



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Minutes - Final - Final City Council

Monday, March 23, 2020

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

BE ADVISED: Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021, Subdivision 1, some or all members may appear by telephone or other electronic means.

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Regular Meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council was held on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 5:05 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

CALL OF ROLL

All members present in person or audio conference call.

Present 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

Staff present:

Tom Pagel, Lynn DeGrio, Chad Sterle, Matt Wegwerth, Will Richter, Rob Mattei

MEETING PROTOCOL POLICY

Attorney Sterle provided overview of guidelines relevant to conducting public meetings by phone.

PUBLIC FORUM - PLEASE NOTE A TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE PROVIDED IF YOU ARE WATCHING ICTV

Mayor Adams provides the number to the public for calling in to address the Council under Public Forum. It is noted that there are no callers in que.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Adams noted he has had questions regarding recent fires and how the City is moving forward with Covid-19 issues.

Councilor Blake gave overview of testimony given at legislature and how Mr. Pagel's presentation was received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approving Council minutes for Monday, March 9, 2020 regular meeting and March 16, 2020 special meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, to approve Council minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

VERIFIED CLAIMS

Consider approving the verified claims for the period March 3, 2020 to March 16, 2020 in the total amount of \$1,071,154.65, of which \$379,385 are debt service payments.

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Dale Christy, to approve the verified claims as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approving a Cooperative Maintenance Agreement between Itasca County and the City of Grand Rapids for the maintenance of the traffic control signals and lighting.
Approved by consent roll call
2. Consider a resolution amending the City Wide fee schedule to update stormwater utility rates and other fees.
Adopted Resolution 20-22 by consent roll call
3. Consider approving the purchase of permanent and temporary easements related to CP 2015-3, Hwy 2 West Trail.
Approved by consent roll call
4. Consider approval of a resolution authorizing the City to make application to the MN Dept. of IRRR Community Infrastructure grant program.
Adopted Resolution 20-23 by consent roll call
5. Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing application and execution of a Limited Use Permit between the City of Grand Rapids and the Commissioner of Transportation, State of Minnesota for CP 2015-3, Highway 2 West Trail
Adopted Resolution 20-24 by consent roll call

6. Consider entering into an agreement with an area business for advertising at the IRA Civic Center.

Approved by consent roll call

7. Consider approving a resolution to accept a \$1,000 donation from the Blandin Foundation for the Independence Day Fireworks at Pokegama Lake.

Adopted Resolution 20-25 by consent roll call

8. Consider reappointment of Nathan Morlan to the position of Part-time Firefighter.

Approved by consent roll call

9. Consider adopting a list of temporary back-up firefighters.

Approved by consent roll call

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Rick Blake, seconded by Councilor Tasha Connelly, to Approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Christy, second by Councilor Rick Blake, to approve the Regular agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

ACKNOWLEDGE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

10. Review and acknowledge approved minutes for Boards & Commissions.

Acknowledge Boards and Commissions

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

11. Community Development Department Report

Rob Mattei, Director of Community Development, provided overview of department activities including building activities and permitting, business development, staffing, etc. A full report is on file for review upon request.

Received and Filed

PUBLIC HEARINGS - PLEASE NOTE A TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE PROVIDED IF YOU ARE WATCHING ICTV

12. Conduct a public hearing to consider the vacation of public utility easements retained by the Village of Grand Rapids in June of 1938 through recorded document number 133666.

Mr. Mattei provided overview of vacation request, Planning Commission review and recommendations.

Mayor Adams stated that this is the time and place for all those who wish to be heard on the subject of the vacation request. It is noted that all required notices have been made and the Clerk's office has not received correspondence on this matter.

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Christy, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, to open the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

No one wished to speak, therefore the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Rick Blake, to close the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

13. Consider the adoption of a resolution either approving or denying the vacation of public utility easements retained by the Village of Grand Rapids in June of 1938 through recorded document number 133666.

A motion was made by Councilor Rick Blake, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly adopting Resolution 20-26, approving vacation of public utility easements retained by Village of Grand Rapids as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Christy, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 PM. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

Respectfully submitted:

Lynn DeGrio, Director of Human Resources