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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 24, 2022
5:00 PM

Mayor Christy called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

CALL OF ROLL:

PRESENT: Mayor Dale Christy, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Michelle Toven, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Tasha Connelly

Staff present: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Matt Wegwerth, Barb Baird, Steve Schaar

PUBLIC FORUM:

Simon Gratten, 212 NE 3rd Street, speaks to the Climate Emergency issue.

Bill Schnell, 701 SW 11th Avenue, expresses thanks regarding the climate emergency declaration.

Pauline Edington, 29627 Mactavish Drive, also expresses appreciation for the climate emergency declaration.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Connelly provides information regarding the IRA Civic Center steering committee meeting where design presentation was viewed. A recent GREDA meeting approved plans for hotel at former K-Mart sight, approved 2022 workplan and discussed RFP for update on downtown master plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve minutes for Monday, January 10, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period January 4, 2022 to January 18, 2022 in the total amount of \$3,698,563.70 of which \$2,477,755.00 are debt service payments.

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

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

3. Acknowledged:
December 8, 2021 Library Board Minutes
November 2, 2021 Arts & Culture Minutes
November 18, 2021 GREDA Minutes
September 2, 2021 Planning Commission Minutes

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Approve amended concessionaire agreement with Pokegama Grill
5. Consider adopting a resolution accepting two (2) Visa gift cards in the amount of \$50.00 each from Carol and Dennis Olson.

Adopted Resolution 22-05

6. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation of \$1,500.00 from Minnesota Power to be used in purchasing an (1) Zoll AED Plus Unit

Adopted Resolution 22-06

7. Consider adopting a Resolution Requesting Coverage for ICTV, a Nonprofit Corporation.

Adopted Resolution 22-07

8. Consider adopting resolutions to accept and execute the MNDOT Airport Maintenance and Operation Grant Contract #1047460 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign such contract.

Adopted Resolution 22-08

9. Adopt a resolution for amended HMEP grant from the MN Department of Public Safety

Adopted Resolution 22-09

10. Consider authorizing the Grand Rapids Fire Department to submit an entry into the Year of Giving Campaign.
11. Consider entering into a support agreement with AVI Systems Inc.

12. PW PT Eligibility List for Winter Maintenance
13. Adopt a resolution amending the City Wide fee schedule to include fee for Citation Hearing Fee

Adopted Resolution 22-10

14. Consider adopting a resolution approving a loan to the Capital Equipment Fund in the amount of \$386,595.

Adopted Resolution 22-11

15. Consider accepting the resignation of Tom Foss from the Haz-Mat Equipment/Training Assistant position.
16. Approve Eagle Club Systems Agreement
17. Approve purchase of Toro Greensmower
18. Consider approving Trackman Virtual Golf Agreement
19. Approve purchase of Turfwerks Topdresser
20. Consider adopting a resolution approving budgeted transfers from the General Fund to Special Revenue Funds-Domestic Animal Control Facility and Central School.

Adopted Resolution 22-12

21. Moved to regular agenda as #24a.
22. Consider designating Community Festivals for the City of Grand Rapids

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Toven to approve the consent agenda as amended. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Second by Councilor Adams. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

CIVIC CENTER & PARKS:

23. Consider a resolution requesting amendments to Local Sales and Use Tax Authorization

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Adams to **adopt Resolution 22-13**, approving amendments as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

24. Consider an amendment to the professional services agreement with ICS for the IRA Civic Center

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Toven. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

- 24a. Consider adopting a resolution declaring a climate emergency in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

City Engineer/PW Director Wegwerth provides background information and action items. Toven provides details regarding origination and overall goals of Resolution.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Toven to **adopt Resolution 22-14** declaring climate emergency. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (scheduled to begin no earlier than 5:30 PM)

Mayor Christy states the reason for the public hearing. The City Clerk confirmed all required notices have been made. Written correspondence was received from St. Joseph's Church and is included in the official record.

25. Consider conducting the Public Hearing for CP 2003-18, 21st Street SW Extension.

Wegwerth provided overview of project, recommendation for option 2, and proposed assessments.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Adams to open the public hearing. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

Jack Yates, 35409 Lake Street, Cohasset and member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, questions reason for the church paying assessments.

John Rein, St. Joseph's Rep, asks what benefit to the Church? These assessments would be crippling to the Church.

Rebecca Maunu, 19467 Bluebird Drive, St. Joseph's, addresses concerns over fast moving project and plans to build senior housing on the campus for parishioners. The speed at which this project is moving provides no time for the Church to prepare. Requesting the Council wait on the project.

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

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Toven to close the public hearing. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

ENGINEERING PUBLIC WORKS:

26. Consider adopting a resolution ordering CP 2003-18, 21st Street SW Extension and the plans and specifications for the project to be completed.
27. Consider approving SLA 2003-18 amendment with SEH for design and construction engineering services related to CP 2003-18, 21st Street SW Extension.
28. Consider approving a resolution requesting a MSA advance for CP 2003-18, 21st Street SW Extension.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Connelly to **adopt Resolution 22-15**, ordering Plans and specs for CP 2003-18, 21st Street SW Extension; approve SLA amendment with SEH and **adopt Resolution 22-16** requesting MSA Advance and direct staff to work with St. Joseph's Catholic Church on the assessments. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

29. Consider authorizing quotes for tree clearing related to CP 2003-18 and award a contract to Wabana Clearing and Excavating, LLC

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Adams authorizing tree clearing quotes and award contract to Wabana Clearing & Excavating. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk