

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 10, 2013

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall.

Members present: Mayor Mark Hanus; Council members Mark Wegscheid, Heidi Gesch, Kelli Gillispie (arrived 7:07 p.m.) and Ray Salazar

Members absent: None

Others present: City Manager Kandis Hanson, Fin Dir/Clerk/Treasurer Catherine Pausche, Hennepin County Commissioner Jan Callison, and Eric Jerpbak

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

3. Approve agenda

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

4. Consent agenda

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

- A. Approve payment of claims in the amount of \$148,082.05.
- B. Approve minutes of the August 20, 2013 Special Budget Workshop meeting.
- C. Approve Pay Request No. 1 submitted by Allied Blacktop Company in the amount of \$68,864.00 for work completed on the 2013 Crack Seal Project, City Project No. PW-13-08.
- D. Approve Pay Request No. 11 submitted by GMH Asphalt Corporation in the amount of \$15,187.57 for work completed on the 2012 Street, Utility, Lift Station, and Retaining Wall Project, City Project No.'s PW-12-01, PW-12-03, and PW-12-04
- E. Approve Pay Request No. 4 submitted by GMH Asphalt Corporation in the amount of \$900,750.33 for work completed on the 2013 Street, Utility, Lift Station, and Retaining Wall Project, City Project No.'s PW-13-01, PW-13-02, and PW-13-05.
- F. Approve Pay Request from American Engineering Testing, Inc. in the amount of \$2,002.05 for geotechnical engineering services for the 2013 Street, Utility, and Retaining Wall Project, City Project No. PW-13-01.

G. RESOLUTION NO.13-88: RESOLUTION ORDERING PREPARATION OF A FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR THE 2014 STREET, UTILITY, AND RETAINING WALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – THREE POINTS BOULEVARD CITY PROJECT NO. PW-14-01

H. RESOLUTION NO. 13-89: RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WESTONKA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ELECTION EQUIPMENT

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

None were offered.

6. County Commissioner, Jan Callison with Annual County Update.

Jan Callison introduced herself and stated the 2014 Hennepin County preliminary budget was approved with a 0.98 percent increase. The Truth and Taxation will be held on November 26, 2013 at 6:00 pm. Unsettled labor agreements are the biggest unknown. Callison stated the deadline to apply for Youth Sports Grants is October 14, 2013 for facilities and capital equipment grants. Callison stated the most questions/concerns raised by Mound residents include inquiries about social services, complaints about pot holes on Bartlett Boulevard, and questions about the assessment process and the accuracy of valuations.

Callison answered questions that had been submitted by Staff and Council Members in advance. Regarding how to regulate businesses being conducted on the lake, she suggested this topic be covered at the annual winter meeting of Lake Minnetonka mayors. Regarding how the County could better support increased election demands due to more absentee and early voting, she stated Hennepin County currently conducts it for the 13 cities with only one precinct. Adding any others would require more County staff. Mound has four precincts.

Regarding the subsidy of light rail, she stated transportation is a fundamental role of county government. The Southwest light rail project is to add needed capacity as roads will not support job/population growth. Light rail is funded 50% by federal government, 10% by Hennepin County, 10% by the State of Minnesota and 30% by sales tax. She noted taxpayers also subsidize roads and bridges.

Regarding appointed Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) representatives, Callison stated watershed regulation is very complicated and Hennepin County has 11 watershed related governing bodies. She stated Hennepin County is very selective in making appointments. Whereas she previously supported term limits for these appointments, she now realizes watershed regulation takes a high degree of expertise and the pool is limited, so she feels longer terms may be appropriate. Callison feels appointed officials are accountable and that the MCWD only had a 3.5% increase over last 5 years. She stated that sometimes there is an advantage to not being an elected position to cut down on partisan politics.

Mayor Hanus asked about Commissioner Jeff Johnson's initiative to reduce the number of watershed related governing bodies. Hanus stated many who volunteer often tend to be environmentalists and sometimes the City does not feel its interests are represented. Callison encouraged anyone to apply who is interested in watershed regulation. Hanus asked about the impacts of healthcare reform on County benefits. Callison stated she is concerned about the Cadillac tax and the County is encouraging employees to cooperate to avoid unnecessary expense.

Kandis Hanson invited Callison to come for a daytime visit and a tour of the City.

Council member Kelli Gillispie arrived at 7:07 pm.

7. Action on minutes from August 13, 2013 regular meeting.

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Gesch, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2013 regular meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Action on minutes from August 27, 2013 regular meeting.

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Wegscheid, to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2013 regular meeting. The following voted in favor: Hanus, Salazar, Gillispie and Wegscheid. The following voted against: None. Gesch abstained from voting because she was absent from that meeting. Motion carried.

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

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Wegscheid, requesting reconsideration of Agenda Item 5. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Eric Jerpbak, 1731 Sumach Lane, stated he has a problem with a neighbor feeding raccoons and other wild mammals. He requests that an ordinance be passed to ban intentional feeding of small mammals as he was advised by the Police Officers that no such ordinance exists. He stated his neighbor's actions have tamed these wild animals and now they are causing problems for him including dogs barking and wild mammals eating his bird food.

Hanus stated the Council will need to be careful and deliberate with the language as it is acceptable to feed birds. Hanus requested staff research and talk to other cities and make a recommendation and prepare a draft ordinance for Council consideration.

9. Information/Miscellaneous

A. Comments/reports from Council members/City Manager

Hanson announced the next Mound Magic Presentation will be held on Monday, September 23, 2013. The highlight of the evening will be information from the recently completed market study. Hanson stated the public is invited and to reserve a spot by calling Jill at City Hall.

B. Minutes:

C. Reports: Bolten & Menk Engineering – June 30, 2013 YTD
Harbor Wine & Spirits – August 2013

D. Correspondence:

10. Adjourn

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Gesch to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk


Mayor Mark Hanus