



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Minutes - Final - Final City Council

Monday, April 22, 2019

5:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Regular Meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council was held on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 5:10 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

CALL OF ROLL

Present 4 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Absent 1 - Councilor Michelle Toven

Staff present:

Chad Sterle, Matt Wegwerth, Steve Schaar, Lynn DeGrio, Scott Johnson, Will Richter, Barb Baird, Bob Cahill

MEETING PROTOCOL POLICY

PUBLIC FORUM

Beth George, 333 NE 8th Street, vehemently opposed to having voice control added to the ordinance for animals addressing at large dogs. Ms. George states that there have been several dog bites/attacks by at large, unleashed dogs and a blatant disregard for laws addressing animals.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Blake gives overview of current legislative session.

Mayor Adams will be highlighting local businesses at Council meetings. Tonight highlighting Sammy's Pizza for having specials and donating proceeds to the DAV and Ace Hardware, for supporting Caring for Kids for pediatric care. These Grand Rapids businesses go above and beyond to support the local community and its residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approving Council minutes for Monday, April 8, 2019 Worksession and Regular meetings.

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, seconded by Councilor Dale Christy, to approve Council minutes as presented. The motion PASSED by

unanimous vote.

VERIFIED CLAIMS

Consider approving the verified claims for the period April 2, 2019 to April 15, 2019 in the total amount of \$903,043.44.

A motion was made by Councilor Blake, seconded by Councilor Connelly, approving the verified claims as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 4 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider closing Debt Service Fund-Tax increment Financing District 1-9 Majestic Pines Senior Housing.
Approved by consent roll call
2. Consider a request by the Police Department to donate our found / abandoned bicycles to the Cap Baker Lions Club.
Approved by consent roll call
3. Consider approving a cooperative construction agreement related to CP 2019-1, Golf Course Road Utility Extension-Great River Acres, between the City of Grand Rapids and Itasca County.
Approved by consent roll call
4. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation of \$2,775.24 from TJ towing for towing services.
Adopted Resolution 19-31 by consent roll call
5. Consider approving temporary liquor license for American Legion, event scheduled for July 20, 2019.
Approved by consent roll call
6. Consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing a grant application to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).
Adopted Resolution 19-32 by consent roll call
7. Consider approving the plans and specifications and ordering the advertisement for bids for CP 2019-2, the Grand Rapids-Cohasset Connection Trail.
Approved by consent roll call

8. Consider a change in the wage schedule for Public Works Summer Maintenance I employees effective May 1, 2019.
Approved by consent roll call
9. Consider authorizing the Public Works Department to hire from the PW Part-Time Eligibility List for the 2019 Spring/Summer Maintenance Season.
Approved by consent roll call
10. Consider adopting a resolution supporting Get Fit Itasca's application to Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) for the 2019 Healthy Northland Active Communities Assistance Program.
Adopted Resolution 19-33 by consent roll call
11. Consider approving public service and infrastructure permanent easements and authorizing payment in the amount of \$1,991.85 to Blandin Paper Company related to CP 2019-2, Grand Rapids-Cohasset Connection Trail.
Approved by consent roll call
12. Consider approving a public service and infrastructure permanent easement and authorizing payment in the amount of \$2,408.94 to Chris Conner related to CP 2019-1, Golf Course Road Utility Extension-Great River Acres.
Approved by consent roll call
14. Consider authorizing staff to advertise with Do Bid the sale of miscellaneous office furniture from the Police Department related to previously approved Capital Improvement Project. In addition consider authorizing staff to advertise with Do Bid the sale of an Engineering Wide- Format Plain Paper Copier Model (OCE 7051).
Approved by consent roll call
- 14A. Consider approving On-sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License and On-sale Wine License with strong beer authorization for UnWined Up North, LLC.
Approved by consent roll call
- 14B. Consider approving Seasonal Golf Employees
Approved by consent roll call
- 14C. Consider authorizing staff to solicit quotes and accept low quote for refinishing of hardwood floor at True North Salon suite in Central School.
Approved by consent roll call

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Christy, seconded by Councilor Connelly, approving Consent agenda as amended. The motion carried by the following vote

Aye 4 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly

SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Christy, seconded by Councilor Rick Blake, approving the Regular agenda as amended. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

ACKNOWLEDGE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

15. Review and acknowledge approved minutes for Boards and Commissions.

Planning Commission: March 7, 2019

Library Board: March 13, 2019

Golf Board: March 19, 2019

PUC: March 13, 26 and April 17, 2019

Acknowledge Boards and Commissions

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

16. Pokegama Golf Course ~ Bob Cahill, Director of Golf

Bob Cahill, Director of Golf, provides an update to Council on current activities at Pokegama Golf Course, including: opening day was Saturday, April 20, 2019, Season pass sales have been strong, which can be purchased online as well as set up on a payment plan. Social media presence has increased with more followers, including videos reaching thousands of viewers and even being featured on WCCO at one point this winter. Pokegama Grill is once again operating concessions. After school program for 5th & 6th graders launching this year, S.N.A.G. program-golf in schools, begins on April 23rd at elementary schools, free golf to 18 and under with paid adult as part of Jr. Golf Program twice a week.

Received and Filed

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

17. Consider restructuring of the Public Works Department.

Lynn DeGrio, Director of Human Resources, presents proposed restructure to the Public Works Department, including appointment of Kevin Keetz to the position of PW Superintendent.

A motion was made by Councilor Connelly, seconded by Councilor Blake, approving the adoption of the job description for Director of Public Works/City Engineer; appointing Matthew Wegwerth to the position of Director of Public Works/City Engineer effective May 1, 2019 at a salary of \$95,516.84; appointing Jeff Davies as Special Projects Coordinator; appointing Kevin Keetz to the position of Public Works Superintendent effective May 1, 2019 at a salary of

\$75,000.00; authorizing City staff to begin the process of filling the Public Works Maintenance position vacated by Kevin Koetz; and authorizing City staff to begin the process of filling the newly-created Engineering Technician position. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 4 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly

17A.

Consider adopting an ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-1 - Animals, of the City of Grand Rapids Municipal Code.

Item moved from Consent #13, Councilor Blake would like this item to be tabled.

Chief Johnson appreciates the view of Ms. George, and notes that this ordinance change was to clarify "at large" in the code. Also noted that the Police Department does not receive regular complaints/reports regarding dogs at large, or harrassing residents.

A motion was made by Councilor Rick Blake, seconded by Councilor Dale Christy, to table ordinance amendment until next meeting. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

5:52 pm

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, seconded by Councilor Dale Christy, to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 pm. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk