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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 27, 2021

5:00 PM

Mayor Christy called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

Upon a call roll, the following members were present: Mayor Dale Christy, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Michelle Toven, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Tasha Connelly. Absent: None.

Staff: Tom, Chad, Kevin Ott, Andy Morgan, Travis Cole, Jeremy Nelson, Lynn DeGrio, Will Richter, Barb Baird, Lasha Karels, Erik Scott, Steve Schaar

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATION:

1. Police Sergeants Andy Morgan and Kevin Ott are sworn in as Police Captains.
2. Lea Friesen, Chair for Human Rights Commission, presents resolution in support of Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Police Chief Schaar updated the Council on training plans for local law enforcement in regard to epilepsy awareness.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Connelly provided update on EDA activities including application received in reference to property located between the Home Depot and Walmart. Advised public of Indigenous People's Day event scheduled for October 11, 2021 on the grounds of Central School.

Councilor Blake noted upgrading water systems at PUC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3. Review and approve Council minutes for Monday, September 13, 2021 Worksession and Regular meetings and Monday, September 20, 2021 Special Worksession.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Toven to approve Council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly. Passed by unanimous vote.

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

4. Approve the verified claims for the period September 7, 2021 to September 20, 2021 in the total amount of \$807,483.76, of which \$21,766.25 are debt service payments.

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Second by Councilor Adams to approve the verified claims as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly. Passed by roll call vote.

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

5. Mayor Christy acknowledge approved minutes for boards and commissions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. Consider approving an easement at GPZ Airport with Minnesota Power.
7. Consider approving final payment in the amount of \$15,495.32 and balancing change order #1 for CP 2021-2, 5th Street SW Reconstruction.
8. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a grant from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR) for CP 2003-18, 21st Street SW Extension and authorize execution.

Adopted Resolution 21-81

9. Considering authorizing staff to apply for a HMEP grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.
10. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a bench donation from the Aultman family in honor of Lonny Deen Aultman.

Adopted Resolution 21-83

11. Consider accepting an updated Contract for Fire Fighting Services for Arbo, Harris, and Blackberry Townships.
12. Consider the sale at auction or disposal of surplus items from old Fire Hall.
13. Consider approving a resolution adopting the 2021 proposed levy/collectable 2022.

Adopted Resolution 21-84

14. Approve temporary liquor license for IEDC event on December 3, 2021.
15. Approve the dedication of \$20 per Administrative Fine to a dedicated Police Equipment Fund.
16. Consider approval of a Pierringer Release agreement with Carol Olson.

17. Consider approval of a Subordination Agreement in favor of Embrace Home Loans, Inc. for a SCDP mortgage on property owned by Daniel W. Thompson and Peggy A. Thompson.
18. Consider approval of a Subordination Agreement in favor of Affinity Plus Credit Union for a SCDP mortgage on property owned by Christopher Feist.
19. Consider amendment to Hospital Security Services Agreement
20. Consider approving a resolution supporting a driveway application to the State of Minnesota.

Adopted Resolution 21-85

21. Consider the appointment of Rebecca Sutherland to the full-time Administrative Assistant position in the Grand Rapids Police Department and adopt changes to job description.
22. Consider adopting a resolution accepting \$26,950.00 for a 2021 – 2022 Toward Zero Deaths Grant.

Adopted Resolution 21-86

23. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation of \$40.00 from Frank Thomas to the Police K-9 program

Adopted Resolution 21-87

24. Consider adopting a Resolution Supporting Asian-American or Pacific Islander Communities

Adopted Resolution 21-88

- 24a. Consider approving Cassidy Alleman as seasonal golf employee.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve the Consent agenda as amended. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly. Passed by roll call vote.

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve the Regular agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly. Passed by unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATION:

25. Consider promoting two Police Officers to Police Sergeant

Ms. DeGrio, Director of Human Resources, reviews process for selection of new Sergeants and recommends Jeremy Nelson for full time permanent Sergeant and Matt O'Rourke for full time temporary Sergeant.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Connelly approving appointments to Sergeant for the Police Department as recommended. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly. Passed by unanimous vote.

26. Consider the appointment of Jesse Hidde to the position of Public Works Maintenance I.

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Second by Councilor Blake to appoint Jesse Hidde to the open position in public works as recommended. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly. Passed by unanimous vote.

27. Consider the appointment of Matthew Bush to the position of Public Works Mechanic.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Connelly to appoint Matthew Bush to Mechanic Position as recommended. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly. Passed by unanimous vote.


28. Consider approving Website Redesign, Hosting and Support Agreement with Municode.

City Administrator Pagel presents background information for proposed Website contract, noting that changing to this platform will offer a more seamless process between software used by staff, more user friendly and consistent content as well as cost effective.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Blake to approve contract with Municode for Website design, hosting and support and approve payment. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly. Passed by roll call vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk