



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Minutes - Final - Final City Council

Monday, April 12, 2021

5:00 PM

City Hall 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, April 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

CALL OF ROLL

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

Staff present:

Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Shawn Graeber, Travis Cole, Rob Mattei, Will Richter, Lasha Karels

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations establishing April as Military Child Month

Received and Filed

MEETING PROTOCOL POLICY

PUBLIC FORUM - PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to address the Council under public forum, please call 218-327-8833 during the meeting.

Bryan Vroman, 310 S. Pokegama Avenue, addressed the Council regarding concerns over recent appointment process of members to the Police Community Advisory Board. Making note that incumbent members were not offered opportunity for reappointment. Concerned with process and transparency, as well as possible conflict of interest.

Megan Phillips, 307 Condor Street, recent member of the PCA Board expressed concern over appointment process including appointing retired law enforcement and the fact that she was not advised of term expiration and invited to apply for re-appointment as is standard practice.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Blake provided overview of WWMPB meeting in which MN DOT was in attendance discussing planned safety updates on 169 highway.

Councilor Adams noted visitor positive comments regarding the golf course and trail system.

Mayor Christy advised that conversations are taking place with Jefferson Lines regarding future collaboration to increase services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approving Council minutes for Monday, March 22, 2021 Regular meeting

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, seconded by Councilor Michelle Toven, to approve Council minutes as presented. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

VERIFIED CLAIMS

Consider approving the verified claims for the period March 16, 2021 to April 5, 2021 in the total amount of \$1,247,009.21.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approving Itasca County classification of tax-forfeited land.
Approved by consent roll call
2. Consider adopting two resolutions requesting conveyance of tax-forfeited parcels for public use
Adopted Resolutions 21-23 & 21-24 by consent roll call
3. Consider authorizing the Public Works Department to hire from the PW Part-Time Eligibility List for the 2021 Spring/Summer Maintenance Season.
Approved by consent roll call
4. Consider accepting Grand Rapids EDA Annual Report for the year 2020.
Approved by consent roll call

5. Consider approving an amendment with the State of Minnesota to the LUP for the Highway 2 West Trail
Approved by consent roll call
6. Consider adopting a resolution awarding a contract for CP 2021-2, 5th Street SW Reconstruction.
Adopted Resolution 21-25 by consent roll call
8. Consider adopting a resolution calling for a Public Hearing on Capital Improvement Plan and Tax Abatements and issuance of General Obligation Bonds.
Adopted Resolution 21-26 by consent roll call
9. Consider approving Seasonal Golf Employee
Approved by consent roll call
10. Consider approving temporary liquor application for IEDC
Approved by consent roll call
11. Consider approving TNT Construction Group, LLC Phase 1 New Fire Hall Change Order #004 in the amount of \$1200.
Approved by consent roll call
12. Consider adopting a resolution amending the City Wide Fee Schedule
Adopted Resolution 21-27 by consent roll call
13. Consider a contract with Crossover Touring for the performance of Charlie Parr at the Grand Rapids Riverfest on September 10, 2021.
Approved by consent roll call
14. Consider authorizing staff to solicit bids to dispose of old bleachers.
Approved by consent roll call
15. Consider approving Limited Season On-sale Liquor License application and approve limited season license for Grand Rapids Speedway
Approved by consent roll call

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Rick Blake, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, approving the amended Consent agenda, moving item #7 to item #18a under Administration. The motion carried by the following vote

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

SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, approving the Regular agenda as amended. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

ACKNOWLEDGE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

- 15. Review and acknowledge minutes for Boards & Commissions

Acknowledge Boards and Commissions

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 16. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation of pallet rack material to the Fire Department.

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Adams, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, adopting Resolution 21-28, accepting donation of pallet rack material from MN Power. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

GOLF COURSE

- 17. Consider approving Golf Course Asphalt Proposal

A motion was made by Councilor Rick Blake, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, approving proposal for asphalt at Pokegama Golf Course. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

- 18. Consider accepting the resignation from Debra Moebakken, Library Public Services Clerk, from the Grand Rapids Area Library.

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Rick Blake, accepting the resignation of Deb Moebakken from Library Public Service Clerk and authorizing staff to fill the position. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

18a.

Consider adopting changes to City Council By-Laws

Council discussed various aspects of by-laws and the current process and requirements for appointing members to boards and commissions.

A motion was made by Councilor Dale , second by Councilor Rick Blake, to approve draft changes to Council By-laws. The motion FAILED for lack of second.

A motion was made by Councilor Rick Blake, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, to table the proposed changes to Council by-laws until April 26, 2021 Worksession. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk