

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 12, 2015

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 12, 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, Administrative Assistant Mary Mackres, Community Development Director Sarah Smith, Public Works Superintendent Ray Hanson, Director of Public Works Eric Hoversten, Katie Morford, Kevin Ehlinger, Pete Weichert, Carolyn Brooks, Scott Qualle

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 7:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve agenda

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

4. Consent agenda

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

A. Approve payment of claims in the amount of \$498,091.46

B. Approve minutes: Apr 28, 2015 regular meeting

C. Approve Pay Request No. 1 by Widmer Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$332,486.77, for work related to the Bartlett Boulevard Watermain Improvement Project, City Project No. PW-15-09

D. Approve Pay Request No. 1 by Geislinger & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$117,117.71, for work related to the 2014 Street, Utility and Retaining Wall Improvement Project - West Three Points Boulevard Utilities, City Project No. PW-14-01

E. RESOLUTION NO. 15-49: RESOLUTION APPROVING LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR PROSECUTION AND FORFEITURE SERVICES

F. RESOLUTION NO. 15-50: RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 14-111 APPROVING FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2015

G. RESOLUTION NO. 15-51: RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLIC LAND PERMIT PHASE 2 PROJECT IN HARBOR DISTRICT

H. RESOLUTION NO. 15-52: RESOLUTION APPROVING VARIANCES FOR 2001 ARBOR LANE (PLANNING CASE NO. 14-27)

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

None

6. Kandis Hanson, City Manager, introducing Public Works Director Eric Hoversten

Hanson gave background on the hiring process for Eric Hoversten. Hoversten introduced himself and discussed his background including serving as a Civil Engineer in the Air Force.

7. Carolyn Brooks, representing WeCAN, presenting 2015 Wheels 4 Meals fundraiser, May 30, 2015, on the Dakota Trail and in the vicinity of the Transit District

Brooks stated that this event is the only fundraiser that Meals on Wheels does each year. Included is a bike ride from Mound to St. Bonifacius and prize giveaways. Brooks stated Meals on Wheels serves 42 individuals in the Mound area. This program is operated through WeCAN.

8. Jay Green, City representative to the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD), requesting discussion, with any necessary action.

Green remarked on the lake water levels which were 19 ½ feet higher in 2014 at this time compared to this year.

A. 2016 LMCD Budget

LMCD has saved \$25,000 this year by moving their offices into the Centennial building. LMCD's budget process is on-going and the final budget will be brought to the City Council for approval.

B. 2015 Watercraft Inspection Program and Cooks Bay Access

The LMCD conducted 767 inspections in 2014. Those inspections included 24 people were denied access to Lake Minnetonka who had zebra mussels on their watercraft

Green addressed concerns from 2014. Green stated the LMCD used a contractor for promotion and inspections and there were complaints from the public about the lack of educational materials handed out as well as some of the inspectors qualifications and ability to do the job correctly. LMCD has contracted with the Three Rivers Park District who will help with inspections at landings and will also supervise four boat access points. They can also provide supervision and will have park police at access points periodically. The change to Three Rivers Park District produced \$4,000 in savings compared to 2014.

Green stated he would like to see more inspections from boats leaving Lake Minnetonka. Green stated that Minnesota DNR statistics held that 99% of zebra mussel watercraft violations came from two lakes - Prior Lake and Lake Minnetonka. All inspectors go through Level 1 DNR training. Level 2 inspectors can decontaminate your boat.

Green discussed watercraft decontamination and aquatic invasive species issues which occurred in 2014.

Mayor Wegscheid commended the LMCD and their efforts but is concerned about the use of funds and whether these funds are being used wisely on inspection services. Green stated there are many holes in inspection activities. He stated that zebra mussel invasions have occurred in Minnesota from contaminated docks being placed in bodies of water.

Discussion ensued on ways to make LMCD dollars go further and Green added that the 14 communities surrounding Lake Minnetonka have differing views on inspection activities and there is a need for common agreement among the lake communities.

LMCD will be working with a facilitator to update the LMCD strategic plan. The University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Business conducted a survey of residents’ views on LMCD activities and this information will help the strategic planning process. Green will forward the U of M findings to Council and staff.

Hennepin County water patrol will increase patrol coverage this year and rebuild their special deputy program.

LMCD conducted boater education safety classes in which 25 children and 8 adults took part. 2015 classes are scheduled for June 20 & 22. These are offered free of charge.

Hanson suggested LMCD have a booth at Spirit of the Lakes Festival or at the Mound Farmers Market as a way of increasing education efforts.

Green explained the Lake Minnetonka Watershed District has received state funds for a pilot project on innovative responses to invasive species control. The LMWD proposal is to have Lake Minnetonka parking areas patrolled to inspect and tag vehicles with inspection stickers. Green stated there are many questions about this proposal including the validity of tagging cars/trailers. This proposal may be acted on in 2016.

9. Information/Miscellaneous

- A. Comments/reports from Council Members/City Manager
- B. Minutes: Planning Commission: Apr 7, 2015
Planning Commission: Apr 21, 2015
- C. Reports: Harbor Wine & Spirits: Apr 2015
Bolton & Menk: March YTD Engineering Expenses
Finance Department: March YTD Reports
- D. Correspondence: Update on Scenic Byway concept: July 30, 2014 minutes
Mediacom announcement

10. Adjourn

MOTION by Gesch, seconded by Gillispie, to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Mark Wegscheid

Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk