

**MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**January 9, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council chambers of the Centennial Building.

Members present: Mayor Mark Wegscheid, Council Members Ray Salazar, Jennifer Peterson, Kelli Gillispie, and Jeff Bergquist

Members absent: None

Others present: City Manager and Director of Public Works Eric Hoversten, Director of Finance and Administrative Services Catherine Pausche, Director of Community Development Sarah Smith, Building Official Scott Qualle, Tom Knox, Olivia Turpin, Audrey Woychick, Rod Colson, Loris Colson, Debbie Falk

*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 Council Member or citizen so requests, in which event it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in normal sequence.*

**1. Open meeting**

Mayor Wegscheid called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approve agenda**

Hoversten introduced replacement pages for item 4F (54 - 54.2), 4G (55), 4P (83-85) and 4Q (90-91.4) and also requested that item 6 be removed due to it being erroneously included on this agenda.

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

**4. Consent agenda**

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

A. Approve payment of claims in the amount of \$900,473.14

**B. RESOLUTION NO. 18-01: RESOLUTION APPOINTING KELLI GILLISPIE AS ACTING MAYOR FOR 2018**

**C. RESOLUTION NO. 18-02: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2018**

**D. RESOLUTION NO. 18-03: RESOLUTION APPOINTING FINANCE DIRECTOR/CLERK/TREASURER CATHERINE PAUSCHE AS ACTING CITY MANAGER FOR 2018**

- E. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-04: RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIELD OFFICER STEWART SIMON AS ASSISTANT WEED INSPECTOR FOR 2018**
  - F. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-05: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF BONDING AS PROVIDED UNDER MINNESOTA STATE STATUTE 412.111**
  - G. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-06: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR 2018**
  - H. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-07: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE LAKER AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR 2018**
  - I. Approve request for commercial kennel license for Mound Emergency Management Division, waiving the fee
  - J. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-08: RESOLUTION MAKING A SELECTION NOT TO WAIVE THE STATUTORY TORT LIMITS FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE PURPOSES**
  - K. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-09: RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CONTINUATION OF CDBG FUNDING OF WESTONKA COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK (WeCAN)**
  - L. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-10: RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTIONS 17-1XX ADOPTING FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2018**
  - M. Confirm 2017 Hennepin County Assessor Open Book Meeting for Wednesday, May 2, 2018 from 5 pm to 7 pm in the Council Chambers at 5341 Maywood Road
  - N. Approve a 1 Day to 4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Northwest Tonka Lions Chili Feed for the Troops Fundraiser on January 14, 2018 at the Gillespie Center, with fees paid
  - O. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-11: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER SIGN MNDOT AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AID ON BEHALF OF CITY OF MOUND**
  - P. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-12: RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PLAT FOR EVA AND ABBIE ADDITION AT 4873 SHORELINE DRIVE**
  - Q. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-13: RESOLUTION APPROVING EASEMENT OVER PID NO. 25-117-24-21-0026 FOR ROAD AND UTILITIES PURPOSES ON PARCEL ADJACENT TO 3206 WARNER ROAD**
5. **Comments and suggestions from citizens present on any item not on the agenda.**  
Debbie Falk, 1713 Canary Lane, said she lives next to the wolves and is asking why the state allows such dangerous animals. Falk said her dogs have gotten kennel cough and one of her puppies died from it. Falk said she is upset that the safety of the neighborhood is put at risk and wonders if a child will be the next to be injured. Falk said her lawyer sent the Community Service Officer (CSO) information and was told that the CSO does not intend to do anything. Falk said she has videos of the dogs in her yard and of them howling. Falk said the dog was on a 40 foot rope when he attacked her husband and it also attacked a small Chiwawa. Falk said the owner does not control the dogs. Falk said her lawyer intended to come to the meeting and is aware of the situation and she feels the Orono

Police Department and City of Mound should be doing more to get the breeding papers and not rely on DNA testing, which she has been told is not conclusive.

Peterson noted that the City has moved past the breed mattering per State Statute. Mayor Wegscheid said there has been multiple meetings on the subject and the City's level of local control is dictated by State Statute. Falk said a little girl pulled her dog's tail and the dog bit the girl's lip and the City made her put the dog down. Falk said she has contacted the media and plans to protest in front of the house until something is done. Falk said she is having the fence tested for kennel cough.

