



CITY OF
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 23, 2021

5:00 PM

Mayor Christy called the Regular meeting to order at 5:17 PM.

CALL OF ROLL:

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

Others Present: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Barb Baird, Rob Mattei, Erik Scott

PUBLIC FORUM:

Vicki Andrews addresses the Council regarding Mayor letter regarding line 3 issues related to Duluth. Concerns expressed over about the letter indicating it was on behalf of the Grand Rapids community and the line 3 project is controversial to the community.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Connelly noted vacancies on the Human Rights Commission and encouraged residents to get involved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve Council minutes for August 9, 2021 Regular meeting.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period August 3, 2021 to August 16, 2021 in the total amount of \$999,209.98.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Adams 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 minutes for July 14, 2021 Library Board, July 14, 2021 PUC, and July 20, 2021 Golf Board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consider approving change orders for New Fire Hall.
5. Adopt a resolution approving LG 230 Application for Off-Site Gambling for Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association.

Adopted Resolution 21-68
6. Consider adoption of a resolution authorizing an application to the IRRR Regional Trails Grant Program for CP 2003-18, 21st Street SW Extension.

Adopted Resolution 21-69
7. Consider donating 24 cellular phones to American Heart Association.
8. Request to purchase squad car equipment, striping, painting and installation of equipment
9. Approve temporary liquor permit for St. Joseph's Catholic Church.
10. Consider a motion adopting a resolution authorizing the City's application to the MN Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Community Infrastructure Grant Program

Adopted Resolution 21-70
11. Consider accepting the Fire Relief Association Schedule Form for Lump-Sum Pension reporting Year 2021, 2020 Financial Statements and authorize the budgeted \$5,000 contribution to the Fire Relief Association.
12. Consider rehiring Jennifer Behm for temporary employment at the Library through Personnel Dynamics.
13. Consider hiring Josh Saunders as a Season Part-time Maintenance Shift Lead at the IRA Civic Center.
14. Consider authorizing staff to seek proposals for Insurance Agent of Record.
15. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing an application to the DEED Innovative Business Development Infrastructure grant program.

Adopted Resolution 21-71
16. Consider approval and authorize payment of up to \$700.00 to First American Title Insurance Company for the closing costs associated with the acquisition of the former Forest Lake School site from ISD#318

17. Police Evidence Credit Change Order
18. Consider authorizing City staff to post an internal job posting for Police Officer.
19. Consider accepting the resignation of Matthew Moen.
20. Consider approval of a Subordination Agreement in favor of Affinity Plus Credit Union for a SCDP mortgage on property owned by Lisa May Klimek-Wilson and William Wilson
21. Consider entering into an agreement with “The Dweebs” for entertainment related to the 2022 Tall Timber Days.
22. Consider approving the Public Works Department’s acceptance of bids for the sale of timber and award the bid to Kevin Koetz in the amount of \$100.00.

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

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

23. Consider entering into an agreement with Paul Bunyan Communications for telephone services.


IT Director, Erik Scott, presented contract, service provided and timeline for new phone service provider.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve agreement with Paul Bunyan Communications for telephone services. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk