

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Pearson and Councilmembers Justin Bloyer, Jill Lundgren and Christine Nelson. **ABSENT:** Councilmember Fliflet

Staff present: Administrator Handt, City Attorney Sonsalla, City Engineer Griffin, Planner Prchal, Finance Director Iverson and City Clerk Johnson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 11, "9843 Whistling Valley and 9829 Whistling Valley Rd. Easement Vacation" was moved to the consent agenda and item 12, "Cedar Pet Clinic CUP Amendment" was removed from the agenda.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Mayor Pearson moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. Motion passed 4 – 0.

ACCEPT MINUTES

Minutes of the October 16, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/INQUIRIES

Virginia Pleban, 8245 59th Street North, thanked Councilmember Lundgren for her efforts on the City Council and encouraged people to be nice.

George Johnson commented on the upcoming Buckthorn Festival and thanked businesses for their participation.

Tony Manzara encouraged residents to attend the Buckthorn Festival.

PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve Payment of Disbursements and Payroll
3. Accept 3rd Quarter Financial Reports

4. Approve Wildflower 1st Addition – Release of Warranty Security for Sanitary Sewer & Watermain.
5. Approve Amendment to MnDOT Agreement to extend contract for the State Highway 36 South Frontage Road Study – *Resolution 2018-124*
6. Approve Lake Grant to Lake Demontreville Olson Association
11. Approve 9843 Whistling Valley and 9829 Whistling Valley Rd. Easement Vacation – *Resolution 2018-127*

Councilmember Lundgren, seconded by Councilmember Bloyer, moved TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Motion passed 4 - 0.

ITEM 7: Snow Removal from Sidewalks

City Administrator Handt discussed the City's current policy for snow removal on sidewalks.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE CHANGE FROM 12 TO 24 HOURS FOR CLEANING SIDEWALKS. Motion passed 3 – 1. (Nelson – nay)

ITEM 8: Council Members as Employees

City Administrator Handt reviewed discussion held at the September 11, 2018 Council worksession regarding treating Council Members as employees.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-121 A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER COUNCIL MEMBERS AS EMPLOYEES FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE ONLY. Motion passed 3 – 1. (Lundgren – nay)

ITEM 9: Set Meeting to Canvass Election Results

Mayor Pearson, seconded by Councilmember Bloyer, moved TO SCHEDULE A MEETING OF THE CANVASSING BOARD FOR 6:25 P.M., TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2018. Motion passed 4 – 0.

ITEM 10: 7962 Hill Trail Variance

City Planner Prchal reviewed the request to construct a driveway that would exceed the current allowable width and impervious surface limit. The homeowner explained the layout of the site prior to purchase and construction of the house, noting challenges presented by the site and topography.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO TABLE TO AFTER ITEM 13 AND DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT A 4TH POINT IN THE

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AND WIDTH. Motion passed 3 – 1. (Pearson – nay)

ITEM 13: Bentley Village Sketch Plan

Jennifer Haskamp presented the proposal for a residential subdivision south of 5th Street, east of Jade Trail North and west of Keats Avenue North. Paul Heuer spoke on behalf of applicant Pulte Homes and presented further details planned for the development.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, moved TO REMOVE ITEM 10 FROM THE TABLE. Motion passed 4 – 0.

City Attorney Sonsalla presented a revised Resolution to approve both variances and updated findings of fact.

Councilmember Bloyer, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018-126 APPROVING THE VARIANCE REQUEST. Motion passed 3 – 1. (Pearson – nay)

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pearson: Attended chamber of commerce event, Hamlet HOA meeting and LMCIT meeting, noting that the City's deductible would be reduced to the original amount on January 1, 2019.

Councilmember Nelson: Thanked Clerk Johnson for her work on the General Election, held meetings with residents.

Councilmember Lundgren: Congratulated newly elected Councilmembers Dale Dorschner and Lisa McGinn; met with residents in the Hamlet neighborhood.

Councilmember Bloyer: met with residents regarding the 2019 streets project, met with Hamlet residents regarding their trails, attended Cimmaron resident meeting and Hagbergs grand re-opening.

STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrator Handt: Announced online bill pay is up and running.

City Clerk Johnson: Provided an election update.

City Attorney Sonsalla: Working on LMCIT deductible and Royal Golf.

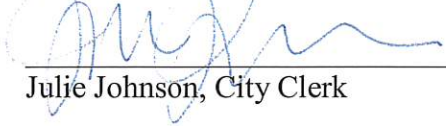
Finance Director Iverson: Reported on online bill pay and utility rates.

City Engineer Griffin: Holding 2019 street project meeting on November 8th at 5:00 & 6:00 p.m.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Johnson, City Clerk