Mayor Wegscheid said the City is doing what it can within its jurisdiction and that the neighbors should continue their efforts.

Council Member Ray Salazar arrived at 7:06pm and apologized for being late, which is not the norm, but said he is recovering from surgery.

6. **Visit by Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Johnson (REMOVED)**

7. **Presentation by Building Official Scott Qualle of MNSpect on status of upgrade to electronic permit application software and administrative processing**

Scott Qualle addressed the Council and said the final changes have been submitted to the software developer but that many features went live yesterday. Qualle said customers will be able to pay on-line and pull electrical permits in the next week or so.

Qualle said with regard to City Force, there are some formatting issues that continue to be worked on, including showing the complete inspection list based on permit type. Qualle anticipates Feb 1 as the go-live date when inspectors will begin using tablets to perform paperless inspections.

Qualle said every permit issued since November 1<sup>st</sup> has been uploaded and there are plans to upload all electronic files for each PID to provide 6 - 8 years of historical information on permits.

Wegscheid asked about whether there are any intellectual property considerations and Qualle said the City gets copies of everything, but will be given the electronic version as well. Wegscheid asked about back-up. Qualle said there is a continuous back-up and that that is backed-up on a weekly basis. Qualle said they have had two ransom ware attacks recently and they only lost 20 minutes of work. Qualle said everything on City Force will be in the cloud, which will also help.

Hoversten said Staff will revisit the contract to ensure data practices and ownership are adequately addressed.

8. **Update to Council by City Manager and Director of Public Works Eric Hoversten regarding December 12, 2017 resident comments regarding Belmont/Shoreline crosswalk safety**

Hoversten said Mr. Dahl asked if the City could do anything about the safety of the cross walk at Belmont and Shoreline. Hoversten said in the short term he asked the City Engineers to look at product offerings to highlight the fact there is a cross walk there, including LEDs highlighting the signs, putting cross walk signs in the traffic lanes, etc.

Hoversten said in the long term he believes the potential development around Auditor’s Road will provide an opportunity to revisit the traffic flow and crossing. Peterson asked if any of the short term ideas will be implemented and when. Hoversten said people tend to numb to signs and that changing them up periodically may help. Hoversten said he would like the engineers to make recommendations based on their broader experience with many other cities. Hoversten said there are problems with the trail and pedestrian crossings in such close proximity because there are different rules as to what the autos are suppose to do depending on the type of pedestrian (walker vs. on bike). Hoversten said he has asked Three Rivers to do a safety trail crossing study. Salazar said all of this was studied years ago and adjustments were made at that time. Hoversten said because it is a true intersection, it would be difficult to eliminate the crossing. Hoversten said reducing the number of crossings and having consistent expectations of the driver’s reaction will improve safety. Salazar said he thinks what was done in Navarre and Tonka Bay is too busy and he does not want to see that approach adopted. Gillispie said there are site line issues with the “S” curve that makes this situation more dangerous.

Wegscheid said it is important that when residents bring forward issues the Council and Staff thoroughly research options. Wegscheid noted that the issue brought forward earlier about the dogs on Three Points is also being thoroughly investigated. Peterson said she would like to see the dog issue and options brought back soon for discussion.

**9. Information/Miscellaneous**

A. Comments/reports from Council Members

Hoversten reported that the Council will resume the normal meeting schedule in 2018 which is the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month and noted the following other dates:

- Jan 15 - MLK Holiday
- Feb 19 - Presidents Day Holiday
- June 2 - Fish Fry
- Jul 20 21 - Spirit of the Lakes Festival
- TBD - joint special meeting/workshop with City Council and Planning Commission

- B. Reports: Harbor Wine & Spirits: Dec 2017
- C. Minutes:
- D. Correspondence: CenterPoint Energy Notice of Public Hearings for Rate Case  
MN 4th District Court Municipality Reassignments

**10. Adjourn**

MOTION by Peterson, seconded by Gillispie, to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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Mayor Mark Wegscheid

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Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk