

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 26, 2020

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in a rescheduled regular session on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Centennial Building.

Members present: Mayor Ray Salazar; Council members Phil Velsor, Jeff Bergquist, Paula Larson, and Sherrie Pugh

Members absent: None

Others present: City Manager Eric Hoversten, Fin Dir/Clerk/Treasurer Catherine Pausche, City Engineer Brian Simmons, City Planner Rita Trapp, Building Official Scott Qualle, Tim Nichols, Ben Landhauser, Fire Chief Greg Pederson, Paul Mendoza, Dr. Kevin Sipprell, Ann Chemin, Johann Chemin, Kevin Johansen, Bob Aland, Scott Gates, Steve Zielinski, Joanie Zielinski

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 Salazar called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve agenda

MOTION by Bergquist, seconded by Velsor, to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Consent agenda

Velsor requested item 4C be pulled for discussion.

MOTION by Larson, seconded by Pugh, 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 \$385,569.26.

B. Approve minutes: 02-11-2020 regular meeting.

C. (pulled)

4C. (pulled) Approve Resolution Ordering the Abatement of a Hazardous Building Located at 4801 Tuxedo Blvd. in the City of Mound

Velsor asked for this to be pulled for discussion because the property now has a for sale sign in front and he would like to know how that impacts this action. Hoversten said they are looking for engagement with the owner that has been difficult up until now. Hoversten noted that this

property has been for sale on and off and any court action will carry with the property so the City does not have to worry about who is the owner.

Scott Qualle, Building Official, said the court order will require the owner to act within 20 days and said that there is a 'Do Not Occupy' order on the property that should serve as notice to potential buyers. Qualle said he could also notify the listing agent.

MOTION by Velsor, second by Larson, to approve the following resolution. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-21: RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF A HAZARDOUS BUILDING LOCATED AT 4801 TUXEDO BLVD. IN THE CITY OF MOUND

5. Comments and suggestions from citizens present on any item not on the agenda.
None were offered.

6. City of Mound Heart Safe designation from the Minnesota Department of Health and American Heart Association, presented by Paul Mendoza, MN Heart Safe Representative, Fire Chief Greg Pederson, and Dr. Kevin Sipprell, Mound Fire Medical Director

Fire Chief Greg Pederson, Paul Mendoza from North Memorial Heart Safe Communities, and Kevin Sipprell, Medical director for Ridgeview Ambulance and the Mound Fire Department introduced themselves. Dr. Sipprell congratulated and thanked the community for the effort that has gone into obtaining this designation noting that it is a big deal. Sipprell said this effort resulted in many more people being trained in CPR and the use of defibrillators.

A video was played of the Heart Safe Training at Westonka School District where 1000 students were trained in one day. Mendoza asked the Council if they have been trained and whether they know where the closest AED is located. Chief Pederson said he will forward a list of AEDs in the community and noted they are available on the website. Larson said she administered CPR twice successfully and she always encourages young mothers to learn for their infants.

Mayor Salazar was presented with an award plaque designated Mound as a Heart Safe Community.

7. City Engineer Brian Simmons presenting an Engineering Study for reconstruction of Surfside Park North Parking Lot Area, Stormwater, and Drainage Improvements, requesting discussion and action on a resolution receiving report and authorizing preparation of plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids for the Surfside Parking Lot Improvement Project, City Project PW-20-01

Simmons gave an overview of the proposed project noting the boat launch would not be included. Simmons said soft scape would be added to better distinguish the swimming area from the boat launch and that Chapman Place is considering a joint project for their parking lot and spaces. Salazar asked about the launch and Hoversten said it is owned by the DNR and it is in acceptable shape. Simmons said the two islands are recommended to remain, one is a lift station and one is for traffic management. Simmons said Chapman Place would be offered a cooperative agreement and the estimated cost is \$27,175 in addition to the City's estimated cost of \$248,466. Simmons said these improvements are part of the Surfside Master Plan and these

improvements will not be disturbed with any further improvements. Salazar confirmed access for further park improvements will occur from the other side to protect these improvements and Simmons concurred.

Bergquist asked what the turf restoration is on the shoreline side. Simmons said Staff cut in a drainage swale and the desire is to make more of delineation to buffer the swim area from launch. Bergquist asked when this will be done and Hoversten said ideally during the 2020 construction season taking into consideration the major events like the festival and dog days but cautioned too many demands will raise contractor risk. Simmons said the paving can happen pretty rapidly, possibly within two weeks.

Pugh asked about whether the businesses will be notified. Bergquist said after Labor Day would be best. Simmons agreed and said tonight is just to confirm whether the Council wants to pursue the project. Simmons said the gate access is to allow for maintenance but prevent unauthorized use. Hoversten said this is the first step in the Surfside Master Plan.

MOTION by Bergquist, second by Velsor, to approve the following resolution. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-22: RESOLUTION RECEIVING REPORT AND AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE SURFSIDE PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Yohann Chemin, 6039 Beachwood Road, asked if the area that is slated for softs cape is where people currently beach their jet skis. Hoversten said there is still an area reserved for beaching but there is a specific intent to separate activities for safety. Chemin asked if the pavement material will facilitate drainage. Simmons said pervious pavers were considered but slow moving turning doesn't work well with them and sand is also incompatible.

8. Council Member Sherrie Pugh with an update on the 2020 Census

Pugh read a statement that the Hennepin County Complete Count Committee is hiring and around the 12th of March every resident will be mailed a card with instructions on how to fill out the census form on-line. Pugh said resources are available for those who may have challenges and encouraged everyone to do your Census in 2020 beginning April 1st.

Salazar reiterated the County's communication efforts noting there will be door to door efforts for households who have not responded.

9. Information/Miscellaneous

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

Hoversten noted the following dates:

Feb 29 – Harbor Wine & Spirits Grand Reopening to celebrate remodel

10:00 am ribbon cutting, sale, tastings continue all day and profits come back to the community

March 3 – Presidential Nominating Primary – early voting has begun

March 20 – 29 – Westonka School District Spring Break

April 21 – Department Heads Annual Reports

Salazar said he visited the liquor store and stated he was so impressed with the staff, new layout and remodel.

Salazar noted WeCAB had a great year and celebrated with a volunteer dinner and award ceremony, noting the organization passed the 200K mile mark and encouraged people to consider volunteering.

B. Reports: Engineering Hours as of 12-31-19

C. Minutes: January 9, 2020 Parks & Open Spaces Commission

D. Correspondence:

10. Adjourn

MOTION by Bergquist, seconded by Velsor, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Raymond J. Salazar

Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk