

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 25, 2011

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at 7:00 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, City Clerk Bonnie Ritter, Community Development Director Sarah Smith, Tom & Kathy Rockvam, McKae Bailey, Jalyn Macy, Evan Bailey, Joseph Nee, Lexie Christopolus, Nina Chase, Mitchell Spanjers, Kia Johnson, Chris & Cate Christensen, Tessa Hrkal, John & Betty Ann Eccles, Kayla Schultz, Kristine & John Beise, Mary Burma, Ken & Dee Schutz, Francisco Octario, Taylor Praus, James Woods, Gloria Larson, Paula Larson, William Griffith, Valory Schoenecker, Riley Schutz

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hanus acknowledged the students present and Kayla Schultz came forward to represent the students from Mr. Kuehl's Advanced American Government class. Hanus thanked them for attending.

3. Approve agenda

Hanson requested the addition of Item 4C, setting special meeting of October 29, 2011.

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Gillispie to approve the agenda as amended. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Consent agenda

MOTION by Gesch, seconded by Salazar 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 \$1,280,110.42

B. RESOLUTION NO. 11-76: RESOLUTION APPOINTING FINANCE DIRECTOR CATHERINE PAUSCHE AS ACTING CITY MANAGER FOR REMAINDER OF 2011

C. Set special meeting for October 29, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., with City Councils of Minnetrista and St. Bonifacius, to receive and discuss a feasibility study for shared or cooperative Police, Fire and Emergency Services

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

None were offered.

6. Review/action on Ordinance Amending Chapter 129 of the Mound City Code as it relates to the Zoning Ordinance (exterior storage)

Sarah Smith reviewed the proposed ordinance, stating that the major changes include changing the definition of recreational vehicle to exterior storage unit, the type of items exempted, the abatement process being the same as in the nuisance ordinance, and changing the maximum number allowed from 7 to 6. There are also some housekeeping type-changes included in the proposed ordinance.

Hanus had reservations about the proposed change regarding storage relative to the front yard, and prefers leaving that regulation as is, citing examples of where the change would not be practical. It was the consensus to keep this regulation as it currently is stated.

MOTION by Hanus, seconded by Gesch to pass the following ordinance as amended. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2011: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 129 OF THE MOUND CITY CODES AS IT RELATES TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE (exterior storage)

7. Tom Rockvam with request to rename Mound Bay Park to Surfside Park & Beach

Tom Rockvam stated that he was previously before the Council with a request to rename Mound Bay Park to Surfside Park & Beach. At that time the Council remanded the request to the Parks and Open Space Commission for their recommendation, and after their review, they voted unanimously to recommend the name change to Surfside Park and Beach. He is now asking the council for approval for the name change.

Salazar stated that he received some emails in favor or the change and phone calls, mostly from businesses, not in favor. He feels that if the name is changed there is no recognition for the City of Mound, and it should because it is our crown jewel park. He also asked about the costs related to the name change. Gesch noted that the amount of \$15,000 is stated in the packet as proposed funds for a new sign, ground work, decorative block, plantings and lighting, and asked if this is to be from the park dedication fund or budgeted. Kandis Hanson stated that it is in the 2012 proposed budget, and it is anticipated that the sign will have to be upgraded anyway, before next summer's Centennial celebration.

Hanus asked for a show of hands from the audience which consisted of approximately 35 people, and they all indicated that they were in favor of the name change.

MOTION by Osmek, seconded by Hanus to approve the name change from Mound Bay Park to the requested Surfside Park & Beach, Mound, MN, and that related fees be discussed at a later date as part of the 2012 budget. The following voted in favor: Salazar, Hanus, Gesch and Osmek. The following voted against: Gillispie. Motion carried.

8. Discussion of Proposed Utility Relief Policy

Hanus stated that at the last meeting a lady requested relief from utility bills due to a house fire and the result was that the Council directed staff to develop a policy to deal with hardships like this where a house was inhabitable due to fire. After the meeting he submitted to staff some conditions on identifying the unique situation and who can qualify, to protect residents so that the policy is not taken advantage of. The result would be a policy that no one could qualify for so staff was told to put the item back on this agenda.

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Hanus to direct staff to cease any further work on the proposed utility relief policy. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approve minutes

MOTION by Osmek, seconded by Hanus to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting. The following voted in favor: Gillispie, Salazar, Hanus and Osmek. The following voted against: None. Gesch abstained because she was absent from that meeting. Motion carried.

MOTION by Osmek, seconded by Salazar to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2011 special meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Information/Miscellaneous

A. Comments/reports from Councilmembers/City Manager – Hanus reminded Council of the special meeting on October 29th on the feasibility study for shared services with St. Bonifacius and Minnetrista. He stated that he doesn't think we're ready for this meeting, but others are pushing for it. He stated he's not happy where we're at right now.

B. Reports: None

C. Minutes: None

D. Correspondence: Mediacom letter of 10/13/11
Mediacom letter regarding All Digital
Gillespie Gazette message
Resignation of PW worker Steve Tacheny

11. Adjourn

MOTION by Gesch, seconded by Salazar to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Mark Hanus

Attest: Bonnie Ritter, City Clerk