

**Minutes  
Minnetonka City Council  
Monday, December 19, 2022**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Brad Wiersum called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

Council Members, Kimberly Wilburn, Deb Calvert, Bradley Schaeppi (attending remotely), Kissy Coakley, Brian Kirk, Rebecca Schack and Brad Wiersum were present.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Calvert moved, Kirk seconded a motion to accept the agenda with addenda to Item 10.B and the removal of Item 14.A. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

**5. Approval of Minutes:**

**A. November 28, 2022 regular meeting minutes**

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to approve the minutes. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

**B. November 7, 2022 study session minutes**

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to approve the minutes. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

**C. November 21, 2022 study session minutes**

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to approve the minutes. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

**D. December 5, 2022 regular meeting minutes**

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to approve the minutes. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

**6. Special Matters:****A. Retirement recognition for City Assessor Colin Schmidt**

Wiersum read a proclamation recognizing City Assessor Collin Schmidt for his dedicated service to the City of Minnetonka and wished him a long and healthy retirement.

City Assessor Collin Schmidt thanked the council for this recognition and stated he appreciated the opportunity to serve the City of Minnetonka as the city assessor. He thanked Darin Nelson for his strong leadership in the finance Department and wished Melanie Putz all the best as she takes over his position.

Calvert thanked City Assessor Schmidt for his tremendous service to the city and wished him all the best in his retirement.

**B. Black History Month proclamation**

Wilburn read a proclamation in full for the record declaring January to be Black History Month in the City of Minnetonka.

**7. Reports from City Manager & Council Members**

City Manager Mike Funk reported on upcoming city events and council meetings.

Calvert wished everyone happy holidays. She spoke to the rise of antisemitism in America and she thanked the Minnetonka Police Department for their outstanding work in apprehending three criminals that have vandalized 87 properties in the west metro, one of the properties being a synagogue vandalized twice. She expressed frustration with the fact these three individuals have been released by the Hennepin County Attorney's office without having to face a judge or bail. She reported this was becoming a pattern of behavior for the Hennepin County Attorney's office. She requested the community keep in mind that these were more than property crimes, but rather were hate crimes that were impacting the entire Jewish community. She called upon the Minnetonka community to support their neighbors as it was a time of celebration.

Coakley thanked Councilmember Calvert for sharing these concerns. She agreed people should be held accountable for their behavior and suggested these individuals be offered the services and mental health services they may need.

Coakley reported she completed community service this past weekend in Minneapolis at the Zion Baptist Church. She explained low income families were served and Christmas toys were offered to kids and families in need. She appreciated seeing the joy that was brought to these families. She indicated she

attended the Apostolic Grace Church in Minnetonka on Sunday where toys were handed out to the children in this community. She thanked both of these churches for working to reach those in need. She encouraged the residents of Minnetonka to spread joy and love this holiday season.

Kirk thanked Councilmember Calvert for giving this community concern a voice.

Kirk discussed the joint park/council meeting that was held recently.

Kirk commented on the neighborhood meetings that were held recently and thanked all of the members of the community that were able to attend. He encouraged residents to provide feedback to the city on the topics discussed at these meetings.

Schaeppi thanked Councilmember Calvert for sharing her concerns regarding the lack of charges being pursued by Hennepin County. He reported his son and his son's mother were both Jewish. He indicated it was completely unacceptable to take these types of property crimes and dismiss them. It was his hope that the community can continue to raise their voice and define what is accepted in Minnetonka and the western suburbs. He discussed how much security was required for the Jewish community in order for them to gather and feel safe. He hoped the Hennepin County Attorney's office would reconsider their actions and that there would be a course correction on these types of crimes in order for all members in the community to feel safe.

