

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 Councilmembers Marty Long, Gregg Nelson, Rick Kingston, Katy Ross and Mayor Michael Egelston. City Administrator Michael Robertson, Recording Secretary Kathy Laur and Videographer Maureen Anderson were present.

Absent: City Attorney David Magnuson

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

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 14, 2016 for approval
2. Minutes of the Natural Resource Commission of July 21, 2016 for approval
3. Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of July 28, for approval
4. Approval of Variance #16-03 ISTS System for 14 Oriole Lane
5. Licenses for Approval:
 - Mechanical Contractors Plumbing & Heating:** All Season's Heating and Air; CMS Mechanical Services LLC; Perfection Heating; Residential Heating & Air
 - Arborists**
 - General Contractors:**
 - Sewer/Water Installation.**

Claims for Approval: 011941 – 011972

Approval of invoice from Dockside Aquatic Services for \$8,700

Councilmember Long 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 Report
 - a. The last month has been consistent. Traffic concerns on Hodgson Road and Maycomb Lane have been an issue. People are making illegal left hand turns.
 - b. Centerville Road is under a lot of construction and there have been several accidents that have affected residents of North Oaks.
 - c. Some vehicles driving through North Oaks have been stopped because of suspicious activity and an arrest was made.
 - d. Speeding tickets have been an issued.
 - e. There have been a lot of calls this month. A trailer was stolen with tools in it. A moving company moved new residents into North Oaks, stole a credit card, and went on a shopping spree.

- f. Some stolen mail was reported. A few elder scams were reported. It seems the information that was stolen from the mailboxes was used in the scams
- g. He went to five of seven block parties during Night to Unite on August 2.

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. Report on Recycling

Councilmember Ross and Lonnie Waddle of Peterson-Waddle evaluated the recycling process with the goal of keeping the same services without increasing the cost. The proposal is to switch from dual sort recycling to single sort effective January 3, 2017. Peterson-Waddell will purchase larger trucks and haul the recycling directly out of the City to Eureka. This will allow the City to eliminate its transfer operation at Mel's Service site on Peterson Place. Residents will no longer have to separate out their paper from other recycled items. Residents will also have an option to have wheeled recycling carts or they can continue to use their current containers. Councilmember Ross is pursuing a grant to reduce the cost of purchasing recycling carts. The City will negotiate a new 5 year contract with Peterson-Waddle in order for them to amortize their new costs. This proposal is on the city website. More information will follow in email blasts, on the city website and through Facebook.

Councilmember Nelson made the motion to approve the Recycling Proposal and renegotiate the contract with Peterson Waddle with a second from Councilmember Kingston. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Ross – Planning Commission will begin work on the comprehensive plan update.

Councilmember Long – No VLAWMO meeting this month. Deputy Burrell is offering to take City Council and City staff on ride-a-longs through the community.

Councilmember Kingston –The Tick Task Force met. There is an ongoing program of education through email blasts and the North Oaks News. There will be a repeat of the survey that was done earlier. This is something that will be done annually to determine the success of the program. The Tick Task Force will work with the health department and try to involve the sub homeowner associations. The invasive species removal and brush removal will continue throughout the community. A letter will be put together and given to all adjacent medical clinicians to make them aware of the signs of Lyme disease in patients. NOHAAP- a maintenance ordinance is on track and moving forward. The City would like to involve NOHOA in the program. Lake Johanna Fire Department – their retirement program is well funded and doing well.

Councilmember Nelson – North Suburban Cable Commission met and no progress has been made on negotiating the new Comcast deal. Finance Committee Meeting discussed Pleasant Lake weed removal, recycling, and the budget. Charley Lake Preserve drainage issues are being looked at. Dockside is scheduled to come back at the end of August to do a touch up in Pleasant Lake.

Mayor Egelston – Spent a lot of time with Councilmember Ross discussing changes to the recycling program. Discussions are ongoing with the North Oaks Company regarding taking over the utilities for Rapp Farm. A survey is being taken of residents living in Rapp Farm regarding golf carts and speed limits.

Administrative Report

1. Annual Data Practices Report

Administrator Robertson gave the annual list of data requests.

2. Mid-Year Budget Report

Robertson reported there are no big issues with the 2016 budget. Building permits are running ahead of expectation, but should drop off once Charley Lake Preserve is done with construction. He said that in September the council will be approving the preliminary 2017 tax levy and he asked Council to contact him about any questions or issues with the 2017 budget.

3. Ordinance Updates

Robertson reported that he had two proposed changes to City ordinances. One was to eliminate a long obsolete ordinance and the other was a change to make certain that decision-making authority was clear.

Councilmember made a motion to approve Ordinance 120, An Ordinance eliminating Chapter 32, regarding public health officers and the public health commission, with a second from Councilmember Long. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Ross made the motion to approve Ordinance 119, An Ordinance revising ordinance 71.18 regarding traffic and parking regulations and council's right to review acts of the Mayor, with a second from Councilmember Kingston. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Set December Meeting Date

After discussion Council agreed they did not want to change the regular meeting date of December 8th.

5. Set a Preliminary Assessment Hearing for September 8, 2016

Robertson noted he will be sending out assessment notices. Final action for assessments will be taken at the October 13 council meeting.

Councilmember Long made the motion to set the Preliminary Assessment Hearing for September 8, with a second from Councilmember Ross. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion of Remote Attendance at Meetings

Councilmember Kingston said that with their tablets that Councilmembers could attend a meeting remotely through Skype or some other means. City Attorney Magnuson will offer an opinion at the September Council meeting.

7. Update on Rental Applications

Robertson said that two rental permits have been returned. More letters are being sent out to rental home owners.

8. Approve Resolution 1316

Robertson said this was to allow the City's prosecuting attorneys to access the State criminal database.

Councilmember Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 1316 Approving State of MN Joint Powers Agreement with the City of North Oaks on Behalf of its City Attorney, with a second from Councilmember Ross. The motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Reports**Miscellaneous**

Next Natural Resource Commission Meeting, Thursday August 18, 2016 @ 7:00 pm

Next Planning Commission Meeting, Thursday August 25, 2016 @ 7:00 pm

Next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting, Thursday September 8, 2016 @ 7:30 pm

Adjournment

On motion duly made by Councilmember Ross, seconded by Councilmember Kingston and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Attest:

Respectfully Submitted

Mayor Michael Egelston

Kathy Laur
Recording Secretary