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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 14, 2022
5:00 PM

Mayor Christy called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, Rob Mattei, Cyndy Lyman, Will Richter, Steve Schaar, Barb Baird, Travis Cole

PUBLIC FORUM:

No member of the public was present to address the Council.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Blake notes possible expansion for ASV adding jobs to the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve minutes for City Council meetings on Monday, January 24, 2022.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Toven to approve the 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 19, 2022 to February 7, 2022 in the total amount of \$511,919.97.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, 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 minutes for:
November 17th & 30th, 2021 PUC Meetings

November 24, 2021 Human Rights Commission
December 16, 2021 GREDA meeting
December 21, 2021 Golf Board
January 12, 2022 Library Board
January 13, 2022 GREDA Meeting

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consider adopting a resolution to accept an FAA Airport Rescue Grant and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute such contract.

Adopted Resolution 22-17

5. Consider approving temporary 1-4 Liquor Licenses for MacRostie Art Center First Friday Events
6. Consider approving Redpath and Company's addendum dated January 20, 2022 for audit years 2020 through 2022.
7. DNR Amendment #1 for Grant Contract Agreement #185406
8. Consider adopting a resolution to authorize transferring approximately \$139,319 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund-General Improvements Capital Project for the May Mobility Project and an operating transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Fund-Capital Equipment Replacement Fund in the amount of \$13,957.

Adopted Resolution 22-18

9. Consider authorizing the Police Department to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Aitkin-Itasca-Mille Lacs Drug Task Force.
10. Consider adopting a resolution to authorize closing Capital Projects Fund-2019 Infrastructure Fund.

Adopted Resolution 22-19

11. Consider approving the Workers Compensation coverage through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust.
12. Consider approving Northern Industrial Erectors and Shannon Mechanical change orders for New Fire Hall.
13. Consider adopting a resolution to authorize an operating transfer from the Capital Project Fund-Permanent Improvement Revolving Fund to the Capital Project Fund-General Capital Improvement Projects.

Adopted Resolution 22-20

14. Approve temporary liquor license for IEDC event for March 4, 2022.
15. Approve temporary liquor license for Itasca Curling Association event for March 25-27, 2022.

16. Consider final pay applications from Taracon Precast and Absolute Fire Protection for new Fire Hall.
17. Consider amendments to the Personnel Policy Manual.
18. Consider accepting the retirement of Bob Kuschel from the Grand Rapids Fire Department.
19. Consider accepting a disability retirement from Robert M. Stein.
20. Consider providing a comment regarding the Huber Engineered Woods Project EAW
21. Consider adopting a resolution regarding the approval of a DEED Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) application by the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority for the ASV/Yanmar expansion project

Adopted Resolution 22-21

22. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing a grant application to the IRRR Development Infrastructure Grant program for the ASV/Yanmar Expansion Project

Adopted Resolution 22-22

23. Consider hiring Mark Stish as a temporary Janitor through Personnel Dynamics.
24. Void Lost Payroll Checks and Issue a Replacement Check
25. Consider entering into a Fireworks Display Agreement with J&M Displays for a Fireworks Show to take place on July 3, 2022.
26. Consider authorizing the Police Department to enter into contract with service provider Steven E. Breitbarth, M. Div., LMFT.

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

ADMINISTRATION:

27. Consider appointments to Boards & Commissions

Councilor Toven notes that she has spoken with Mr. Gothard who has expressed interest in serving another term on the Planning Commission and recommends reappointment.

Mayor Christy notes that he spoke with John Bauer about his interest in re-appointment to another term on the Golf Board and with John Ryan who submitted an application for the vacant seat on the same board. Recommendation is to appoint Mr. Bauer and Mr. Ryan for a full term.

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Second by Councilor Connelly to appoint Mark Gothard to the Planning Commission, term to expire March 1, 2027 and appoint John Bauer and John Ryan to the Golf Board, terms to expire March 1, 2025. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

FIRE:

28. Consider creating an eligibility list for Firefighter and appoint four applicants to the Grand Rapids Fire Department's roster.

Fire Chief Cole provides background information on staffing needs and process for filling positions.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Connelly to create eligibility list for Firefighters and appoint Tony Clifton, Lee Longoria, James Turnbull and Matt Arford. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

29. Appointment of Chad Trombly to the position of Haz-Mat Equipment/Training Assistant position effective February 15, 2022.

Fire Chief Cole recommends Chad Troumbly to fill the position.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Toven to appoint Chad Troumbly to the position of Haz-Mat Equipment/Training Assistant position as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk