

**MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**October 27, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Centennial Building.

Members present: Mayor Mark Wegscheid, Council Members Heidi Gesch, Ray Salazar, Kelli Gillispie, Jennifer Peterson

Members absent: none

Others present: Interim City Manager Bob Derus, Director of Finance and Administrative Services Catherine Pausche, Director of Public Works Eric Hoversten, Community Development Director Sarah Smith, Fire Chief Greg Pederson, Assistant City Engineer Brian Simmons, Katie Morford, Noah Byers, Cotton Jones, Tyler Huntley, Chad Arete, John Beise, Jack Evans, Tanya E., Kiki O'Brien, Bee Bailey, Dylan Hofen, Jack Hodoba, Tim Gordon, Christie Larson, Samantha Truesdell, Trent Clark, Colton Odesta, Rosy Anderson, Ryan Anderson, Dustin Timmons.

*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 7:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approve agenda**

Mayor Wegscheid noted a replacement page for agenda item 4D, page 2693.

**MOTION** by Salazar, seconded by Gesch, to approve the agenda.

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Consent agenda**

Salazar requested removal of item 4J and Gillispie requested removal of item 4L.

**MOTION** by Salazar, seconded by Gesch, 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 \$424,848.41

B. Approve minutes: Oct 13, 2015 regular meeting

C. Approve a 1 Day to 4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church's November 7, 2015 Holiday boutique Luncheon Fundraiser, with fee paid

**D. RESOLUTION NO. 15-120: RESOLUTION APPROVING VARIANCE FOR 5308  
THREE POINTS BOULEVARD, PID NO. 13-117-24-21-0041**

E. Approve payment of invoice from American Engineering Testing, Inc. in the amount of \$712.45 for construction testing services, Tuxedo Boulevard Street and Utility Improvements, City Project No. PW-15-02

- F. Approve payment of invoice from American Engineering Testing, Inc. in the amount of \$2,415.00 for geotechnical exploration services, Wilshire Boulevard Trunk Water main Improvements, City Project No. PW-15-11
- G. Approve payment of invoice from Boulder Creations Unlimited in the amount of \$2,255.00 for wall repair on Grandview Boulevard, City Project No. PW-15-01
- H. Approve reimbursement payment to property owner on Three Points Boulevard in the amount of \$1,478.68 for sprinkler system and landscape repair, City Project No. PW-14-01
- I. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-121: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN AERIAL LADDER TRUCK FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- J. REMOVED
- K. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-122: RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UPDATED LAKE MINNETONKA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**
- L. REMOVED

- 4J. Salazar requested the removal of item 4J to explain the meeting was being cancelled due to the Christmas holiday.

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Gesch, to approve cancellation of the December 22, 2015 regular meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

- 4L. Gillispie requested removal of this item due to her position as President of WCC.

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Gesch, to approve the following resolution. The following voted in favor: Salazar, Gesch, Wegscheid, Peterson. The following voted against: None. The following abstained: Gillispie. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-123: RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT FOR 2015 ANNUAL MOUND TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY BEING HELD IN THE HARBOR DISTRICT AND WAIVING PERMIT FEES DUE TO PUBLIC PURPOSE OF GATHERING**

- 5. Comments and suggestions from citizens present on any item not on the agenda.  
Jack Evans, 2025 Arbor Lane, suggested the Council make Mound more user friendly, including developing the Harbor District and Lost Lake. Evans suggested removing milfoil with a rake or harvester, suggested re-lettering the water tower Mound logo, and requested one of the Council Members take a walk with him to see dead trees and cracks in sidewalks.
- 6. Visit by Hennepin County Commissioner Jan Callison  
Jan Callison addressed the Council. Callison stated she is one of two County commissioners representing Mound. Callison stated that demand for health and human services have been increasing and make up 40% of the County budget. Mound residents demand on services has increased 69% during the period from 2010 to 2014. Food support services are up 12 % and health care assistance is up 74%. The number of people using Hennepin County services in Mound increased due to changes in state programs. Callison

stated the state reimburses for long term care, but that state mandated changes in child protection are not funded. The property tax levy is projected to increase 4.5% due to the decrease in state aid and pending union negotiations. Callison stated the median value home in Mound should see a decrease in County property tax even though the levy is increasing due to the change in Mound home values relative to other cities.

Callison said the County has funded the purchase of electronic poll books and will process all mailed in absentee ballots in order to increase the efficiency of County and City election processes.

Callison said on the first and third Thursdays of each month the County will have staff available to support Veterans at the Westonka Library.

