

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, Rick Kingston, Gregg Nelson and Katy Ross. City Administrator Michael Robertson, City Attorney David Magnuson, City Forester Mark Rehder, Deputy Mike Burrell, Recording Secretary Linda Hanson, Administrative Assistant Mary Belden and Videographer Maureen Anderson were present.

Mayor Egelston acknowledged the retirement of Linda Hanson, Administrative Assistant, who has worked for the City for five years. Her replacement Mary Belden was introduced. Council complimented Linda for her work and Administrator Robertson echoed their praise.

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

None

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 12, 2016 for approval
2. Minutes of the Natural Resource Commission of May 19, 2016 for approval
3. Approve Gambling License for Gillette Children's Hospital Foundation
4. Licenses for Approval:
Mechanical Contractors Plumbing & Heating: Blue Ox Heating & Air; Ductworks Heating & Cooling; Innovative Mechanical LLC; Master Gas Fitters, Inc.
Arborists: Birch Tree Care
Sewer/Water Installation:
5. Claims for Approval: Check numbers 11861-11898

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

Petitions, Requests, & Communication

1. Introduction of North Oaks Officer Deputy Mike Burrell

The new Deputy assigned to North Oaks, Mike Burrell, introduced himself to the Council. He has been with Ramsey County for two years and was with the North St. Paul Police Department for eight before that. He grew up in St. Paul and graduated from the University of MN. He also served in the army reserves for twelve years with tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. Currently he is a student at Mitchell Hamline School of Law.

Mayor Egelston welcomed him and stated that with the current growth in North Oaks an officer on duty will be appreciated. Ramsey County regards this as a potential

model for other cities. Mayor Egelston stated the officer is in North Oaks to keep the residents protected and to deal with problems coming from the outside into the community. He will be able to write tickets and will be watching for speeding as this has been a problem in the City. Response time should be quicker having him in the community five days a week.

2. Brush Pickup Day Report- City Forester Mark Rehder

Forester Mark Rehder reviewed the success of Brush Pickup Day. Residents were asked to sign an agreement stating the brush would be moved to the curb and they would pay for the work done. The cost was \$170 for an hour of work with an \$85 minimum. Twenty five households participated and all brush was picked up on May 20 and 21. He had two crews on site, a chip truck and a log loader. They removed between 2 to 3 semi loads of brush. He encountered a few problems. Some residents did not put the brush out by the curb and sometimes the log loader had difficulty with the low power lines.

Mayor Egelston participated in the event and he was happy with the results. Councilmember Kingston stated he would like to see this as an ongoing process both to reduce the number of ticks and also the danger of fire in the community.

Unfinished Business

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

Mayor Egelston stated that a petition was submitted to the Council at the last meeting requesting to use golf carts within Rapp Farm. The Mayor stated that based on the community support he agreed the Council should look at the issue. He visited Rapp Farm and saw a number of children on bikes. Since safety is a top priority, he felt that golf carts driven by an adult might be safer for the children than riding a bike around the construction vehicles.

Councilmember Nelson stated his concern with safety and also wanted to make it clear that this is a Rapp Farm issue and not something he would like to see in the older parts of North Oaks where the roads are very narrow. Councilmember Long noted that Rapp Farm is the only community in North Oaks that has a community pool. Having a parent that can easily transport the children to the pool sounds like a reasonable request. Councilmember Kingston noted we have diverse neighborhoods and what would fit in Rapp Farm wouldn't necessarily fit in other neighborhoods. He said a trial would be a good way to see how things work.

Councilmember Ross did state that some questions would need to be answered before an actual Ordinance should be passed. Who has the right-of-way, cars or golf carts? She would like to see times of use and license requirements clearly stated. She also had concern about other neighborhoods in the community coming forward to request use of golf carts.

City Attorney Magnuson said that State law only allows use of golf carts from sunrise to sunset unless the cart has a full set of lights on the front and back of the vehicle. He also

stated that in order to lower the speed limit in Rapp Farm to 25 miles per hour, there may be other requirements needed to comply with State law.

Administrator Mike Robertson said that letters would be sent out to the homeowners in Rapp Farm explaining the conditions for use. The suggestion was made to make the hours a half hour after sunrise and a half hour before sunset and use golf carts only from homes to the pool and back should be part of the policy.

Councilmember Kingston moved to have the Mayor work with the Administrator to craft a temporary policy allowing golf carts on the roads in Rapp Farm for a specified period of time and to examine the feasibility afterward. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Long and passed unanimously.

Mayor Egelston stated that it would be important for the residents to follow the guidelines before a permanent ordinance would be considered. He stated that the trial would begin as soon as possible once the details have been worked out.

Jon Walburg, 68 Monarch Way, stated that the speed limit in Rapp Farm may be able to be reduced to 25 miles per hour without the State getting involved. More research is needed to consider this.

2. Consider Approval of Proposed Rental Ordinance

Mayor Egelston noted the City has been working on the proposed Rental Ordinance for quite a while with the purpose of making sure rental properties are maintained and the City has updated information on who lives in the home or how to contact the homeowner. He thanked the Planning Commission for their work and also the citizens who took time to attend the public hearings because their feedback made the ordinance better.

Councilmember Gregg Nelson stated that the Ordinance is beautifully crafted and thanked Commissioner Kara Ries and Councilmember Katy Ross for their work on this.

