

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 19, 2022**

City Council President Richard Brainerd convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. with Council members Luke Schlegel, and Jane Schneeweis in attendance. Mayor Jud Marshall and City Council member Lilly Melander were absent with prior notice. City Administrator Scott Neilson, City Attorney Bridget Nason, City Engineer Nick Williams, Public Works Director Bob Goebel, and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance. Washington County Commissioners Fran Miron and Stan Karwoski 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 JUNE 21, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Schlegel seconded the motion to approve the June 21, 2022 City Council meeting minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. PRESENTATIONS – Metro Purple Line, Craig Lamothe

Mr. Craig Lamothe said Metro Transit is proposing a Bus Rapid Transit line that would begin in downtown St. Paul and end at Century College. He indicated that Century College reached out to Metro Transit and requested this service. He stated the Purple Line would be the 8th regional project to be Federally Funded. He explained there would be new stations at Woodlyn Avenue at White Bear Avenue and Long Lake Road at Highway 120 and a new terminal would serve the Century College campuses.

Liz Jones, Community Outreach Metro Transit said their goal is for every voice to be heard. She stated they produce project newsletters, have social media and put updated route modifications on their website. She said they conduct interviews and attend community events to get the information out. She said they will reach out to the business owners and residents in this area for feedback and advised the council that there will be a 30-day public comment period.

Mr. Lamothe said it would be beneficial for an elected official from the City of Mahtomedi to become a member of the Corridor Management Committee. He said the committee meets monthly and if this project moves forward Washington County will also have a representative on the committee. He said all it takes is a letter of interest and the appointment will be made.

City Council member Schlegel moved and City Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion to direct staff to write a letter requesting a City of Mahtomedi elected official be named to the Corridor Management Committee to participate in discussions regarding the Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit proposal. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Megan K. asked if the City could repair the potholes and put a sidewalk/trail on Highway 120 and Highway 694. She said she works at FedEx and bikes to work and it is a very dangerous roadway. She was informed to speak to the Washington County Commissioners and MN Dot.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

6a. CONSIDER APPROVAL – 2022 Recycling Grant Agreement with Washington County.

The 2022 Recycling Grant Agreement with Washington County was approved. The grant amount is \$14,734.00 and will be used towards recycling expenditures.

6b. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Set Public Hearing for Levy Certification for September 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The City Council approved setting a public hearing for September 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the 2023 annual Levy Certification.

6c. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Award Contract for Trail Lighting.

The City Council approved a contract in the amount of \$173,500 to Killmer Electric for the Lakes Link Trail lighting.

6d. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Resolution Approving Massage Business License and Therapist License for Huining Liu at Eastern Massage Hui, LLC.

Resolution No. 2022-43 a Resolution Approving a Massage Business and Massage Therapist License for Huining Lui for the business located at 90 Mahtomedi Avenue known as Eastern Massage Hui, LLC was approved.

6e. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Construction Pay Voucher No. 1 for the 2022 Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$84,030.63 for OMG Midwest.

Pay Voucher No. 1 for OMG Midwest, in the amount of \$84,030.63 for the 2022 Street Improvement Project was approved.

6f. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Construction Pay Voucher No. 1 for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project in the amount of \$228,470.15 for Insituform Technologies USA, Inc.

Pay Voucher No. 1 for Insituform Technologies USA, Inc., in the amount of \$228,470.15 for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project was approved.

6. CONSENT AGENDA - Continued

6g. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Construction Pay Voucher No. 3 for the Edith Pond Stormwater Lift Station Project in the amount of \$14,720.35 for Meyer Contracting.

Pay Voucher No. 3 (Final) for Meyer Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$14,720.35 for the Edith Pond Stormwater Lift Station Project was approved.

6h. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Resolution Identifying the Need for Livable Communities Act Policy Development Funding and Authorizing Application for Grant Funds.

Resolution No. 2022-41 a Resolution Identifying the Need for Livable Communities Act Policy Development Funding and Authorizing Application for Grant Funds was approved.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

8. STAFF REPORTS

8a. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Request from White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church to Use Hallam Park for an Event on Sunday, September 11, 2022.

City Administrator Neilson said the White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church is asking for permission to use Hallam Park for an event on Sunday, September 11, 2022.

Reverend Jack Gaede said the service will be held from 10:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m. and they will use a P.A. system from the church. He said there will be speakers, singing and music. He said they will have volunteers to help with parking and with crossing the street from the church to the park. He indicated that after the service they will go back to the church campus for a band and potluck.

City Council member Schlegel moved and City Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion to give permission to White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church to use Hallam Park on Sunday, September 11, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for their church service. The motion was unanimously approved.

8b. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Bill List.

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

9. REPORT FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Neilson reminded the City Council that the next Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 1st do to National Nite Out. He indicated that he will let the Council know about events being held locally.

9. REPORT FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR - Continued

City Administrator Neilson said there is a meeting on July 27th, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Century Avenue. This meeting will be held at the North St. Paul City Hall. He asked the Council to let him know if they will be attending.

City Administrator Neilson stated the City continues to have issues with recycling pickup by Waste Management. He said city hall has received a massive number of complaints. He explained that he asked the City Attorney to review our contract for non-performance. He stated that we should have a conversation regarding residents hiring their own recyclables hauler.

City Attorney Nason said many cities are facing these same challenges. She said there are monetary damages that we could require of Waste Management. She said the contract states the city could be reimbursed \$250 per incident for missed collections, \$100 per incident of non-notification and \$50 per service complaint. She said with City Council support, staff could speak with Waste Management regarding the issues the City has been facing and ask what they are doing to correct the problems.

City Council President Brainerd said a conversation with Waste Management is the way to go. He said in the future we should consider tying both waste and recycling together.

City Engineer Nick Guilliams said the 2022 Street Improvement Project is progressing nicely. He said the trail and pedestrian ramps and the storm sewer work on Locust Street and Maple Street have been completed. He said they are anticipating completion by the end of August. City Engineer Guilliams said the CSAH 12 project is progressing too. He said the paving and concrete work on the north side of the roadway is complete. He said they are anticipating a November completion date for this project.

Public Works Director Bob Goebel said the fog-sealing was finished on July 15th and the Reclamite is scheduled to be done this Friday, July 22nd. He said the public works crew will street sweep the area where the Reclamite is being put down next week. He said parking lot, crosswalks and street striping is on-going and should be complete soon.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council President Brainerd said he appreciates the statistical data from the Sheriff's Office regarding incidents within the City. He asked what the thoughts are regarding the sale of cannabis in the City.

City Council member Schlegel asked if the City's water usage has increased.

Public Works Director Goebel said that it has, considerably. He indicated that the public works crew have been instructed to issue warnings to resident they see violating the water restriction ordinance. He said we need to think about what we will do this fall if it continues.

City Council member Schlegel said he attended a Ramsey/Washington County Cable Commission meeting. He said indications are the payment we receive next year will be approximately \$28,000. This will be about \$23,000 less than what we should receive this year.

11. CLOSED SESSION - None

12. ADJOURNMENT

City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Schlegel seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTESTED:



JERENE ROGERS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:



RICHARD BRAINERD, COUNCIL PRESIDENT