Callison also added that sports grants will be separated from playgrounds this year and the next round of applications are due November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

7. Visit by Christie Larson, Executive Director of WeCAN

Christie Larson addressed the Council and described their service area and said WeCAN is serving clients and families who are living at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. Larson explained that their services would be available to families of four people who are at \$48,000 household income or less. Larson described the services WeCAN provides which include emergency assistance, family support programs, food distribution, and employment services. Larson stated 37 families were helped with emergency services support in 2014.

Gillispie asked for contact information about the mobile market and how to donate garden produce to the mobile market. Mayor Wegscheid thanked WeCAN for taking charge and meeting the needs of people. Peterson asked about the adopt-a-family holiday program and Larson encouraged residents to call WeCAN or check out the organization's website for more information about their programs and services.

8. Brian Simmons, Assistant City Engineer, Bolton & Menk, Inc., presenting the Feasibility Report and requesting action on the following projects proposed for 2016

Simmons described the proposed projects using maps of the three project areas as a visual aid. Simmons said the proposal is to reconstruct existing streets and sidewalks. Simmons described storm sewer infrastructure upgrades and noted that no major sanitary sewer work will be done. Simmons said the size of some water mains will be upgraded to improve water pressure and to accommodate eventual elimination of booster pumps.

Simmons reviewed the financing and project structure/breakdown. Simmons said Chapter 429 financing will be used and a portion of the street project will be assessed per the City's policy. Simmons noted each project assessment will be calculated separately. Equivalent Residential Units (ERU) assessments are projected at \$7,307 for Bartlett, \$6,786 for Cypress/Maywood, and \$8,471 for the Tuxedo project.

Gesch noted that the projections seem higher than normal. Simmons said these areas have more street area relative to number of properties which is typical of feeder streets. Simmons added that many of the properties have already been assessed and will only receive ½ of an assessment. Gillispie asked about the commercial property assessment calculation. Simmons noted that Wilshire is a County Road and the commercial properties will not be assessed for any work on Wilshire.

Simmons noted the discussion on the use of city revenue funds to fund the trenching and stated that the feasibility study can be revised to show this change. Simmons noted this does not change the project totals or assessment amounts but just the allocation of the project across City funds.

Gillispie stated that bids have usually come in lower than in these projects. Simmons said the state aid review process is required for the MSA funding (Bartlett, Cypress, and Maywood). Tuxedo is not a candidate for MSA funds due to the road not meeting the proper standards criteria.

Derus recommended bidding in February if the time frame was feasible and Salazar asked what the target date would be for bidding. Simmons said staff will need to bring a calendar back to the Council for consideration.

- A. MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Gesch, to approve the following resolution. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-124: RESOLUTION RECEIVING FEASIBILITY REPORT AND CALLING FOR HEARING ON THE 2016 STREET, UTILITY AND RETAINING WALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - BARTLETT BOULEVARD, CITY PROJECT NO. PW-16-01**

- B. MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Gesch, to approve the following resolution. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-125: RESOLUTION RECEIVING FEASIBILITY REPORT AND CALLING FOR HEARING ON THE 2016 STREET, UTILITY AND RETAINING WALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - TUXEDO BOULEVARD, PHASE II, CITY PROJECT NO. PW-16-02**

- C. MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Gesch, to approve the following resolution. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-126: RESOLUTION RECEIVING FEASIBILITY REPORT AND CALLING FOR HEARING ON THE 2016 STREET, UTILITY AND RETAINING WALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - CYPRESS/MAYWOOD, CITY PROJECT NO. PW-16-03**

**9. Information/Miscellaneous**

A. Comments/reports from Council Members/Interim City Manager  
Mayor Wegscheid noted a letter was received from the Westonka School District thanking Fire Chief Greg Pederson for his efforts in providing for the safety of Mound.

Mayor Wegscheid introduced Interim City Manager Bob Derus.

Council Member Kelli Gillispie said WCC will host a Luncheon on November 12 from 11:45 am – 1:00 pm at Masonic Lodge featuring guest speaker Senator David Osmek.

- B. Minutes: POSC - Sept 10, 2015
- C. Reports: Finance Department - August, 2015 YTD

Bolton & Menk - 3rd Quarter YTD

- D. Correspondence: Staff memorandum dated Oct 21, 2015 regarding review of Thrive MPS 2015 Metropolitan Council System Statement for Mound

**10. Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Gesch, seconded by Gillispie, to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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Mayor Mark Wegscheid

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Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk