



- E. **ORDINANCE NO. 07-2016: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE MOUND CITY CODE AS IT RELATES TO OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC PEACE AND ORDER**
  - F. **RESOLUTION NO. 16-95: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF AN ORDINANCE BY TITLE AND SUMMARY**
  - G. **RESOLUTION NO. 16-96: RESOLUTION APPROVING DRIVEWAY EASEMENT AGREEMENT OVER PID NO. 24-117-24-41-0165**
  - H. **RESOLUTION NO. 16-97: RESOLUTION APROVING THE MOUND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR 5524 SPRUCE ROAD AND PUTTING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT INTO EFFECT**
  - I. **RESOLUTION NO. 16-98: RESOLUTION APPROVING PERMITS FOR 2016 OUR LADY OF THE LAKE INCREDIBLE FESTIVAL**
  - J. Approve Pay Request No. 11 from Geislinger & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$34,766.20 for the 2015 Street, Utility and Retaining Wall Improvements - Grandview Boulevard and Tuxedo Boulevard, City Project Nos. PW-15-02 and PW-15-02
  - K. Approve Pay Request No. 1 from Ryan contracting Company in the amount of \$144,840.80 for the 2016 Street, Utility and Retaining Wall Improvements - Bartlett Boulevard, Tuxedo Boulevard Phase II and Cypress/Maywood, City Project Nos. PW-16-01, PW-16-02 and PW-16-03
  - L. **RESOLUTION NO. 16-99: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR BETWEEN MEI AND THE CITY OF MOUND**
5. **Comments and suggestions from citizens present on any item not on the agenda.**  
None offered
6. **Amy Velsor, 3232 Gladstone Lane, requesting discussion with the City Council about proposed amendments to Chapter 14 of the City Code (Animals) to allow chickens**  
Amy Velsor, 3232 Gladstone Lane, said she is speaking on behalf of residents of Mound who feel chickens would be beneficial to the community and said petitions supporting chicken keeping in Mound can be found at change.org (148 signatures) and also on the Facebook page which has 102 likes. Velsor said her husband made a request in 2012/13 but that it was voted down by the previous council. Velsor read her research on the subject and said chickens are the ultimate recyclers and that they can teach lessons on sustainability and reduce the miles of travel from producer to consumer. Velsor said the eggs look different and taste amazing and have better nutrients than store bought eggs. Velsor said there are no salmonella outbreaks to fear or egg shortages when they are produced in your backyard and noted that chickens have personalities and behave as pets.
- Velsor said a flock of 4 or 5 are not a business, and that it could actually cost more than store bought eggs. Velsor said people don't do it for the money but the satisfaction of self sustainability. Velsor agreed that chickens make noise but no more than the average dog.

Velsor noted other communities have made allowances for the number of chickens based on lot size and recommended the Council consider adopting Golden Valley's code and requirements, which she read verbatim.

Velsor said she feels she adequately addressed all of the concerns noted when the original request was declined in 2012. Velsor noted there are classes on chicken rearing offered by Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and Gale Woods Farm.

Kurt Silton, 3237 Gladstone Lane, said he is a neighbor to the Velsors and that he would have no problem with the Velsors owning chickens.

Mayor Wegscheid asked the council for input.

Peterson said she knows many communities have changed their code to allow chickens.

Wegscheid said he feels the challenge he hears from community members is a concern about image. Velsor said she grew up in Edina and they allow chickens.

Gillispie said Mound has to consider the topography and lot sizes and does not have to necessarily do what other cities do. She also said the fees would never recoup the cost and the City has tried to streamline similar processes.

Salazar agreed the lot sizes are an issue and the current staff can't necessarily absorb the responsibility for licensing and inspections. Salazar also asked where does the city draw the line as the City has heard requests for alpacas and he could see other requests for goats, etc. Salazar said the last time chickens were allowed was in 1962 and he does not feel it is appropriate for the community.

Gesch said she is not necessarily against chickens. She thanked Velsor for the research, bringing examples of code, and addressing the previous concerns. Gesch said based on conversations with residents she feels an obligation as the decision maker and she would vote against it mainly because of the lot sizes.

Peterson said the other council members have had more of a chance to explore and talk to members of the community, but she does recognize there is a new movement afoot.

Wegscheid said that based on the comments it does not sound like there is support to bring it back. Gesch asked if the Golden Valley code is on line and Velsor replied yes. Peterson said people are passionate about it and questioned if it deserved further consideration. Gillespie asked about the setbacks on lake lots and Smith said chickens would be subject to the setbacks and that is not an issue.

Gesch said Staff analyzed lot sizes the last time and it was surprising how many small lots there were.

Phil Velsor, 3232 Gladstone, suggested just not allowing chickens on smaller lots.

Discussion ensued and Wegscheid asked how do you allow it for some and not others and not run into conflicts. Velsor asked where are the people who don't support it? Gillespie said the presentation was excellent and she is willing to discuss it further but does not see her position changing.

Wegscheid said it will be discussed further at the October 18th Special Meeting Workshop at 6:30pm.

**7. Information/Miscellaneous**

A. Comments/reports from Council Members

Hoversten noted the following meetings/special events:

- WeCAN Ready to learn program/school supplies collection - August 19th
- Farmers Market and More, booth set up for council - August 20th
- Firemen and Policemen Charity Softball Tournament - August 24th
- Heartsafe Training at Fire Station - August 25th
- Running of the Bays on September 10<sup>th</sup>

B. Reports: Fire Department - July 2016

C. Minutes:

- D. Correspondence: Aug 24, 2016 Charity Softball Game - Fire Dept. vs Police Depts  
Aug 25, 2016 Heart Safe Hands-on CPR & AED Training  
Xcel Energy - Notice of Public Hearings on Proposed  
Rate Increase  
Chris Vogt - LMCC - Notice of National Award Finalists

**8. Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Gesch, seconded by Gillispie, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. All voted in favor.  
Motion carried.

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Mayor Mark Wegscheid

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Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk