

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

Mayor Jud Marshall convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. with Council members: Richard Brainerd, Tim Deans, Jeff Ledermann and Steve Wolgamot in attendance. City Administrator Scott Neilson, City Attorney Jay Karlovich, City Engineer John Sachi, Public Works Director Bob Goebel, Finance Director Scott Schaefer, Fire Chief Terry Fischer, and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council member Wolgamot moved and Council member Deans seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2019 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES AND THE FEBRUARY 5, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council member Brainerd moved and Council member Ledermann seconded the motion to approve the February 5, 2019 City Council workshop meeting and the February 5, 2019 regular City Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

4a. PRESENTATIONS-None

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Craig and Becky Markowitz, 897 Ledgestone Drive, discussed a project they would like to pursue. They would like to build a playground in memory of their son in Southwest Park. They have already spoken to the Parks Commission and to Public Works Director Bob Goebel regarding this project. Their goal is to raise \$100,000 for the playground. They have started a Go Fund Me page and in less than 30 days have raised \$22,000. They would like to name the playground, Aaron's Playground. The website with more information regarding the fundraising event is aaronsp playground.org.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Deans moved and Council member Wolgamot seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

6a. APPROVAL – 2019 Safety Management Contract.

The 2019 Safety Management Contract in the amount of \$9,000 with Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association was approved.

6b. APPROVAL – Overtime Agreement for Ken Bell.

6. CONSENT AGENDA - Continued

An overtime agreement with Ken Bell was approved. Mr. Bell was recently hired as a Public Works Maintenance Operator and is also a paid on-call firefighter/EMT for the fire department. The agreement will establish the rate at which he will be paid for hours worked in excess of 40 in one week.

6c. APPROVAL – Amendment to Personnel Policy Relating to Employee Holidays and Vacation.

An amendment to the employee holiday and vacation schedule was approved.

6d. APPROVAL – Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gifts for the 2019 Annual Skating Party.

A resolution accepting donations of \$200.00 for the 2019 Skating Party was approved.

6e. APPROVAL – Residual Equity Transfers for 2018.

The residual equity transfers for 2018 were approved. The transfer for the 2008A and 2008B GO Improvement bonds funds is a result of the refunding of those issues.

6f. APPROVAL – Bayport American Legion Post 491 Charitable Gambling License Request to Conduct Gambling at Bloody Mary's.

The gambling license request by the Bayport American Legion Post 491 was approved. They will conduct gambling at Bloody Mary's, 96 Mahtomedi Avenue.

6g. APPROVAL – Quit Claim Deed for Birchwood Road from Washington County.

A quit claim deed for Birchwood Road from Washington County was approved. The quit claim deed is for a portion of the parcel within the City of Mahtomedi that was never deeded to the City. The City is required to show ownership of all parcels as part of the Lake Links Trail.

6h. APPROVAL – Permission to Advertise for Seasonal Workers.

Public Works requested and received approval to advertise for up to four seasonal Public Works employees.

6i. APPROVAL – Release of Escrow for Cedarleaf Point Development (Steeplechase, LLC) And Acceptance of Improvements.

6. CONSENT AGENDA - Continued

Staff recommended and received approval to release the escrow and accept the improvements for the Cedarleaf Point Development (Steeplechase, LLC).

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS-None

8. STAFF REPORTS

8a. DISCUSSION-Update on Trails and Decorative Street Lights for CSAH12.

City Engineer Sachi reviewed the Forest Avenue Streetcar Trail design. He said the proposed trail will follow the existing path as much as possible. He said that we will install wood fencing adjacent to steep slopes, specifically near St. Jude's Ark facility. We will be installing pedestrian curb ramps at roadway crossings and a secondary access out to Forest Avenue, since the Roma parking lot is not a trailhead.

He said the next steps are to complete the design and specifications over the next two months, communicate with the adjacent property owners, obtain a right of entry from the Church, bid and award the contract, then construction beginning this summer.

Council member Brainerd said this design makes sense. He said in the future if we want to make changes we can always look at it again and allocate money for those changes.

Council member Wolgamot feels this design makes sense as well. He suggested seeing how many people use the trail, then see if we have to make any changes.

City Engineer Sachi overviewed the decorative street lights that are planned to be installed as part of the CSAH 12 Improvement Project. He said 12 lights will be installed as part of Phase 1 of the project and 4 lights will be installed in Phase 2. He said there is an option to install 3 additional streetlights west of Wildwood Road.

Council member Wolgamot supports adding the 3 streetlights in this area. He said the lights that were chosen look like the lights that were part of Wildwood Amusement Park 120 years ago and he feels they are a good choice.

Engineer Sachi said the lights are LED with 3k temperature on typical 14'-15' poles.

Council member Brainerd suggested sharing the streetlight design and placement with the downtown business owners at their upcoming meeting.

8b. CONSIDER APPROVAL-Bill List

Council member Brainerd moved and Council member Deans seconded the motion to approve the bills as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. REPORT FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Scott Neilson reminded the Council about the Lakes Links Trail Routing informational meeting being held at City Hall on March 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Also, the 13th annual Rite of Spring will be held at the middle school on Saturday, April 27, 2019. The event hours are 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the building. There will be a hazardous waste collection/prescription drop-off again this year. The hours for that portion of the event are 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

He also reminded the Council that the Advisory Board applications are due by March 4 and if there is anybody they know that might be interested ask them to complete an application.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Council member Wolgamot said the Lakes Link Organization will be celebrating their 2nd birthday. They will have a get together at the White Bear Country Inn on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and everybody is invited.

Council member Brainerd told the Council that he is attending the League of Minnesota Cities Legislative conference on Thursday, February 21. He will provide an update at the next Council meeting. He also noted that Chuck & Don's has been sold to a company out of New York. He said they are planning to retain their stores and the corporate headquarters here in Mahtomedi. He asked that a thank you letter be sent to Chuck & Don's. Also, he thinks it would be a good gesture to send a welcome letter to the new owners.

11. CLOSED SESSION-None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Council member Brainerd moved and Council member Deans seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

JERENE ROGERS, CITY CLERK

JUD MARSHALL, MAYOR