

**Breezy Point City Council  
August 5, 2024 - 6:30 pm  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

The meeting of the Breezy Point City Council was called to order by Mayor Angel Zierden at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken by City Administrator Chanski. Councilmembers present were Rebecca Ball, Steve Jensen, Michael Moroni, and Brad Scott. Staff present included City Administrator/Clerk David Chanski, Deputy Clerk Deb Runksmeier, Police Sergeant Joe Garcia, Planning & Zoning Administrator Peter Gansen, and Public Works Supervisor Joe Zierden. City Engineer Nick Peterson of Widseth was present, and Mikaela Huot with BakerTilly was present virtually. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval/Amendment of the Agenda

MOTION MORONI/BALL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AMENDED WITH ADDITION OF 10.B RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Open Forum – Bill Toft 31877 Green Scene Drive

Consent Agenda

- A. July 1, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. July 18, 2024 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of Claims Totaling \$333,611.68
- D. RESOLUTION 18-2024 Donations to Cemetery
- E. Approval of Auction Sales
- F. Sale of Surplus Tasers

MOTION MORONI/JENSEN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

City Council Wages

Administrator Chanski presented information on the current council, committee, and commissions with numbers from neighboring cities to compare. Councilmember Moroni asked for clarification on when salaries can be changed.

MOTION SCOTT/MORONI TO TAKE NO ACTION FOR INCREASING COUNCIL SALARY, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Resignation of Assistant Administrator

Administrator Chanski read resignation letter from Assistant City Administrator Daniel Eick.

MOTION BALL/MORONI TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF DANIEL EICK WITH FINAL

DAY AS SEPTEMBER 6, 2024, MOTION CARRIED 4-1, SCOTT OPPOSED

#### City Hall Project Bonding

Administrator Chanski spoke about bonding for the City Hall Remodel project. Mikaela Huot with Baker Tilly presented bonding options for \$2.95 million, \$2.5 million, and \$2 million and answered questions from the Council. Councilmember Scott confirmed that this financing is for two projects of City Hall and the Fire District Ladder Truck. Councilmember Scott spoke about the city's needs and no money to fund it. No plan in place for these projects and this is not the time to proceed. Councilmember Jensen talked about not having funds for a streets CIP and wants to know what scenario will have cash remaining for other expenses. Councilmember Moroni asked if it is possible to pause on bonding for 18 months and then analyze the need then. Councilmember Ball wants more information on what a call feature would do and is there a schedule to follow.

Council directed staff to create side by side numbers with some call options of bond vs cash and include Buschmann Road project for the September council meeting. Administrator Chanski confirmed that notice of Public Hearing needs to be issued for a bond 14 days prior. Councilmember Scott is against all funding for these project and having not plan. Councilmember Scott clarified that council can approve add on expenses for approved city hall project with paying cash.

MOTION MORONI/BALL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-2024 DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENSIDITURES FOR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,030,000, MOTION CARRIED 3-2, JENSEN AND SCOTT OPPOSED

#### Streets Committee Members Appointment

Administrator Chanski gave a brief recap of the creation of the Ad Hoc Streets Committee and shared that 5 applications for appointment to the Committee were received. Mayor Zierden nominated all 5 applicants for appointment to the Committee. Councilmember Scott stated that he knows only a few of the applicants but had no concerns with the others. However, he would be voting against the nominations by the Mayor as he does not trust her judgement. Councilmember Jensen stated that he knows 3 of the 5 applications and has no concerns, and Councilmember Ball stated that she knows just one of the applicants but also has no concerns.

Administrator Chanski stated that, in addition to the 5 applicants, the Council needs to appoint a liaison to the Committee from among themselves. Councilmember Jensen volunteered to serve as liaison.

MOTION BALL/JENSEN TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF STREETS COMMITTEE MEMBERS JASON GORR, JOHN MONNIER, TOM NELSON, CRAIG O'REILLY, AND LEONARD SODD, MOTION CARRIED 4-1, SCOTT OPPOSED

MOTION MORONI/BALL TO APPROVE COUNCILMEMBER JENSEN AS LIAISON TO AD HOC STREET COMMITTEE, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

#### Staff Reports

City Administrator Chanski updated the council on the next Breezy Brief, Primary Election to be held August 13, and last day to file for local offices with the city clerk.

Police Sergeant Garcia spoke about the Night to Unite event scheduled for August 6.

#### Mayor and Council Reports

Councilmember Jensen spoke on the Buschmann Road project easement for two specific properties that will damage a big portion of their yard. Requested to have WBS engineer Paul Sandy come back to discuss.

Councilmember Scott asked about the city's noise ordinance and if it needs to be discussed. Sergeant Garcia spoke about the current noise issues and how it is being handled.

#### Agenda Forecast

City Administrator Chanski requested the council to schedule an August Workshop to discuss the 2025 Budget.

MOTION MORONI/JENSEN TO APPROVE SCHEDULE BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR MONDAY AUGUST 19 AT 6:00PM, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

#### Adjourn

MOTION MORONI/SCOTT TO ADJOURN, CARRIED 5-0

Meeting ended at 8:02 p.m.

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David C. Chanski, City Administrator/Clerk