

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 and Councilmembers Marty Long, Rick Kingston, Gregg Nelson and Katy Ross. City Administrator Mike Robertson, City Attorney David Magnuson, Recording Secretary Kathy Laur 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 Nelson and passed unanimously.**

**Citizen Comments**

**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 8, 2017 for approval.
2. Minutes of the Natural Resource Commission of June 15, 2017 for approval.
3. Licenses for Approval:  
**Mechanical Contractors:** G.V. Heating & Air, Inc; Hoffman Corner Heating & Air Conditioning, Prairie West Heating and Cooling, Inc.

Claims for Approval: 012329 - 012370

**Councilmember Nelson made the 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

There was a group of thieves in the area targeting elderly women for purse snatching. One incident happened to a North Oaks resident. The thieves have been caught but there have been dozens of victims in the metro area.

There has been an uptick of traffic accidents. Recently a bicyclist was hit by a motor vehicle. On Hodgson Road and Wildflower there was a rear end crash. Deputy Mike has received numerous traffic complaints. He will park on a street where complaints have been made. Most of the speeding tickets he has issued have been to North Oaks residents.

The Pioneer Press has been delivering an advertising circular in North Oaks. Deputy Mike stopped the van that was delivering the advertising and none of the people in the van had valid driver's licenses. One of the people in the vehicle had a warrant out for his arrest in another state. They were ticketed.

Fishing on the lakes is down.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

## **New Business**

1. Consider Rebate of Building Permit Fees to Journey Home, MN  
 The Council discussed rebating permit fees for the rehabilitation of 5320 Hodgson Road. They all felt that this was justified because it eliminated a significant problem.  
**Councilmember Kingston made the motion to approve a resolution rebating building permit fees in the amount of \$800 with a second from Councilmember Ross. The motion carried unanimously.**
  
2. Review of Operation Clearview Procedure  
 Administrator Robertson reviewed the letter being sent to residents about Operation Clearview. Council stressed that it is important to communicate to residents why the City does what it does and that the City does not have arbitrary rules.
  
3. Discussion of North Oaks Golf Club Expansion  
 The Council discussed a resolution ordering preparation of a feasibility study for the North Oaks Golf Club to connect to City sewer and water. There is a large expansion project planned and they will need to replace their septic. The club will pay \$1000 toward the study.  
**Councilmember Nelson made the motion to approve a resolution ordering preparation of a feasibility study for the North Oaks Golf Club with a second from Councilmember Long, with the study to focus not just on the Club but to include the areas nearby. The motion carried unanimously.**
  
4. Discussion of Housing Maintenance Code  
 Councilmember Ross said there are some homes in North Oaks that are very run down and need to be better taken care of. Some of these homes appear to be lived in and some look like they've been vacant for many years. There are owners that don't live in the homes anymore and don't seem to care about the maintenance. Though there aren't many we need to have some sort of standards to help the City deal with these homes. Councilmember Long felt that neighbors around these homes are trying to keep their homes up and these homes don't help.  
 Mayor Egelston noted we have the information we need to move forward on a housing maintenance ordinance.  
 Councilmember Nelson said that this ordinance as written in draft form would be very difficult to enforce. This requires more than some residents would be willing to do.  
 Councilmember Ross suggested the City should deal with buildings first and noxious weeds like buckthorn later.  
 Councilmember Kingston suggested the City should start with housing maintenance ordinance first and then do something like the City of Shoreview's SHINE program.  
 Councilmember Ross said she wants residents to think of the City as a resource and not like we are always telling them what to do.

The proposed ordinance will be placed on next month's agenda.

### **Councilmember Reports**

- **Councilmember Katy Ross**

Another recycling tour is set up for August 8. Ten people can go at a time.

There was no Planning Commission meeting in June.

There was a house height meeting with Councilmember Nelson, Planning Commissioner Kara Reis, City Administrator Robertson and herself and options will be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting.

- **Councilmember Marty Long**

He did not attend the June NRC meeting.

VLAWMO is increasing their budget 15%. There are national and state grants which might be available to help clean up Pleasant Lake.

- **Councilmember Rick Kingston**

Recently the Mayor and Councilmember Kingston have been meeting with NOHOA on collaborating together to protect resident's privacy. The gatehouse has been discussed and they have been working with the North Oaks Company on that issue.

Not much has been happening with the Tick Task Force. They are continuing routine articles in the North Oaks News and taking in resident's comments and questions and responding to them.

- **Councilmember Gregg Nelson**

No report.

- **Mayor Michael Egelston**

They are continuing to meet with NOHOA on governance issues.

He reported on the recent Council Workshop. The Council discussed expanding Operation Clearview which they have done tonight. He wants to look at the watershed around Pleasant Lake. The City has cleaned some of the weeds out the last couple of years and we are looking at what else we can do.

He met with Senator Chamberlain and talked about sewer and septic related issues. He also discussed insuring our privacy and will get that topic in front of the State legislature next session.

Councilmember Kingston brought up the trail crossings around Pleasant Lake, wondering if there should be more marked trail crossings. Councilmember Long noted that there were over 30 crossings of Pleasant Lake Road by trails and over 100 trail crossings of all roads in the city. The trails are NOHOA's responsibility. There was some thought that it's a safety issue so the City may have a component in it. Administrator Robertson was directed to place this topic on the agenda for the next meeting and to have the City Engineer estimate a cost for a marked crosswalk.

**City Administrator Report**

Robertson noted that a resident had called and asked if they could use goats temporarily on their property to remove buckthorn. He said he had told them that if they were controlled and temporary then the goats were in effect “a contractor” and not a farm animal. Council asked that this subject be discussed with the Natural Resources Commission.

**City Attorney Reports**

Dave Magnuson will be meeting with NOHOA’s attorney Tim Hassett next week.

**Miscellaneous**

**Next Tick Task Force Meeting is set for Tuesday, July 18, 2017 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room**

**Next Natural Resource Commission Meeting is Thursday, July 20, 2017 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room**

**Next Regularly Scheduled Planning Commission Meeting is Thursday, July 27, 2017 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room**

**Next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting is Thursday, August 10, 2017 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room**

**Adjournment**

**On motion duly made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Kingston and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.**

Attest:

Respectfully Submitted

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Mayor Michael Egelston

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Kathy Laur  
Recording Secretary