the application process for the officer position in North Oaks. Interviews should take place soon and an officer should start in June. In the meantime, coverage is being done by a number of sheriff's deputies.

City Attorney Reports

No report

Miscellaneous

Next Natural Resource Commission Meeting May 19, 2016 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room

Next Regularly Scheduled Planning Commission Meeting May 26, 2016 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room

Next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting June 9, 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 8:33 pm.

Attest:

Respectfully Submitted

Mayor Michael Egelston

Linda M. Hanson
Recording Secretary