Councilmember Ross had one recommendation for a change regarding the fire department on page seven as it was not needed since the fire department would respond to any call that they receive.

Councilmember Long made the motion with a second from Councilmember Kingston to approve the Rental Ordinance with the change on page 7. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Robertson said the City would implement the Ordinance with reduced fees this year and start full fees next year.

3. Consider Approval of Ordinance Regulating Registered Sexual Offenders

Administrator Robertson said that the seven cities that get police services from Ramsey County would like to develop a similar ordinance to deal with sexual predators. This is partially in response to recent court decisions which appear to be heading toward a release of sexual predators currently in Minnesota prisons. The ordinance would limit

where convicted sexual predators can locate based on setbacks from schools, day cares, churches, parks, trails and bus stops.

Councilmember Nelson moved to approve Ordinance 117, adding Section 131 establishing zones and prohibition of certain activities for location of predatory offenders. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kingston and passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Approval of Resolution 1315 Approving Renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement with VLAWMO

Councilmember Long stated that this is a good agreement as working with VLAWMO results in lower costs to the City. City Attorney Magnuson agreed that it is a good agreement for the City.

Councilmember Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 1315 approving the Joint Powers Agreement with VLAWMO. With a second from Councilmember Kingston the motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of Bonfire Dance

Kathy Laur, administrative assistant, reviewed the Bonfire Dance. She noted that there was twice the attendance this year from two years ago. She heard comments that some residents really liked that they could bring their children. Also they praised the quality of the fireworks. She also reviewed the cost to the City. The total cost of \$12,241 was partially offset by \$1,460 from ticket sales. She provided some options including charging for children over six as well, or doing just fireworks or just a dance. If the Council wants to rent the club next year they would need to contact the club as soon as possible.

The Council thanked Kathy Laur for her hard work on this event. Several Councilmembers said they should not feel that they have to do the event the same way every year. Councilmember Long stated he liked the idea of having the bonfire and fireworks at the West Rec Center.

Councilmember Nelson moved to have staff plan an event at the West Rec Center for 2017. Councilmember Long seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Katy Ross

Councilmember Ross attended the Lake Johanna Fire Department meeting in May. There was a proposed increase of 5.3% in their 2017 budget. She worked on the Rental Ordinance that was approved and also has been working on recycling issues. She is reviewing a number of options including one considering moving recycling to an outside company. This would involve going to single sort. The Council will need to look at the options and the costs involved before making any decision.

Councilmember Marty Long

Councilmember Long stated he was happy to see the new deputy on board. He had worked with the Sheriff and Administrator in developing the job duties. He attended the VLAWMO meeting where they updated the Best Practices and hired an environmental specialist. He stated that the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) participated in the Community Fair and gave out a lot of good information to residents.

Councilmember Rick Kingston

Tick Task Force

Councilmember Kingston reported that NOHOA had questions for the task force. Dr. Brooke Moore, David Neitzel from the MN Department of Health and Councilmember Kingston met with the NOHOA Board and they accepted their recommendations. Articles have been written for the North Oaks News and participation in the Community Fair was a success.

The North Oaks Heritage and Architectural Preservation Committee (NOHAP) has some frustrations on how to move forward to handle properties not being maintained. A maintenance ordinance could be helpful. They are working of recommendations to deal with this.

Councilmember Gregg Nelson

Councilmember Nelson attended the Cable Commission meeting on June 2. Comcast continues to stall in negotiations for an updated agreement. The Finance Committee met and no additional news was reported. He also worked on the Rental Ordinance.

Councilmember Nelson was also concerned about the weeds covering Pleasant Lake. They appear to be much worse at this time of year. He would like to see action to remove the weeds as soon as possible. The permit to do so has been submitted to the DNR and the City is waiting for this to be granted. The Mayor stated that he has been talking to St. Paul Regional Water asking for help with the lake since the water is coming in from the Mississippi River.

Councilmember Nelson also met with Ramsey Commissioner Blake Huffman. A discussion of how Mosquito Control could help the City was discussed.

Mayor Michael Egelston's Report

Mayor Egelston has met with a number of groups this past month. He also met with Commissioner Blake Huffman where road issues were discussed. County Road J will be worked on in 2017. Centerville Road will be resurfaced in September of this year after the work on Highway 96 is complete.

Administrative Report

1. **Consider Approval of Ordinance 118 Opting Out of State Statute 462.3593**

Administrator Robertson recommended approval of the Ordinance 118 Opting out of State Statute 462.3593 allowing temporary family dwellings in the back yards.

Councilmember Nelson moved to approve Ordinance 118 Opting out of State Statute 462.3593 allowing for temporary family dwellings in the back yard. Councilmember Long seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Administrator Robertson sent a letter to the DNR requesting a Deer Permit to get a jump start on deer management next year. There will be no Planning Commission meeting in June.

City Attorney Reports

City Attorney Dave Magnuson will check the state laws for the conditions to change a speed limit from 30 to 25 miles per hour. He will report back at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous

Next Natural Resource Commission Meeting June 16, 2016 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room

Next Regularly Scheduled Planning Commission Meeting of June 30, 2016 @ 7:00 pm has been cancelled in the Community Meeting Room

Next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting July 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 8:38 pm.

Attest:

Respectfully Submitted

Mayor Michael Egelston

Michael Robertson
City Administrator