

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Pearson and Councilmembers Justin Bloyer, Dale Dorschner, Lisa McGinn and Christine Nelson

Staff present: Administrator Handt, City Attorney Sonsalla, Finance Director Iverson, City Planner Prchal, City Engineer Griffin, Planning Director Roberts, and City Clerk Johnson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ACCEPT MINUTES

Minutes of the September 3, 2019 Regular Meeting were accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/INQUIRIES

Susan Dunn, 11018 Upper 33rd Street, commented on mountain biking in Sunfish Lake Park.

PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve Payment of Disbursements
3. Accept August 2019 Fire Department Report
4. Accept August 2019 Building Department Report
5. Accept August 2019 Public Works Department Report
6. Approve Lease Extension for Scholastic Equipment Company
7. Approve Appointments to Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB) – *Resolution 2019-065*
8. Approve Change Order No. 2 for the CSAH19-Hudson Boulevard Intersection Improvements
9. Approve Pay Request No. 3 for the CSAH19-Hudson Boulevard Intersection Improvements

10. Approve Pay Request No. 1 for Test Well #5
11. Approve Engineering Task Order for Well #5, Pumphouse and 50th Street Trunk Watermain
12. Approve Security Reduction for the Legacy at North Star 1st Addition
13. Approve Security Reduction for Boulder Ponds 2nd Addition

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember McGinn, moved TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Motion passed 5 - 0.

ITEM 14: 2018 Audit Presentation

Andy Hering, CPA at Redpath & Co., presented the 2018 Audit Report with the highest rating possible, an “unmodified” opinion.

ITEM 15: Variance Request - 9447 Stillwater Blvd.

City Planner Prchal presented the request for two variances for setback and building height to allow construction of an accessory structure. Applicant Todd Alguire explained that the accessory structure was designed to mimic the house design which caused the structure to be taller than allowed.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Dorschner, MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM TODD ALGUIRE FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING STANDARD(S): PLACEMENT OF AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE IN FRONT YARD, CLOSER TO THE FRONT PROPERTY LINE THAN THE PRINCIPLE STRUCTURE, SUBJECT TO RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, moved TO DENY THE REQUEST FROM TODD ALGUIRE FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING STANDARD(S): HEIGHT OF THE REQUESTED ACCESSORY BUILDING BEING MORE THAN 22 FT. IN HEIGHT. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 16: Preliminary 2020 General Fund and Annual Budget, Tax Levy & Public Hearing Date

Finance Director Iverson presented the financial management plan and proposed budget and levy.

Councilmember Dorschner, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-068, APPROVING THE 2020 PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND BUDGET, 2020 PRELIMINARY PROPERTY TAX LEVY, AND SETTING A PUBLIC

HEARING DATE FOR THE 2020 BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 17: Approve 2019 Engineering Design Standards Manual Update

City Engineer Griffin presented proposed updates to the Engineering Design Standards Manual.

Mayor Pearson, seconded by Councilmember McGinn, moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-068 THEREBY APPROVING THE ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS MANUAL AS REVISED APRIL 2019. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 18: Accept Heritage Farms Street and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Feasibility Report

City Engineer Griffin presented proposed scope of improvements, assessment figures, options and project schedule.

Barry Weeks, 3647 Lake Elmo Avenue N., commented on sewer connections.

Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember McGinn, moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-069, RECEIVING THE FEASIBILITY REPORT AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE HERITAGE FARMS STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS. Motion passed 5 – 0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pearson: Attended the Valley Branch Watershed District 50th Anniversary celebration.

Councilmember McGinn: Complimented staff on the new website.

STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrator Handt: Submitted a grant application to the Met Council, announced an upcoming public meeting regarding drinking water plan, received ten proposals for the Fire Department Study, provided a reminder of the upcoming special Council Workshop on September 24th.

City Attorney Sonsalla: Working on the Springs development and ordinance updates.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilmember McGinn, seconded by Councilmember Dorschner, moved TO RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 13D.05, SUBD. 3(B) TO DISCUSS MATTERS PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

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***PERTAINING TO PENDING LITIGATION RELATED TO THE JESUIT RETREAT
CENTER AT 8243 DEMONTREVILLE TR. N. Motion passed 5 – 0.***

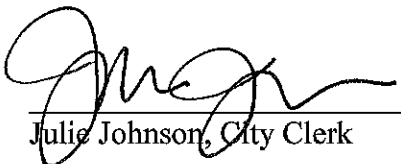
Closed session held.

***Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Dorschner, moved TO RETURN TO
OPEN SESSION. Motion passed 5 – 0.***

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:



Julie Johnson, City Clerk



Mike Pearson, Mayor