

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 22, 2019

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 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, Consulting Engineer Brian Simmons, Elizabeth Hustad, John Evans, Shirley Evans, Connor Soule, Christopher T.R., Michael MacDonald, Mark Peterson Cansoli, Givlia Rabello, Claire Russick, Jack Farrell, Tatum Larsen

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 Pugh, to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Salazar invited a student to introduce the group in the audience. Jack Farrell, 2250 Bayview Road, said the group is in Mr. Kuehl's Advanced Government or Government class at Westonka High School. Farrell said he really likes the class and they are learning about being an informed citizen and the election process. Mayor Salazar said he and two other area mayors attended the class last week which he enjoyed.

4. Consent agenda

Larson asked for item 4B to be removed for discussion.

MOTION by Velsor, 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 \$523,809.78.
- B. Removed.
- C. Approve Pay Request No. 12 and Final to Park Construction in the amount of \$40,869.48 for the 2017 Street, Utility, and Retaining Wall Improvement, Project; PW-17-01,02,03,04

D. Approve Pay Request No. 1 to Thul Specialty Contracting in the amount of \$72,337.75 for the 2019 Manhole Rehabilitation Project; PW-19-09

E. RESOLUTION NO. 19-77: RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLIC LANDS PERMIT FOR DECORATIVE ROCK/ENTRANCE MONUMENT ON CITY PARK AT THE INTERSECTION OF ARBOR LANE AND EDGEWATER DRIVE

4B. (Removed) Approve minutes of the 10-15-19 special meeting workshop.

Larson requested that the other attendees including Ray Hanson, Public Works Superintendent and Fire Chief Greg Pederson be added to the official record meeting minutes.

MOTION by Larson, seconded by Velsor, to approve the minutes from the 10-15-19 special meeting workshop as amended. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

None were offered.

6. City Engineer Brian Simmons requesting discussion and action to approve an engineering study for a 2020 lift station improvements at Avalon Park (Sta. J-1)

Simmons noted no lift station was scheduled for reconstruction in 2019 because the Fernside Forcemain was prioritized instead. Simmons noted the Fernside Forcemain has been delayed to 2020 but Staff is recommending a 2020 lift station improvement project for Station J-1 at Avalon Park to keep on track with the 10-year replacement plan for the remaining stations.

Simmons showed slides demonstrating what old lift stations look like and explained why they are problematic, including rust and deterioration of the old metal tanks. Simmons showed a new modern lift station with SCADA controls and a natural gas generator.

Bergquist asked if all lift stations have power generators, and Simmons said the generators are assigned based on volume processed and noted the plan is to upgrade all remaining diesel generators with natural gas. Hoversten said all 21 lift stations that have been reconstructed include natural gas generators as will the remaining 9 as they are rebuilt. Hoversten said voltage generators are being adjusted on the aging generators but the plan is to swap them out with natural gas for reliability. Salazar asked why they were not used in the first place and Simmons speculated cost savings.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-78: RESOLUTION ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT ON LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR 2020

7. Discussion and action to approve changes to be implemented to the 2017/2018 Labor Agreement Between City of Mound and Minnesota Teamsters' Public and Law Enforcement Employees Union, Local No. 320 for January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020

Hoversten said normally a ratified contract in its full version is presented for approval, but this year the City and Union were at an impasse on wage. Hoversten said many other items were tentatively agreed to regarding contract language and uniforms and those have been included as well.

Hoversten highlighted events related to the 2019/2020 collective bargaining agreement negotiations, including the Council's 7/23/19 closed session that informed Staff on authority and resulted in a final offer at the August 9th mediation session. Hoversten noted the Council's 9/22/19 closed session affirmed that no further negotiating latitude was warranted so the final offer was re-presented at the second mediation session on 10/9/19, including wage adjustments of 2.5% for 2019 and 3% for 2020, and a \$50 increase to employer contributions to insurance for both 2019 and 2020. Hoversten said the final offer required the Union ratify it by the close of business on 10/15/19, or the City would implement it effective 10/25/19, with pay and insurance increases retroactive to January 1, 2019. Hoversten noted the summary of changes are presented on pages 2054 and 2055 for which Staff requests approval of the implementation thereof.

Bergquist asked if the employer contribution noted on page 2054 can only be used for health insurance and Hoversten said the City has a Cafeteria Plan and excess contributions can be used for multiple ancillary benefit options and Health Savings Account contributions.

MOTION by Bergquist, seconded by Velsor, to approve the summary of changes on pages 2054 and 2055. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Information/Miscellaneous

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

Hoversten highlighted the following:

- Three council meetings remaining with 12/10 as the final meeting and 12/24 cancelled.
- Nov 23 – Holiday Tree Lighting (later than usual) in the Harbor District/Veterans Circle near the parking deck.
- Late January – Polar plunge for Special Olympics will return for a second year
- City office closures – Nov 11, 28 & 29, Dec 24 & 25

- B. Reports: Finance – September 2019 YTD
Fire Dept – September 2019
- C. Minutes: June 13, 2019 Parks and Open Spaces Commission
- D. Correspondence: Mediacom – Notice of Mound Office Closure 10-15-19
Westonka School District – Operating Levy Election

9. Adjourn

MOTION by Velsor, seconded by Larson, to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Raymond J. Salazar

Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk