

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

Mayor Richard Brainerd convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. with City Council members Lilly Melander, Luke Schlegel, and Jane Schneeweis in attendance. City Administrator Scott Neilson, City Attorney Bridget Nason, City Engineer John Sachi, Public Works Director Bob Goebel, Fire Chief Terry Fischer, Finance Director Scott Schaefer, and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Council member Schlegel moved and City Council member Melander seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Schlegel seconded the motion to approve the February 7, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Brainerd said the City Council held a Special Closed Meeting earlier tonight to conduct an annual performance review for City Administrator Scott Neilson. He said the City Council agreed that City Administrator Neilson is doing an outstanding job.

City Council member Schneeweis thanked City Administrator Neilson for everything he does and said he is doing a wonderful job.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation – Jud Marshall Day in Mahtomedi – Mayor Brainerd read a Proclamation recognizing the accomplishments of former Mayor Jud Marshall and stated the City Council is proclaiming March 7, 2023 as Jud Marshall Day in Mahtomedi.

Proclamation – White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce 100th Anniversary – Mayor Brainerd read a proclamation marking the 100th Anniversary of the White Bear Chamber of Commerce and formally acknowledges the service it has provided to 12 communities over the past 100 years.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE - None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

City Council member Schlegel moved and City Council member Melander seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

6a. APPROVAL – Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gifts for a bench in Wedgewood Park.

6. CONSENT AGENDA - Continued

Resolution No. 2023-08 a Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gifts for a bench in Wedgewood Park was approved. The family and friends of Annette Evans donated money to the City for the purchase of a bench, in honor of her memory.

6b. APPROVAL – Request from St. Jude of the Lake Church, 700 Mahtomedi Avenue, to hold a gambling event at their Annual Spring Dinner on May 6, 2023.

Resolution No. 2023-09 a Resolution approving the Application for Authorization for St. Jude of the Lake Church to Conduct a Raffle at their Annual Spring Dinner on May 6, 2023 was approved.

6c. APPROVAL – Authorization to Advertise for Seasonal Employees.

Public Works Director Goebel asked and received permission to advertise for four seasonal employees. The employment will be limited to 67 days to avoid the City's obligation to provide benefits.

6d. APPROVAL – Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Mahtomedi on behalf of its City Attorney and Police Departments and Court Data Services Subscriber Agreement to CJDN Subscriber Agreement.

Resolution No. 2023-06 a Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Mahtomedi on behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department was approved.

6e. APPROVAL – Massage Therapist License for Yipeng Yan.

Resolution No. 2023-10 a Resolution Approving a Massage Therapist License for Yipeng Yan to practice massage at the business located at 3152 Century Avenue North known as W & M, LLC. was approved.

6f. APPROVAL – Budget Transfers for 2022.

The requested Budget Transfers for 2022 were approved. The transfers are for the closure of the Historic District Phase 4 Improvement Project, 2022 Street Improvement Project, and the CSAH12 Project.

6g. APPROVAL – Hiring of Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic.

Fire Chief Fischer asked and received permission to hire Jon Anderson for a Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic position. The hiring is contingent upon successful completion of the City's physical assessment and criminal background check.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

8. STAFF REPORTS

8a. CONSIDER APPROVAL-Bill List

City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Melander seconded the motion to approve the bills as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Neilson said the County will be holding a public engagement session on Wednesday, March 1st from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mahtomedi High School commons areas. He said this is an open house event and encouraged the Council to attend.

Fire Chief Terry Fischer thanked the Council for approving his request to hire another full-time person.

Public Works Director Bob Goebel said the crew will be out at 5:00 a.m. Wednesday to plow.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Brainerd said the City Council gives City Administrator Neilson the authority to close City Hall and allow City Staff the ability to work from home this week due to the forecasted historic snow storm.

City Council member Melander reported the Park Commission is continuing to look for a dog park location within the City.

City Council member Schneeweis reminded the public to attend the Open House honoring former Mayor Jud Marshall on March 7th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. She also said she attended a recent City of Willernie City Council meeting and they send their best wishes to Jud.

City Council member Schlegel said the Purple Line is attempting to schedule a meeting at the beginning of March. He will keep the council informed of the proceedings. He said they are soliciting feedback for possible end points for the Purple Line.

Mayor Brainerd stated the League of Minnesota Cities annual conference will be held in June. He said he will be attending the conference and encouraged the other council members to talk to the City Administrator if they would like to attend. He said the City continues to advertise for the vacant City Council seat and if anybody is interested please send a letter of interest to City Hall. He said the Council will conduct interviews on Tuesday, February 28 at 5:00 p.m. for those interested in filling the vacant seat.

11. CLOSED SESSION – Closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 13D.05, subd. 3(c) (1) and (2) in order to review confidential or protected nonpublic appraisal data under section 13.44 subdivision 3 and determine the asking price for real property owned by the City and located on Glenmar Ave. (Parcel ID No. 29.030.21.42.0036) and on Bevins Lane (Parcel ID No. 32.030.21.24.0010).

Mayor Brainerd moved and Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion to adjourn the regular City Council meeting at 7:24 p.m. and go into a Closed Session for an attorney-client privileged discussion to review confidential or protected nonpublic appraisal data under section 13.44 subdivision 3 and determine the asking price for real property owned by the City and located on Glenmar Avenue (Parcel ID No. 29.030.21.42.0036) and on Bevins Lane (Parcel ID No. 32.030.21.24.0010). The motion was unanimously passed.

Mayor Brainerd, City Council members Melander, Schlegel and Schneeweis were in attendance along with City Administrator Neilson, City Attorney Nason, City Engineer Sachi, Finance Director Scott Schaefer and City Clerk Jerene Rogers.

Following the Closed Session, City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Schlegel seconded the motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

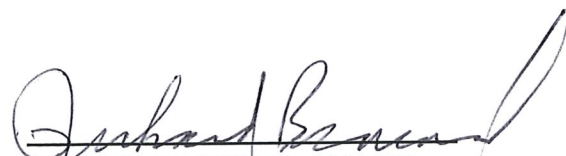
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:


JERENE ROGERS, CITY CLERK


RICHARD BRAINERD, MAYOR