

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2012

The City Council of the City of Mound, Minnesota, met in special session on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall.

Members present: Mayor Mark Hanus; Councilmembers Kelli Gillispie, Ray Salazar, Heidi Gesch and David Osmek.

Others present: City Manager Kandis Hanson, Finance Director Catherine Pausche, Police Chief Dean Mooney, Blaza Fugina

1. Open meeting

Mayor Hanus called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Update on Fire Study

Mayor Hanus gave a brief update on the Fire Study. The Mayor had met with the St. Bonifacius Mayor on Saturday, April 7, 2012, and the St. Boni Mayor seemed open to contracting with the City of Mound to provide coverage to Minnetrista, thereby achieving one fire contract for Minnetrista.

3. Update on Police Study

The Mayor gave an update on the discussion for police services and stated that the workshop was meant to feel out each council member as to where they stand in having a say on selection of a police chief and whether they want to proceed with the overall discussion of a contract for services.

Both Minnetrista's current proposal and Mound's responses to date were shared with the attendees. Mayor Hanus closed a portion of the meeting per Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.03, to consider strategies related to labor negotiations under the Public Employment Labor Relations Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 179A.

Mayor Hanus reconvened the meeting at 8:30pm and asked each council member to state their preferences. Mayor Hanus stated overall, he votes yes to proceed with discussions because he wants to take one more crack at it. Council Member Ray Salazar stated that he would like to be closer to the 10-15% savings as stated at the October meeting, as well as he would like to see the advisory board have more influence, but based on the input from Chief Mooney, some of his reservations had been addressed, and he would vote "yes" to proceed with discussions. Council Member Gillispie said the same. Council Member Gesch stated the building situation is a huge issue for her and she would need to see more plausible alternatives, but that she was willing to continue negotiations.

Council Member David Osmek was the last to vote, and stated even with some of the labor trade-offs, he was leaning against contracting. He stated the long-term use for the public safety building was his biggest concern. He stated he from the start of negotiations, he always thought

there would be some police presence in the facility with some activity level. He did not feel the savings were compelling enough, even if future costs would rise for the City, but he was willing to let discussions go forward. He wants to see some level of performance measurement/triggers or that the City of Mound could enact a probationary period where Minnetrista was given a year to rectify any concerns brought forward and then an out-clause could be exercised that allowed Mound also to recoup some of the contributed capital.

Ray Salazar also reiterated his concerns about the savings being more compelling. The Mayor said the committee would meet with Minnetrista on Tuesday, April 17th to continue negotiations.

4. Adjourn

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Mark Hanus

Attest: Catherine Pausche