



MAY 19, 2025 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

May 19, 2025 at 5:30 PM

7701 County Road 110 West Minnetrista, MN 55364

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Lisa Whalen, Councilmembers Peter Vickery, Brian Govern, City Administrator Jasper Kruggel, Assistant City Administrator Allie Poslfuss, Community Developer David Abel, Public Works Director Gary Peters, Chief Craig Squires and City Clerk Ann Meyerhoff

2) DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Ponds at Hunter Crest - Developer Default

City Engineer Fauske informed Council that there are five items remaining on the warranty punch list for the Ponds at Hunters Crest and the developer is in default. Staff requests council direction on how to proceed.

Over the past year staff has reached out to the developer seven times regarding the remaining items on the warranty punch list.

Fauske offered the option of having the city do the majority of the work, the restoration specifically, and then there's a water valve that needs to be raised but the concrete work would not be able to be done by the city and the estimate is around \$2,500. She asked for Council direction on how they would like staff to proceed. Would they like move forward with getting the work done and assessing it back to the property owners or would they prefer that public works perform the work that they can and get a quote from a contractor to do the concrete work.

Mayor Whalen expressed that she does not want to assess all parcels since they bought their homes and it is not their fault because of the developer is in default. She asked if we could maybe just assess the vacant properties.

Fauske explained that Council needs to decide if they want to have the administrative fees for assessment or just have public works finish things up. Staff would like to have Public Works do the work and get pricing for the concrete work.

Council agreed with staff recommendation.

b) Red Oak Neighborhood Speed Reduction Request

City Administrator stated that staff has received a request to evaluate the speeds in the Red Oak Neighborhood.

The Red Oak neighborhood consists of Grand View Avenue, Red Oak Lane, and Fairway Lane. Currently, the east/west portion of Grand View Avenue is designated 20 MPH per a 1969 ordinance passed by the Village of Minnetrista and approved by

Commissioner of Highways. All other roads in the neighborhood are 30 MPH roadways.

The City Received a request from the Community Manager, Lisa Webb of Sharper Management Company to reduce the speed limit in the rest of the neighborhood to 20 MPH.

Kruggel shared a number of items to be considered related to this request:

- Precedence of reducing speed limits in neighborhoods
- Actual impact to speeds if speed limits are reduced from 30 MPH to 25 MPH and enforcement considerations
- Cost to implement as signage is required if speed limits are reduced

Options related to the Red Oak Neighborhood request are:

- The City does not have the statutory authority to reduce the speed limits in the other areas of the neighborhood to 20 MPH
- The City can designate the neighborhood 25 MPH
- The City can designate Grand View Avenue where it is currently 20 MPH to 30 MPH, making it consistent with the other speed limits in the neighborhood
- The City can choose to do nothing

Council had a discussion decided keep things the same but put up signage to help with enforcement.

3) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vickery, seconded by Govern to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Motion passed 3-0.