

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 15, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Charles Cadenhead and Councilmembers Katrina Beckstrom, Dale Dorschner, Jeff Holtz and Lisa McGinn.

Staff present: Administrator Handt, City Attorney Sonsalla, City Engineer Griffin, Public Works Director Powers, Planning Director Just, Fire Chief Kalis, Finance Director Magureanu and City Clerk Johnson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Councilmember Dorschner, seconded by Councilmember Holtz, moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Motion passed 5 – 0.*

**ACCEPT MINUTES**

*Councilmember Dorschner, seconded by Councilmember Holtz, moved TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. Motion passed 5 – 0.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/INQUIRIES**

None

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Approve Payment of Disbursements and Payroll
3. Approve Redistricting Resolution – *Resolution 2022-028*
4. Approve Resolution of Support - Manning Ave (CSAH15) and 30th St. Intersection Improvements – *Resolution 2022-024*
5. Authorize Engineering Services for Well No. 1 Abandonment and Pumphouse Demolition
6. Approve Change Order No. 1 for Whistling Valley Street and Utility Improvements
7. Approve UPRR Drainage Encroachment Agreement and Fee for the Old Village Phase 5 and 6 Improvements
8. Accept 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021 Financials
9. Approve Step Increase for Planning Director

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10. Approve Fire Relief Bylaws
11. Approve Hire of Firefighters
12. Approve Promotion of 3 Probationary Firefighters
13. Approve National Night Out Special Event Permit
14. Approve 2022 Labor Agreement with Local 49ers
15. Approve Cable Caster Agreement
16. Approve Wildflower 4<sup>th</sup> Addition Final Plat Time Extension

***Councilmember Dorschner, seconded by Councilmember Holtz, moved TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Motion passed 5 - 0.***

**ITEM 17: Parkview-Cardinal Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements**

City Engineer Griffin presented the scope of the proposed improvements, project schedule, assessable properties and proposed assessments. Discussion was held concerning curbs and no parking areas.

***Councilmember Dorschner, seconded by Councilmember McGinn, moved TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING. Motion passed 5 – 0.***

Mayor Cadenhead summarized written comments submitted by: Brad & Barb Sahr, 9170 15<sup>th</sup> St. N in favor of project; Cardinal Ridge HOA list of issues; Rick & Jean Rolando, 1583 Ivory Ave. N. in favor of project; Mark and Barb Klosner, 1827 Ivory Ave. N. in support of project; Paul Mencke, 1532 15<sup>th</sup> St. Ct. N. in favor of project but would like to keep his well for outdoor watering; and Cindy Zehrer, 1696 Ivy Ave. N. with questions regarding debris clean up, erosion, plowing at the north end of Ivy Ave. N. and an easement change to her property.

Brian Conners, 1625 Ivy Avenue N., commented on the timeline for getting contractors to get the project completed and no parking signage.

Steve Adamsky, 1535 Ivory Court, spoke in favor of the project.

Don Jeske, 8996 15<sup>th</sup> St. N., commented on commercial traffic on 15<sup>th</sup> Street, the location of the watermain, alternatives for residents with deeper wells and assessment amounts.

Terry Moody, 1535 15<sup>th</sup> Street Court N., asked about his cul de sac, timing of the project and water pressure.

Bert Snider, 1636 Ivory Avenue N., spoke in support of the project and commented on watering bans and water pressure.

***Councilmember Holtz, seconded by Councilmember Dorschner, moved TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. Motion passed 5 – 0.***

***Councilmember McGinn, seconded by Councilmember Dorschner, moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-025 ORDERING THE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PARKVIEW-CARDINAL NEIGHBORHOOD STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE FEASIBILITY REPORT APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2022.***

**Motion passed 5 – 0.**

**ITEM 18: One Energy Solar CUP for Operation of a Solar Farm at 10755 50<sup>th</sup> St. N.**

Planning Director Just presented the request for a conditional use permit for the construction and operation of a solar farm, noting zoning code requirements for this type of use.

Kate Larkin, One Energy Renewables, presented an overview of the project and answered questions from the councilmembers.

Tony Manzara, property owner, stated that the property is in a trust and the income from the solar farm would be used to support the Sally Manzara Nature Center in Sunfish Lake Park.

George Crocker, 5093 Keats Avenue N., spoke in favor of the project.

***Councilmember Holtz, seconded by Councilmember McGinn, moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-026, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) AS REQUESTED BY CEF LAKE ELMO COMMUNITY SOLAR, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A SOLAR FARM ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10755 50TH STREET N WITH THE LISTED CONDITIONS BASED ON THE FINDINGS LISTED IN THE STAFF REPORT.***

***Councilmember Holtz, seconded by Mayor Cadenhead, moved TO AMEND THE PRIMARY MOTION TO TABLE THE CURRENT AGENDA ITEM TO GIVE THE APPLICANT TIME TO ADDRESS CONCERNS.***

Discussion was held regarding concerns that a solar garden would look industrial and not be a good fit for the site. The applicant agreed to an extension to April 5, 2022 for Council decision.

**Motion passed 3 – 2.**

**ITEM 19: Well #4 Repairs**

Public Works Director Powers reviewed scheduled maintenance planned for well #4 and bids received.

***Councilmember Dorschner, seconded by Councilmember Holtz, moved TO APPROVE MCCARTHY WELL TO COMPLETE THE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF WELL #4 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000. Motion passed 5 – 0.***

**ITEM 20: 2023 Budget Calendar**

Finance Director Magureanu presented the proposed 2023 budget calendar.

*Councilmember McGinn, seconded by Councilmember Beckstrom, moved TO APPROVE THE 2023 BUDGET CALENDAR. Motion passed 5 – 0.*

**ITEM 21: Resolution Supporting Legislative Efforts to Ensure a Sustainable, Safe and Reliable Water Supply**

City Administrator Handt reviewed the status of proposed legislation to address the White Bear Lake lake level issue. Discussion was held regarding participation by other cities and affected users and permit holders.

*Councilmember Dorschner, seconded by Councilmember Holtz, moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-027 SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO ENSURE A SUSTAINABLE, SAFE AND RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY. Motion passed 5 – 0.*

**STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Administrator Handt:** Announced groundbreaking for the new city center project on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Finance Director Magureanu:** Reported that the city has received a financing reporting award and noted that credit card payment for building and planning permits is available now.

**Fire Chief Kalis:** Reminded residents to change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

**Public Works Director Powers:** Announced road restrictions beginning and pothole repairs.

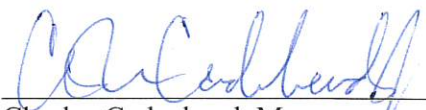
**Planning Director Just:** New City Planner starting April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Julie Johnson, City Clerk

LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL

  
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Charles Cadenhead, Mayor