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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 10, 2023
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, a Regular meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council will be held on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 5:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Mayor Christy called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

CALL OF ROLL:

PRESENT: Mayor Dale Christy, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Tasha Connelly and Councilor Molly MacGregor.

ABSENT: Councilor Tom Sutherland

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Andy Morgan, Rob Mattei, Barb Baird, Will Richter and Dom DeGuseppi

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were several residents that addressed the City Council, voicing their opinion on the changes in waste pick up.

Beth George - 333 NE 8th St

- No parking on one side of the street
- no curb cuts, very steep and will be difficult in the winter
- inconsistent between Highway 38 and city streets
- action taken without community input or review, poor decision

Sue Bigwood - 223 NE 8th St

- extremely difficult in winter
- few driveways for parking so difficult to locate garbage cans
- steep slopes

Jennifer Vail-Storrs - 1106 NW 4th Ave

- voiced the same opinion as the other residents and also said that the streets will be littered with garbage and recycling bins and they are not aesthetically pleasing

Mayor Christy thanked the residents for coming forward and said that they will discuss and look at options.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor MacGregor let the City Council know that she had joined the Welcoming Communities Cohort. They meet monthly and she will bring any information back to the City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approval of Council minutes for the Monday, March 27th, 2023 Worksession and Regular meetings.

Motion was made by Councilor Connelly and Second by Councilor Adams to approve both the worksession and regular meeting minutes as presented. Voting Yea; Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly and Councilor MacGregor.

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period March 21, 2023 to April 3, 2023 in the total amount of \$1,468,096.17

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the verified claims as presented. Voting Yea; Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly and Councilor MacGregor.

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

3. Review and acknowledge minutes for the following meetings:

- ~February 2nd, 2023 Planning Commission meeting
- ~February 8th, 2023 Library Board meeting
- ~February 8th, 2023 PUC meeting
- ~February 9th, 2023 GREDA meeting
- ~February 22nd, 2023 Human Rights meeting
- ~February 22nd, 2023 PUC special meeting
- ~March 9th, 2023 GREDA meeting

The City Council reviewed and acknowledged the minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consider adopting a resolution calling for a Public Hearing on a proposal to adopt an amendment to the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan.

Adopt Resolution 23-24

5. Consider purchasing AccuBatch brine equipment from Cargill Salt
6. Consider approving an amendment to Supplemental Letter Agreement 2022-5 with SEH for CP 2022-5, Forest Lake Utilities.
7. Consider authorizing advertisement for bids for the Hangar Utility project at the GPZ Airport

8. Consider entering into agreements with Paul Bunyan Communications.
9. Consider approving contract for Radius Sand Cleaner demo
10. Consider accepting the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority's Annual Report for the year 2022
11. Consider a request by the police department to apply and accept a grant from the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety for 4 child safety seats.
12. Consider a proposal from Twin Ports Testing for asbestos abatement/remediation.
13. Consider change orders related to the IRA Civic Center

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voting Yea; Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly and Councilor MacGregor.

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor Adams and Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the regular agenda as presented. Voting Yea; Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly and Councilor MacGregor.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

14. Consider approval of the preliminary plat of Forest Lake Addition

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Adams to approve the preliminary plat of the Forest Lake Addition as recommended by the Planning Commission. Voting Yea; Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly and Councilor MacGregor.

POLICE:

15. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a GRPD Canine Program donation from the McCumsey family.

The City Council thanked Josiah for his hard work raising the \$1,150.00 for the GRPD Canine Program. Mayor Christy requested a photo after the meeting with the McCumsey Family.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Connelly to adopt **Resolution 23-25** accepting a GRPD Canine Donation of \$1,150.00 from the McCumsey family. Voting Yea; Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly and Councilor MacGregor.

CITY COUNCIL:

16. Consider appointments to Boards & Commissions

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor MacGregor to appoint the following members to the following Commissions:

Arts & Culture Commission: Angie Miskovich and Derek Fox

Economic Development Authority: Emily Naparalla

Voting Yea; Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly and Councilor MacGregor

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cynthia Lyman, Administrative Assistant

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24, AT 5:00 PM

Hearing Assistance Available: This facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system.

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