



CITY OF
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 08, 2023

5:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Mayor Dale Christy, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Tom Sutherland

ABSENT: Councilor Tasha Connelly

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Barb Baird, Rob Mattei, Will Richter, Andy Morgan, Tim Dirkes, Jackie Heinrich

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Conduct Oath of Office for Andy Morgan, Chief of Police

Police Chief Andy Morgan is sworn in to office.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Molly MacGregor notes that ICTV will have a celebration on September 22nd. Also would like to apply to the Governors Advisory Board for Climate Change and would like the City Council support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Consider approval of Council minutes for the Monday, April 24, 2023 Worksession and Regular meetings.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Sutherland to approve Council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

3. Approve the verified claims for the period April 18, 2023 to May 1, 2023 in the total amount of \$2,316,393.44.

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

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

4. Acknowledged the following minutes for Boards and Commissions:

- ~March 2nd, 2023 Planning Commission meeting
- ~March 8th, 2023 Library Board meeting
- ~March 22nd, 2023 Civic Center Advisory Board meeting
- ~March 23rd, 2023 GREDA meeting
- ~March 29th, 2023 Human Rights meeting

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Consider entering into a Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Public Safety on behalf of the State Fire Marshal and the City of Grand Rapids to conduct all hotel inspections
6. Consider a grant agreement with the State related to the IRA Civic Center
7. Consider adopting a resolution accepting 4 safety car seats from the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)

Adopted Resolution 23-32

8. Consider authorizing quotes and awarding a contract to Lanyk Electric for the Pokegama Lighting Project
9. Consider the purchase of a mower for the Grand Rapids / Itasca County Airport
10. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the 2023 budgeted operating transfers.

Adopted Resolution 23-33

11. Consider adopting a resolution approving the final plat of Forest Lake Addition.

Adopted Resolution 23-34

12. Consider making a motion to re-hire and hire staff for Public Works for the 2023 Spring/Summer Maintenance Season.
13. Consider bylaws for the Civic Center Board
14. Consider change orders related to the IRA Civic Center project
- 14a. Consider supporting Councilor Molly MacGregor for appointment to Governor's Advisory committee on climate change.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the Consent agenda as amended to include the addition of item 14a. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Sutherland to approve the Regular agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

ADMINISTRATION:

15. Consider adopting the Nepotism Policy.

Human Resources Officer Chery Pierzina presents background information relative to proposed Nepotism Policy and recommends its adoption as part of the Personnel Manual.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to adopt Nepotism policy as change to the Personnel Manual, Chapter 3 Employment, Policy 3.1.0. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

16. Consider appointing Tim Dirkes to the position of Police Sergeant

Ms. Pierzina provides background for new Sergeant position and recommended appointment of Officer of Officer Tim Dirkes.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor MacGregor to appoint Officer Tim Dirkes to the position of Sergeant, effective May 9, 2023. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (scheduled to begin no earlier than 5:00 PM)

17. Conduct a Public Hearing for review and proposal to adopt an amendment to the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan.

Finance Director Barb Baird and Rebecca Kurtz, Ehlers, presented background on proposed amendment.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to open the public hearing. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

No one from the public wished to speak, therefore the following motion was made.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Sutherland to close the public hearing. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

FINANCE:

18. Consider approving a resolution adopting the Amended 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to **adopt Resolution 23-35**, amendment to 2021-2025 CIP. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk