

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 21, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.*

**PRESENT:** Mayor Mike Pearson and Councilmember Christine Nelson. Participating via video conference: Councilmembers Justin Bloyer, Dale Dorschner and Lisa McGinn.

Staff present: Administrator Handt, City Attorney Sonsalla, Assistant City Administrator Dickson, Planning Director Roberts, and City Clerk Johnson.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pearson, moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Motion passed 5 – 0.*

**ACCEPT MINUTES**

Minutes of the April 7, 2020 Regular Meeting were accepted as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/INQUIRIES**

Mayor Pearson read written comments from Susan Dunn, 11018 Upper 33<sup>rd</sup> Street North, inquiring why the City refused to accept the Met Council projected population figures.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Approve Payment of Disbursements and Payroll
3. Accept 2020 March Building Department Report
4. Accept 2020 March Public Work Department Report
5. Approve Final Plat Recording Time Extension – Royal Golf Third Addition
6. Approve Final Plat Recording Time Extension – Union Park (5<sup>th</sup> Street North)

*Mayor Pearson, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, moved TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Motion passed 5 - 0.*

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**ITEM 7: Stillwater School District Bus Facility Conditional Use Permit Revocation (11530 Hudson Boulevard)**

*City Attorney Sarah Sonsalla left the room during this agenda item.*

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Attorney Jared Shepherd of Hoff Barry, P.A. introduced the item on behalf of the City and Planning Director Roberts reviewed the background of the CUP for the school district bus facility. Building Official Scott Qualle commented on the status of permits issued for the site.

Attorney Kori Land spoke on behalf of the Stillwater School District, presenting information to support the district's request to continue operation of the bus facility.

***Mayor Pearson, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, moved TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING. Motion passed 5 – 0.***

James Franklin, 642 Midwest Trail Place N., West Lakeland, spoke in favor of the school district continuing use of the property as a bus terminal.

Denise Stephens, 11144 6<sup>th</sup> Street Circle N., spoke in support of the school district's request to continue use of the bus facility.

Paula O'Laughlin spoke in support of the school district's request to continue use of the bus facility.

Susan Dunn, 11018 Upper 33<sup>rd</sup> Street N., submitted written comments supporting the school district's continued use of the bus facility.

***Mayor Pearson, seconded by Councilmember Bloyer, moved TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. Motion passed 5 – 0.***

***Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Dorschner, moved TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING REVOCATION OF THE CUP AND DENYING REVOCATION OF THE CUP FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. Motion failed 2 – 3. (Pearson, Bloyer, McGinn – nay)***

***Mayor Pearson, seconded by Councilmember Bloyer, moved TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REVOCATION OF THE CUP FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. Motion passed 4 – 1. (Nelson – nay)***

**ITEM 8: Receive Bids & Consider Rejecting All Bids or Call for Improvement and Final Assessment Hearing for Heritage Farms Street and Sanitary Sewer Improvements**

City Engineer Griffin presented an overview of the proposed project and commented that bids received were higher than anticipated, noting that the City could anticipate lower bids due to market conditions if the project were rebid.

***Councilmember Dorschner, seconded by Councilmember McGinn, moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-041 RECEIVING AND REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE HERITAGE FARMS STREET AND UTILILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZE***

**STAFF TO REBID THE PROJECT AT A MORE SUITABLE TIME, SUBJECT TO STAFF DISCRETION.** Motion passed 5 – 0.

**ITEM 9: Approve Feasibility Report; Call for Improvement Hearing; Declare Costs to be Assessed and Call for Hearing on Assessment for Hamlet on Sunfish Lake Sanitary Sewer Improvements**

City Engineer Griffin presented background information on the projected project.

***Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-040, RECEIVING THE FEASIBILITY REPORT AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE HAMLET ON SUNFISH LAKE SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION.*** Motion passed 5 – 0.

**ITEM 10: Approve Feasibility Report; Call Hearing for Hamlet on Sunfish Lake Street and Utility Improvements**

City Engineer Griffin presented background information on the projected project.

***Councilmember McGinn, seconded by Councilmember Dorschner, moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-039, RECEIVING THE FEASIBILITY REPORT AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE HAMLET ON SUNFISH LAKE STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS.*** Motion passed 5 – 0.

**ITEM 11: 2021 Budget Calendar**

City Administrator Handt reviewed the proposed 2021 Budget Calendar. Council expressed a consensus to keep the tax rates low and proceed with the proposed schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Julie Johnson, City Clerk

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Mike Pearson, Mayor