

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 10, 2015

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 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, and Jennifer Peterson

Members absent: None.

Others present: City Manager Kandis Hanson, Director of Finance/Clerk/Treasurer Catherine Pausche, City Attorney Melissa Manderschied, Public Works Superintendent Ray Hanson, City Engineer Dan Faulkner, Scott Qualle, Katie Morford, Kevin Borg, Jackie Piepkorn, Karen King, Jim McManus, Connor McManus, Dylan McManus.

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

Hanson asked to add Item 4G which is a temporary liquor permit for Our Lady of the Lake and to remove Item 6 per the request of The Gillespie Center.

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

4. Consent agenda

Gillispie asked for the removal of Item 4E.

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 \$482,925.26

B. Approve minutes Jan 27, 2015 regular meeting

C. Approve Labor Agreement between the City of Mound and the Minnesota Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement Employees Union No. 320 (Public Works Union), effective Jan 1, 2015 through Dec 31, 2016

D. Approve Pay Request by Roxanne Eccles, 4810 Donald Drive, in the amount of \$2,145.50, for the removal of a tree damaged by construction and replacement of retaining wall

E. Pulled.

F. ORDINANCE NO. 01-2015: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO CITY CODE CHAPTER 14 (ANIMALS)

G. (Added) Approve One Day Liquor License for Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church Shrimp Fry: Fri, Feb 20, 2015, with fee paid

4E. Approve Resolution Approving Public Gathering Permit for 2015 Moonlight Trail Night, with Reduced Fee Due to Public Purpose of the Gathering

Gillispie said she requested this item be removed so she can abstain from voting due to her holding office in the Westonka Community and Commerce organization.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-14: RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT FOR 2015 MOONLIGHT TRAIL NIGHT, WITH REDUCED FEE DUE TO PUBLIC PURPOSE OF THE GATHERING

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

Connor and Dylan McManus said they were attending the Council Meeting to work on the requirements for a Boy Scout patch.

6. Visit by Donna Smith and Jeannie Brustad, representatives of The Gillespie Center

This item was removed until a later date per the request from The Gillespie Center.

7. Kevin Borg, Superintendent of Westonka School District

A. Update on Westonka Schools

Borg gave a Power Point presentation highlighting the efforts and accomplishments of the Westonka School District, including many national awards and rankings. Borg said these accolades demonstrate the success of the staff, students, and city. Borg highlighted the technology initiative referred to as Edge 21, where Chrome Books will be made available to students in 5th through 12th grade which will provide flexibility for instruction and allow teachers to connect with students at individual levels. Borg highlighted a new district-wide engineering curriculum, the newly created student technology team that can provide on-site service, and gave an update on the capital improvement projects that have been taking place.

Wegscheid complemented the School District on the multiple activities offered and great students and Borg for getting out to relay the success stories.

Hanson said she guest taught in three sections of Mr. Kiel's government class and mentioned the shortage of engineers, so she applauds the district's efforts to focus on engineering.

Gillispie complemented the DECA students who did a social media presentation for the Westonka Community and Commerce organization.

B. Requesting action on proposal for sidewalk connecting to Grandview Middle School sidewalk

Borg summarized improvements made on the Grandview Middle School property to focus on pedestrian safety and asked that the City add a sidewalk on the portion of Grandview Boulevard leading up to the Grandview entrance.

Dan Faulkner showed a map of proposed sidewalk and stated that the preliminary cost estimate is \$13,000. Faulkner outlined the considerations, including an existing all-way stop at Bellaire that may need to be removed and the new crossing marked. Peterson asked if the south side is the best side for a sidewalk. Faulkner said the north side is better but there are impediments that make it difficult, including steep retaining walls, light poles and a Met Council meter box that really can't be moved. Wegscheid asked about shifting the street as having students cross in the middle of the street seems like unnecessary risk. Faulkner said it would have to be explored more closely. Borg said having it on the north side would have them crossing the alley versus the pedestrian crossing, which he feels would be less safe.

Gillispie said the stop signs were put in for a reason, so she is reluctant to pull them out and that she is in favor of the north side. Gesch questioned what the gain would be or if the risk is just shifting with a midblock cross walk. Gesch questioned where the children are approaching from. Borg said pedestrian traffic comes from all angles, but that the objective is to get them off of the street (Grandview Blvd). Gesch mentioned that technically bikes can't be on the sidewalk.

Wegscheid said more information is needed and Hanson suggested it be remanded back to staff for further study. Borg said the school district tried to get grant money for safe routes to school, but they were unsuccessful. Gillispie asked if the school board is flexible with the amount they will contribute. Borg said he thought so and thanked the City again for collaborating with the school district to keep kids safe.

Faulkner said it would be important to make a decision in the next few weeks due to the timing of the bid process. Hanson asked if crossing guards would be used in this area. Peterson asked for multiple options to be presented and the associated costs.

8. Scott Qualle, Building Official, reporting on new Building Code regulations effective January 24, 2015

Scott Qualle, said the residential code book has been adopted and is in force and that on February 14th, the radon and energy requirements go into effect. Qualle stated the commercial building code is still under revision and it will be at least 6 to 9 months before it is adopted. Qualle noted that the plumbing code will be a national model and many changes are anticipated and that it will be at least 12 months before the new code is adopted.

Qualle stated he has conducted continuing education for contractors for the past 3 years and that helps him know the code and provides great feedback from contractors.

Qualle highlighted some of the changes in the administrative code, residential code, and residential energy code that were included in the packet. Qualle stated he believes the comprehensive plan review is a more cost effective approach and now State Statute requires all plans to be identical (city's copy, job site copy), which is something Mound has always done.

Qualle noted the date of submittal is what is used to determine what version of the code will be used and noted that the Lost Lake Townhomes were submitted under the 2007 MN state building code.

Qualle noted plumbing permits can now be waived if it is a replacement of sinks, toilets, or faucets as long as plumbing piping is not changed. New maintenance rules require the house be maintained to the standards that were in place at the time it was approved. Townhomes now have sound transmission standards and minimum ceiling heights were reduced to 6 feet 4 inches so more basements can be refinished. Other changes include window wells now have to be drained to the foundation drain so they don't fill up during significant rain events. Qualle said residential sprinklers the biggest change, but only for units with 4500+ square feet. Qualle said the additional expense is estimated at less than \$10K. Qualle said the builders association filed a class action lawsuit challenging the sprinkler requirements.

Qualle said the International Property Maintenance Code from 2000 is still being used and it may be time to update to using the 2012 or 2015 version. Qualle said it is adopted by reference in the Mound City Code and is used for abatement issues.

The Council thanked Qualle for his presentation.

9. Information/Miscellaneous

- A. Comments/reports from Council Members/City Manager
Wegscheid said the annual City Council/Planning Commission joint meeting took place the previous night and he praised the energy of all who participated.
- B. Minutes:
- C. Reports: Harbor Wine & Spirits: Jan 2015
- D. Correspondence: Letter to City of Minnetrista: Jan 28, 2015

10. Adjourn

MOTION by Gesch, seconded by Gillispie, to adjourn at 08:18 p.m. All voted in favor.
Motion carried.

Mayor Mark Wegscheid

Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk