

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 11, 2014

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Centennial Building.

Members present: Mayor Mark Hanus; Council members Heidi Gesch, Kelli Gillispie and Ray Salazar

Members absent: Mark Wegscheid

Others present: City Manager Kandis Hanson, Fin Dir/Clerk/Treasurer Catherine Pausche, Attorney Julie Eddington, State Senator David Osmek, Theresa Malloy, Phil Velsor, Harry Cushing

Consent agenda: All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature by the Council. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in normal sequence.

1. Open meeting

Mayor Hanus called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve agenda

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Gillispie, to approve the agenda as amended. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Consent agenda

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Gillispie, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

- A. Approve payment of claims in the amount of \$182,573.83
- B. Approve minutes of the January, 28, 2014 regular meeting.
- C. Approve the rescheduling of the following meetings:
 - 1. Regular City Council meeting from March 11, 2014 to March 12, 2014 due to lack of quorum.
 - 2. Regular City Council meeting on August 12, 2014 from regular start time of 7:00 p.m. to immediately follow HRA meeting set for 8:00 p.m. due to the Primary Election.
 - 3. Regular City Council meeting from November 11, 2014 to November 12, 2014 due to the Veterans Day holiday.
- D. **RESOLUTION NO. 14-18: RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CONTINUATION OF CDBG FUNDING OF WESTONKA COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK (WeCAN)**

5. Comments and suggestions from citizens present on any item not on the agenda.

Phil Velsor, 3232 Gladstone Lane, asking when the ordinance on chickens and bees will be on the agenda. Pausche stated possibly March and that staff can let him know if he leaves his phone number. In addition, Velsor asked when Tuxedo Boulevard is scheduled for a street project. Hanson stated it will be done in three segments and is slated to begin in 2016.

6. Julie Eddington, of Kennedy and Graven, recommending action to extend the Five-Year Rule for the Mound Harbor Tax Increment Financing District 1-3 through legislative efforts.

Julie Eddington provided back ground on TIF District 1-3 and stated a five year extension to the five year rule was approved in 2009. Due to the recession, Staff recommends requesting another five year extension from May 5, 2015 to May 5, 2020, in order to allow more time for redevelopment activities that will qualify for tax increment.

MOTION by Gesch, seconded by Salazar, to express support to extend the Five Year Rule for the Mound Harbor Tax Increment Financing District 1-3 through legislative efforts. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Visit by Minnesota Senator David Osmek.

Senator Osmek handed out copies of the bill to request an extension of the five year rule for Mound Harbor Tax Increment Financing District 1-3 that he will be sponsoring in the legislature this session. Senator Osmek gave background on legislation and initiatives that have taken place during his first year in office, including allowing commuter buses to have access to shoulder lanes during rush hour and drafting legislation for Joint Power Authority's (JPA's) to be included in the sales tax exemption legislation.

Mayor Hanus asked Senator Osmek to elaborate on the actions by the Met Council. Osmek said the challenge is to get the Met Council to look at different options for transit other than their vision. Osmek stated the legislation he proposed would use existing infrastructure and not cost the tax payer anything.

8. Discussion on the posting of email addresses and related response protocols.

Hanson stated a non-Mound resident requested email addresses in addition to phone numbers be included in the quarterly City Contact. Hanson also said in some cities there are protocols and asked if there were preferences the Council wanted to express. Salazar reiterated the request and Hanus said the email information is contained on the website. Gesch wondered why the City did not provide an official email address from a legal and security perspective.

Mayor Hanus said past protocol was that the City Manager would pole the Council on minor topics like this and he does not feel a change is necessary. Hanson said some concerns were expressed over City responses to emails. Gillispie stated she had concerns about sensitivity of the tone of emails. Hanson said Wegscheid said it is important that Council members should restrain responses and make sure the facts are checked with Staff.

Hanus said efforts have been made to make things work as efficiently as possible and he would not like to see any changes at this time. Hanus said one of the comments expressed to him by a council member was a concern that results could be slanted in the polling method. Hanus did not feel that was a concern.

9. Information/Miscellaneous

Mayor Hanus asked a gentleman in the audience if he was here to speak to the Council. The Mayor invited him to come forward to introduce his issue. Harry Cushing, 2020 Commerce Boulevard, explained he was on the verge of being removed from his apartment and wanted to know how much information was being shared with the Council as he has concerns about how things were handled. Mayor Hanus interrupted to say that this is an HRA issue, not a City Council issue, and that Mr. Cushing needs to come to an HRA meeting.

A. Comments/reports from Council members/City Manager:

Kelli Gillispie announced that the Moonlight Trail Night will take place Saturday, February 15, 2014, from 6 pm to 9pm, on the Dakota Trail from Westedge Boulevard to Spring Park City Hall. Gillispie stated many vendor booths and activities have been planned and encouraged people to attend.

B. Minutes:

C. Reports: Fire Commission meeting agenda: January 22, 2014

D. Correspondence:

10. Adjourn

MOTION by Gesch, seconded by Salazar, to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk



Mayor Mark Hanus