

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Citizen Comments

Marshall Fenstad of 9 Eagle Ridge Road spoke about his concerns about the burning of brush and bonfires, as well as about cyclists not paying attention to road signs. Sarah Nitzel, 30 East Pleasant Lake Road, spoke about her concerns about vehicles speeding and the danger that creates for pedestrians.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 9, 2018 for approval
2. Minutes of the Natural Resources Commission meeting of August 16, 2018 for approval
3. Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of August 27, 2018 for approval
4. Approve Variance 18-06 — 11 Evergreen Road, ISTS 15 feet into the north setback
5. Resolution 1340 — Reauthorizing Membership in the 4M Fund

Licenses for Approval: Easco Plumbing and Heating; Riccar Heating & Air; CenterPoint Energy; Countryside Heating & Cooling Solutions; Condor Fireplace; Hinding Heating & Air Conditioning; Tree Top Clearing Inc.

Approval of Claims: 12805–12844

Councilmember Ross moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kingston and passed unanimously.

Petitions, Requests, & Communication

Deputy Mike Burrell Report

- Deputy Burrell reported that the speed study at East Pleasant Lake Road and Oriole Lane showed that the average speed was 31.2 MPH. There were 65 vehicles that traveled over 43 MPH. He has focused on the area and has written speeding tickets.
- A Shoreview resident was given a citation for illegal dumping into a construction dumpster on Rapp Farm Blvd.
- The No Parking signs seem to be working well. He has seen vehicles pull into the areas and then turn around when they see the signs. He has written four no parking tickets since they were put up.
- Deputy Burrell reminds residents to stay vigilant against credit card fraud and scams.

Unfinished Business

1. Emergency Management Review

Administrator Robertson reviewed actions the Council needed to take for future emergency management situations. Council agreed that the Mayor would be the designated spokesperson for the City during an emergency, particularly with local media and TV. Other situations, such as debris removal and volunteer coordination, would be managed by the City Administrator. The City and NOHOA will collaborate on further details which involve use of NOHOA land or facilities.

Councilmember Shah asked about emergency communications. Robertson said that there is a system that the Sheriff has established. The Council asked that the Sheriff attend a future meeting to brief them on how the system works.

New Business

1. Resolution 1341 — Resolution Setting a Preliminary 2019 Tax Levy

The tax levy went up 3% last year; this year a preliminary increase of 4% is recommended by the City Administrator. This levy can be decreased before it is finalized in December but cannot be increased.

Councilmember Kingston moved to raise the City's tax levy to 4%. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and passed unanimously.

2. Set Truth-in-Taxation Meeting date

City Administrator Robertson recommended the Public Hearing for the Truth-in-Taxation Meeting be set for Thursday, December 13, 2018.

Councilmember Long moved to set the Truth-in-Taxation Meeting for Thursday, December 13, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Shah and passed unanimously.

3. Amendment to Master Joint Powers Agreement Governing the Provision of Sewer and Water Services between the City of North Oaks and White Bear Township

Councilmember Long moved to make an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement Governing the Provision of Sewer and Water Services between the City of North Oaks and White Bear Township. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kingston and passed unanimously.

4. Draft Clear View Letter

Administrator Robertson reviewed the proposed letter asking over 100 properties along the main roads to trim back brush and trees to meet the Clear View Ordinance. Council discussed the timeline and agreed that the letters could go out at the beginning of October and residents would have until February 1, 2019 to come into compliance.

Councilmember Long moved to approve the draft of the Clear View letter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kingston and passed unanimously.

5. Resolution 1342 — Designating Polling Places for the 2019 Election
Councilmember Ross moved to approve Resolution 1342 designating polling places for the 2019 election. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kingston and passed unanimously.

Councilmember Reports

Katy Ross

- Attended the recycling SCORE grant meeting. Doing different events will allow the City to earn incentives and get additional money from the grant.
- Eureka Recycling talked with the Recycling Committee about China no longer taking recycling from the United States. Tuesday, Sept. 25 will be the last recycling tour at Eureka for the year.

Sara Shah

- She met with Danielle Cabot, Social Media Specialist of the League of Minnesota Cities, Mayor Nelson and Administrator Robertson. They discussed cross-posting with Ramsey County Sheriff's Office and Lake Johanna Fire Department on the City's Facebook page, among other things. The City will develop a policy for social media use.

Marty Long

- He reviewed the recent Cable Commission meeting.
- The DNR recently completed a fish survey of Pleasant Lake. Some of the fish caught will be exhibited in the fish tanks at next year's State Fair.

Rick Kingston

- The Tick Task Force and Natural Resources Commission had tables at Farm Fest and received lots of positive feedback.
- The Tick Task Force meets in October.

Mayor Gregg Nelson

- Farm Fest was very well attended with close to 1000 visitors.
- Weeding in Pleasant Lake is complete for this year; another survey will be performed soon to make plans for the coming year.
- The Mayor for a Day essay contest is under way; information is on the website and City's Facebook page.
- The flashing yellow light at the main entrance is being programmed and will be tweaked over the coming weeks according to Ramsey County Public Works.
- Boy Scout Eddie Brody was sent a Letter of Commendation for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout.

City Administrator Report

1. Set Assessment Hearing

Councilmember Long moved to approve a public hearing for assessments at the October 11, 2018 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Next Natural Resource Commission Meeting is Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Next Planning Commission Meeting is Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting is Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment

On motion duly made by Councilmember Shah, seconded by Councilmember Ross and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Attest:

Respectfully Submitted

City Administrator Mike Robertson

Gretchen Needham
Recording Secretary