

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 2, 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, Finance Director Scott Schaefer, Fire Chief Terry Fischer and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 18, 2023 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES AND THE APRIL 18, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

City Council member Charlesworth moved and City Council member Melander seconded the motion to approve the April 18, 2023 City Council Workshop meeting minutes and the April 18, 2023 City Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. PRESENTATIONS

2022 Audit Presentation – Chris Knopik, CliftonLarsenAllen presented the 2022 Audit results. He said the audit team received full cooperation from management again this year. There was a passed adjustment for 2022 in the general fund related to unearned revenues that was not recorded in 2021 that was recorded for 2022 activity with GASB 87 implementation. He stated there were no material audit adjustments in the current year. He said the City will receive an unmodified opinion, there were no internal control exceptions noted and no Minnesota legal compliance exceptions noted. He stated Statement 87 – Leases, was implemented for December 31, 2022. He said antenna lease receivable and deferred inflow of resources in the amount of \$1.7 million was recorded. He said Statement No. 96 which will recognize certain assets and liabilities for subscription based information technology arrangements will be implemented December 31, 2023.

Mayor Brainerd said this is a good report. He thanked Mr. Knopik and his staff for their work and also thanked city staff for their efforts.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE - None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

6. **CONSENT AGENDA - Continued**

6a. **APPROVAL – Appointment of Mark Ganz for three-year term on White Bear Lake Conservation District.**

Resolution No. 2023-19 a Resolution of Election of One White Bear Lake Conservation District Board Member Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.661 was approved. The term for Mr. Ganz will expire on May 31, 2026.

6b. **APPROVAL – Change Order No. 1 for 2022 Street Improvement Program.**

The 2022 Street Improvement Program Change Order No. 1 was approved. The change order reflects a deduction for the deficient work that was completed by the contractor.

6c. **APPROVAL – Award Contract for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising – Sanitary District #3 in the amount of \$80,572.11 to Pipe Services.**

A contract in the amount of \$80,572.11 was awarded to Pipe Services for the Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising. The contract will cover the cleaning and televising in sanitary district #3.

6d. **APPROVAL – Resolution Approving Amendments to the Municipal State Aid Street System.**

Resolution No. 2023-20, a Resolution Approving Amendments to the Municipal State Aid Street System was approved. Dunbar Way from Long Lake road to Lincolntown Avenue will be revoked from the current list of state aid roadways. East Avenue from Hickory Street to Juniper Street, Juniper Street from Hallam Avenue to East Avenue, Warner Avenue from Maple Street to Briarwood Avenue and Quail Street from Mahtomedi Avenue to Briarwood Avenue will be added.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

8. **STAFF REPORTS**

8a. **CONSIDER APPROVAL – Award Contract for Wedgewood Park Court Construction Project to Bituminous Roadways, Inc. with a Total Bid Amount of \$129,888.40.**

City Engineer Sachi said the City received nine bids for construction of the pickleball courts at Wedgewood Park. He said staff is recommending awarding the contract to Bituminous Roadways, Inc. in the amount of \$129,888.40, which is about \$10,000 under the engineer's estimate.

Mayor Brainerd asked if staff has received any correspondence from residents regarding this issue.

Public Works Director Bob Goebel said there have been a handful of residents he has spoken with that are very excited for the courts to be constructed. He said we received a note from Julie and Stanly Ellis who live at 213 Wedgewood Drive who wanted to express how happy they are about the new courts and asked us to share this information with the Council.

8a. STAFF REPORTS – Continued

Christelle Peterson, 109 Loretta Lane said she is concerned that her neighbors don't realize how loud the courts will be until it is too late. She asked if the City will have money later on for noise control. She understands that the Council has to do what's best for the City and trying to please everybody is hard. She hopes the courts do not force her to spend her summer indoors.

Peter Otto, 220 Shamrock Drive said his concern is people lingering in the park after dark. He asked if the City is planning to light the courts. He asked if Washington County could swing through the park more often. He said he is not crazy about the idea of pickleball courts in this location.

City Engineer John Sachi said the City is not planning to light the courts. He indicated that the park is open until 10:00 p.m., however the City can look at this and adjust the park hours when necessary. He said there will be two courts, with a net in the middle, an eight foot high fence around the courts with two gates and bench seating on the inside of the fencing. He said many residents asked for and are looking forward to pickleball courts.

Lisa Vosika, 217 Shamrock Drive said she uses the park every day and she feels there is a need and a desire for a court. She said her concern is it will draw people to congregate long past park hours. She said she is thrilled to have it, but concerned about additional people at the park after hours.

Gary Christensen, 322 Jesse James Lane said he has conducted training for pickleball. He said the schedule for the court at the District Education Office is always full. He said he coached sports in the park for many years and said he can't imagine that the courts will generate as much noise or parking as sporting events.

Mayor Brainerd said he had the opportunity to visit the pickleball courts in Hugo that are set up very similar to how these are proposed. He said he spoke with people using the park and asked them about the noise generated from the pickleball courts. He was told the children playing are louder than the noise coming from the courts.

City Council member Schneeweis said this is a multi-generational sport and this court will be accessible for elder people to use. She asked the residents in the audience to let us know if there are issues with the courts and we will help work through them.

City Council member Charlesworth moved and City Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion to award a contract to Bituminous Roadways, Inc. in the amount of \$129,888.40 to construct pickleball courts at Wedgewood Park. The motion was unanimously approved.

8b. 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 a couple of the legislative bills of interest to the City are still working their way through the legislature. He said the session wraps up on May 22. He reminded the Council that he will be in mediation all day May 3rd regarding the White Bear Lake Litigation.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council member Schlegel said the Rite of Spring was very well attended and seemed to go smoothly.

City Council member Charlesworth said he read through the Fire Department Staffing Study and looks forward to the meeting on May 4th.

Mayor Brainerd said he met with the Mayor of Hugo and the Chair of the White Bear Lake Township Board. He said he plans to meet with the Executive team from St. Andrew's Church this week and the business owners soon. He said the City Council will be having a joint meeting with the Finance Commission on Thursday, May 4 to discuss the Fire Department Staffing Study. This meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. and be held at the fire station.

11. CLOSED SESSION – None

12. ADJOURNMENT


City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Schlegel seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:



JERENE ROGERS, CITY CLERK



RICHARD BRAINERD, MAYOR