

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
APRIL 18, 2023**

Mayor Richard Brainerd convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. with City Council members Jeff Charlesworth, 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, and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 4, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND THE APRIL 5, 2023 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING MINUTES.**

City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Charlesworth seconded the motion to approve the April 4, 2023 City Council meeting minutes and the April 5, 2023 Board of Review meeting minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**Arbor Day Proclamation** – Mayor Brainerd read the Arbor Day Proclamation proclaiming April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of Mahtomedi and May as Arbor Month in the City of Mahtomedi.

**Mark Ganz, White Bear Lake Conservation District** – Mr. Ganz said he has been part of the Conservation District for 18 years and a Board Member for 12 years. He said there are no issues or disputes in Mahtomedi and he would like to continue to represent Mahtomedi.

**Safe Routes to School Plan Update** – Kate Anderson, Safe Routes to School Lead explained the progress on their Safe Routes to School Initiative. She said in November 2022 the lead committee of the Safe Routes to School group realized the plan was outdated. She said with new school staff, county and city leaders they decided to apply for a new Safe Routes to School plan. They applied for and received a grant, this allows them to work with Alta Planning and Design, county, city, MNDot and other entities to create a new up to date plan. They have hosted several engagement sessions and onsite facility observations to study the high traffic times.

Erin Roche, Safe Routes to School Volunteer said the goal is to make walking/biking and rolling to school safer. She stated the recommendations in the plan represent community input and walking/biking best practice designs. She noted some of the recommendations from the Safe Routes to School plan to the City include:

A sidewalk on Warner Avenue South from Warwck to Bevins Lane.

Traffic calming on County Road 12 from Warner Avenue to Hilton Trail, including a reduced speed limit from Hilton Trail to Jamaca.

Mayor Brainerd and the City Council thanked the Safe Route to School volunteers and encouraged community members to get engaged.

**5. DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Jim Podobinski, 570 Warner Avenue North was here to talk about the traffic on Warner Avenue near his home. He said the 20 mph speed zone is not slowing traffic and cars continue to race down the road.

Mayor Brainerd thanked him for the information and said the Council will continue to look for ways to keep kids safe.

Nick Kreeger, 7390 73<sup>rd</sup> Court North, Grant asked for who he should speak to regarding the speed on County Road 12 at the intersection where the new subdivision has been created.

City Engineer Sachi said they should plead with the City of Grant to get engaged with the County Road 12 project and to work with Washington County.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**6a. APPROVAL – Hiring of Public Works Seasonal Employees.**

Public Works Director Bob Goebel asked and receive permission to hire four public works seasonal maintenance employees, contingent upon successful completion of a criminal background check and physical exam. The employees will earn \$16.00-\$18.00/per hour based on years of seasonal employment with the City.

**6b. APPROVAL – Award Contract for Reclamite Application to Roads.**

The City Council approved a contract with Corrective Asphalt Materials in the amount of \$26,885.12. Reclamite will be used to extend the life of pavements by 5 – 7 years.

**6c. APPROVAL – Mahtomedi Beach Operations Agreement Between City of Mahtomedi and YMCA of the North.**

An agreement for lifeguard services between the City of Mahtomedi and the YMCA of the North for 2023 was approved.

**6d. APPROVAL – Resolution Approving the Development Agreement for Plat of Old Wildwood Oaks and the Retaining Wall Maintenance Agreements for Lots 4 and 5, Block 1, Old Wildwood Oaks.**

Resolution No. 2023-18, a Resolution Approving a Development Agreement and Retaining Wall Maintenance Agreements for the Plat Old Wildwood Oaks was approved. A conditional of approval of the plat was that the Developer enter into a Development Agreement with the City of the subdivision, and enter into retaining wall maintenance agreements for lots with retaining

6. **CONSENT AGENDA - Continued**

walls abutting the stormwater pond.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

8a. **CONSIDER APPROVAL – Bill list.**

City Council member Charlesworth moved and City Council member Schlegel 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 City has once again achieved Step 5 of the Green Steps Program. He said Mayor Brainerd will be presented with the “block” at the annual League of Minnesota Cities Conference in June. He also reminded the Council about the Rite of Spring this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Wildwood School. He said Washington County will once again be collecting hazardous materials at the middle school from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the Washington County Sheriff’s Office will be collecting unused prescription drugs at Wildwood School.

10. **COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

City Council member Charlesworth said he attended his first Environmental Commission meeting and said the Commission worked very hard on the Sustainability Plan. He said the commission is very thorough and does good work.

Mayor Brainerd said he attended the Regional Council of Mayors meeting last week. He said there were several law enforcement agencies there along with U.S. Attorney Luger. He said the topics of discussion were: the issues with arresting and prosecuting juveniles, carjacking’s and Fentanyl. He also said he, City Council member Schneeweis and City Administrator Neilson attended a White Bear Lake Chamber breakfast where U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar spoke.

11. **CLOSED SESSION - Closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 13D.05, subd. 3(b), attorney-client privilege, concerning pending White Bear Lake Litigation Matters including in OAH File 8-2002-35477.**

City Council member Charlesworth moved and City Council member Melander seconded the motion to adjourn the regular City Council meeting at 7:55 p.m. and go into a Closed Session for an attorney-client privileged discussion concerning pending White Bear Lake Litigation Matters in OAH File 8-2002-35477. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mayor Brainerd, City Council members Charlesworth, Melander, Schlegel and Schneeweis were in attendance along with City Administrator Neilson, City Attorney Nason, City Attorney Sienko, City Attorney Hirak, City Engineer Sachi, Public Works Director Bob Goebel, and City Clerk Jerene Rogers.

11. CLOSED SESSION – Continued

Following the Closed Session, City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Melander seconded the motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 9:23 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.


12. ADJOURNMENT

City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Charlesworth seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTESTED:

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JERENE ROGERS, CITY CLERK

  
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RICHARD BRAINERD, MAYOR