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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 13, 2023
5:00 PM

Mayor Christy called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM.

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

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Chery Pierzina, Laura Pfeifer, Will Richter, Rob Mattei, Kevin Ott

PUBLIC FORUM: No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Christy expresses condolences to Trast Family. Also noted that he attended ASV celebration for proposed expansion and Governors award.

Councilor Adams provides updates on recent events include Special Olympics, ALS fundraiser ride.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, January 23, 2023 Regular meeting.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period January 18, 2023 to February 6, 2023 in the total amount of \$1,461,268.22.

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

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

3. Reviewed and acknowledged:
 - ~ October 20, 2022 PCA Board meeting
 - ~ December 14, 2022 Library Board meeting

- ~ December 28, 2022 Human Rights meeting
- ~ January 11, 2023 Library Board meeting
- ~ January 11, 2023 PUC meeting
- ~ January 12, 2023 GREDA meeting

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consider a request by the police department to accept a grant from USPCA AKC Reunite Adopt a K9 Cop in the amount of \$7500.00 and consider adopting a resolution to accept the same.

Adopted Resolution 23-07

5. Consider adopting a resolution supporting a request for funding from the Corridors of Commerce program

Adopted Resolution 23-08

6. Consider approving the General Liability insurance coverage through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust.
7. Consider approving the purchase of an electronic message board
8. Consider approving the plans and specifications and ordering the advertisement for bids for CP 2015-1, Sylvan Bay Overlays and Utilities.
9. Consider approving a commitment letter to the EV Smart program
10. Consider approving the plans and specifications and ordering the advertisement for bids for AP 2023-4, North Hangar Utilities
11. Consider Voiding Lost Accounts Payable Check and Issue a Replacement Check
12. Consider approving Temporary Liquor permit for IEDC event, scheduled for March 3, 2023.
13. Consider Amending Golf/Concession Contract
14. Consider accepting the resignation of Brian Olds from the part-time position of Hospital Security Officer
15. Consider hiring temporary Library employees through Personnel Dynamics
16. Considering authorizing staff to apply for a HMEP grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and MBFTE
17. Consider authorizing Encompass Inc. to obtain quotes for the exterior repair of the Grand Rapids Library.
18. Consider authorizing the Fire Department to purchase a utility trailer from L&M Fleet Supply for our Hazmat Polaris Ranger.

19. Consider a proposal from Braun Intertec for special inspection and testing services on the IRA Civic Center Project
20. Consider change orders for the IRA Civic Center Improvement Project
21. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation of 20 SCBA bottles from Cohasset Fire Department to the Grand Rapids Fire Department.

Adopted Resolution 23-09

22. Consider adopting an ordinance repealing Chapter 2, Article 2, Division 2-V-3, Recreation, Parks and Civic Center Advisory Board and adopt the following new ordinance Chapter 5, Civic Center Advisory Board

Adopted City Ordinance 23-02-01

- 22a. Consider approving Agreement and Authorization for Access to the Employer Reporting and Information System for PERA.

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

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

23. Consider hiring Sean Smallen as Police Officer

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Sutherland to appoint Sean Smallen to the position of Police Officer as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

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

24. Conduct a public hearing to consider a property tax abatement for certain property in the City and approving a Tax Abatement Agreement with Yanmar Compact Equipment North America, Inc.

Mr. Mattei provided background on project, plans and timeline for expansion, projected increase in employment and tax abatement information.

Rebecca Kurtz, Ehlers representative, is present for questions.

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

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

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

25. Consider adopting a resolution granting a property tax abatement for certain property in the City and approving a Tax Abatement Agreement with Yanmar Compact Equipment North America, Inc.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Adams to adopt **Resolution 23-10** granting a property tax abatement for certain property in the City and approving Tax Abatement Agreement with Yanmar Compact Equipment North America Inc. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk