

**Breezy Point City Council
March 4, 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, Assistant City Administrator Daniel Eick, Deputy Clerk Deb Runksmeier, Police Chief Brian Sandel, Planning & Zoning Administrator Peter Gansen, and Public Works Supervisor Joe Zierden. All present stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval/Amendment of the Agenda

Councilmember Scott requested to move item 8.E. Disc Golf Resolution off the consent agenda to add as item 9.A

MOTION SCOTT/JENSEN TO REMOVE ITEM 8.E FROM CONSENT AGENDA ADDING ITEM 9.A FOR DISCUSSION, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

MOTION MORONI/BALL TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA ADDING ITEM 9.A, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Open Forum

Bill Toft, 31877 Green Scene Drive

Foodshare Month

Councilmember Jensen spoke about the request of March as Foodshare Month.

MOTION JENSEN/BALL TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION FOR DECLARING MARCH AS FOODHARE MONTH IN BREEZY POINT, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

First Children's Finance

Candace Cegla and Shelly Kunz from First Children's Finance shared a presentation regarding childcare in Minnesota with programs to assist this area.

City Hall Design

Administrator Chanski spoke about the three different concepts presented in the packet for City Hall new build or remodel with expansion designed by Widseth.

- Option 1: New Build estimated at \$3.9 million
- Option 2: Redesign \$4.23 million or \$6.03 with Gymnasium
- Option 3: Remodel with addition at \$2.5 million

Lindsey Kriens with Widseth presented the three design options.

Administrator Chanski stated that staff recommends concept Option #3

Andy Pickar from Hy-Tec spoke about the onsite visit to review the building envelope and check interior walls and check for any red flags for remodel of current structure. Everything checked out okay.

Councilmember Scott questioned why there isn't an option to only remodel the existing structure. Lindsey Kriens gave previous information of cost of \$1 million dollars to remodel with a slight increase of building footprint. Councilmember Moroni confirmed that the remodel discussion was presented at a previous workshop and ruled out as an option because of the need for more space.

Councilmember Jensen feels the best choice is option #3 of remodel and addition without gymnasium give flexibility with the cost.

Councilmember Ball wants to go with Concept #2 of New Building and gymnasium. This gives the best use of space.

MOTION MORONI/JENSEN TO APPROVE CONCEPT #3 WITHOUT GYMNASIUM AND PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT DEVELOPMENT AND BIDDING, MOTION FAILED 2-3, BALL, SCOTT, ZIERDEN OPPOSED

Councilmember Scott is against all three concepts and doesn't know what is lacking in the current city hall building. It will never be cheaper cost and there is no way it won't increase taxes.

Mayor Zierden wants to know what to compromise to move forward.

MOTION JENSEN/MORONI TO MOVE ON WITH NO ACTION FOR NEW CITY HALL BUILDING OR REMODEL UNTIL A TIME THAT A COUNCILMEMBER ASKS FOR IT TO BE ON THE AGENDA, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Councilmember Scott stated that the city can't move on without a plan.

Councilmember Jensen argued that the city has a comprehensive plan that includes a Disc Golf Course and Community Center.

Mayor Zierden shared that she still plans to continue to pursue uses of the Landis + Gyr building.

Consent Agenda

- A. February 5, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. February 20, 2024 Special City Council Meeting Minutes

C. February 20, 2024 City Council Workshop Minutes
D. Approval of Claims Totaling \$92,217.41

MOTION BALL/MORONI TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED,
MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Disc Golf Course Naming Contest Donation

Councilmember Scott wanted to know how the contest for naming the disc golf course happened. Administrator Chanski explained how the Parks and Recreation Committee came up with the idea for the contest to get the community involved.

MOTION MORONI/BALL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 09-2024 TO ACCEPT DONATION FOR DISC GOLF NAMING CONTEST, MOTION CARRIED 3-2, JENSEN, SCOTT OPPOSED

February 20, 2024 Special City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Scott spoke about the February 20 Special meeting and why his absence was questioned.

MOTION BALL/MORONI TO APPROVE ITEM 8.B. FEBRUARY 20 2024 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Streets Capital Improvement Plan Request for Proposals

Administrator Chanski gave an overview about the street CIP and how it would work. Identifying the streets that should be done, the when, and the why. Timeline and financing are the next steps.

Councilmember Scott asked about a street lighting plan. Also said that we need to have a road standard before requesting RFPs.

Public Works Supervisor Joe Zierden explained what our road standard is.

MOTION JENSEN/MORONI TO DISCUSS STREETS ROAD STANDARD DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT NEXT WORKSHOP, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Police Side-by-side

Chief Sandel explained the public safety department current side-by-side use and information obtained on quote. Recommends swapping trailers for machine with the public works trailer to fit the new machine.

MOTION BALL/MORONI TO APPROVE PURCHASE 2024 POLARIS RANGER AND ADDITIONS FOR A TOTAL OF \$49,382.77, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Police Computer and Monitors

Chief Sandel gave information for request of dual monitors for police officers workstations.

MOTION SCOTT/MORONI TO APPROVE PURCHASE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPUTER MONITORS FOR \$3,455, MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Council conducted a short recess from 8:07 p.m. to 8:13 p.m.

Parks Signage

Public Works Supervisor Zierden spoke about signage directed by the Parks and Recreation Committee request.

Councilmember Scott questioned the disc golf signage approval. How did this happened. Councilmember Moroni explained how the council voted to proceed with recommendation to the Parks and Recreation at the January meeting. This action guided them to proceed with tasks outlined.

MOTION BALL/MORONI TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN SIGN REQUEST TO CROW WING COUNTY AND APPROVE INSTALL WHEN ABLE THE REQUESTED SIGNS, MOTION CARRIED 4-1, SCOTT OPPOSED

Request to Disable Comments

Mayor Zierden explained her request to disable comments on the city's YouTube channel where recorded meetings are posted. She researched other cities that used YouTube and many do not allow comments. Not asking staff to monitor the social media.

Councilmember Scott questioning why her concern YouTube compared to other social media outlets.

Councilmember Jensen ready a submitted email response from resident Jonathan Kurten of opposition to disabling comments on YouTube. Jensen is also against disabling.

Councilmember Moroni asked if staff gets notifications about comments on the City's social media pages.

Councilmember Ball suggested consulting the city attorney.

City Administrator Chanski and Assistant City Administrator Eick shared staff's concerns about disabling comments and how staff monitors social media activity.

No Action was taken for YouTube Comments.

Disc Golf Course Expansion Concern

Councilmember Scott spoke how residents continue to have concerns with the disc golf course. He claims to continue to hear of negative issues related to disc golf. Wants compromise and address issues. Feels the city is ignoring the issue. Councilmember Scott doesn't think the disc golf course belongs in a residential area.

Councilmember Jensen asked Scott what additional items that he would propose to discuss about disc golf.

Ball and Jensen suggested to item be added to next work shop agenda. Scott spoke of his dislike for workshops because they are held during the day.

Staff Reports

Administrator Chanski spoke about Sewer Study, Foodshare Month, March Breezy Brief to be published, and the Presidential Nomination Primary Election on Tuesday.

Agenda Forecast

Administrator Chanski discussed potential agenda items for the next City Council Workshop and asked the City Council about possible dates for next workshop.

MOTION SCOTT/MORONI TO APPROVE NOT HOLDING A MARCH WORKSHOP,
CARRIED 5-0

Adjourn

MOTION MORONI/BALL TO ADJOURN, CARRIED 5-0

Meeting ended at 8:54 p.m.

David C. Chanski, City Administrator/Clerk