Wiersum thanked Councilmember Calvert for her comments and her courage in confronting this topic. He understood Councilmember Calvert has experienced antisemitism. He reported antisemitism of any type has no place in society. He indicated this was the holiday season that should be filled with peace and love. He indicated the council wanted to be vigilant against this type of behavior, noting it was not acceptable. He discussed how property crimes had been moved way down on the list of priorities, which was making the residents in Minnetonka feel unsafe. He discussed the responsibilities of the Hennepin County Attorneys office and encouraged them to take property crimes more seriously. He hoped the city would be able to work collaboratively with Hennepin County in order to improve the feeling of safety for all members of the community.

Wiersum thanked the city council and staff members for a tremendous year. He stated it has been his honor to serve with each councilmembers on behalf of the residents of Minnetonka. He wished everyone in the community happy holidays.

**8. Citizens Wishing to Discuss Matters not on the Agenda: None.**

**9. Bids and Purchases: None.**

**10. Consent Agenda – Items Requiring a Majority Vote:**

Councilmember Wilburn requested Item 10.E be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

**A. Delegating authority for electronic fund transfers**

Calvert moved, Wilburn seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-117. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

**B. Twelve-month extension of site and building plan approval for Bauer’s Minnoco / Custom Hitches and Auto Repair at 13118 Excelsior Boulevard**

Calvert moved, Wilburn seconded a motion to approve a twelve-month extension of the 2021 site and building plan. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

**C. Resolution establishing polling places for the 2023 municipal election**

Calvert moved, Wilburn seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-118. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

**D. Resolution for the Hopkins Crossroad Trail Project active transportation grant application**

Calvert moved, Wilburn seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-119. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

**E. Cedar Hills Townhomes housing allocation**

Wilburn requested further information on how the joint powers agreement would work for this project. Community Development Director Julie Wischnack explained the council was being asked to apply for a housing bond allocation at the state level. She reported a company was looking to purchase property in Minnetonka and Bloomington. She noted a hearing would be held at a future meeting to consider conduit bond financing for this project. She explained conduit bonds was debt that was exempt from federal, state or local income taxes. She indicated people invest in them to receive this benefit.

Calvert reported she understood it was important that a developer wanted to make improvements in these townhomes. She asked if these townhomes would remain affordable after the improvements were made. Wischnack stated there were a couple of levels of control on the affordability of these units. She explained the 60% rule applies to these units in terms of how they were originally

financed. In addition, there was a housing program in place to keep the units down to 30%. She explained if the city issues additional dollars to assist with the rehab, additional covenants would have to be met which would address future affordability measures. She commented further on how rent was controlled by median area income.

Calvert moved, Kirk seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-120. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

**11. Consent Agenda – Items requiring Five Votes:**

**A. Resolution accepting gifts, donations and sponsorships given to the city during 2022**

Schack moved, Wilburn seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-121.

Wiersum thanked all of the organizations who have been generous to the city and its residents.

Schaeppi commented he reviewed the materials today and he was thankful for every dollar that has been donated to the city. He thanked South Lake Pediatrics for their generous donation to the community and for working to get healthy fruits and vegetables to the children in the community.

All voted "yes." Motion carried.

**12. Introduction of Ordinances: None.**

**13. Public Hearings:**

**A. On-sale intoxicating and Sunday on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses for Novel Spirits, LLC, dba The Social Kitchen & Libations, located at 12411 Wayzata Boulevard**

Community Development Director Julie Wischnack gave the staff report.

Wiersum opened the public hearing.

Tom Leuer, Macy's Food and Beverage Division, explained he was available for questions or comments. He reported the Novel Spirits will be operated by Macy's.

Wiersum reported this public hearing would remain open and be continued to the January 30, 2023 city council meeting.

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to continue the public hearing to January 30, 2023, for final consideration. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

**14. Other Business:**

**A. Concept plan for Saville Flats, generally located in the southeast corner of the Excelsior Boulevard/County Road 101 intersection**

This item was pulled from the agenda and rescheduled for the January 9, 2023 city council meeting.

**15. Appointments and Reappointments: None.**

**16. Adjournment**

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Koosman  
City Clerk