

**Minutes
Minnetonka City Council
Monday, February 27, 2023**

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, Kissy Coakley and Brad Wiersum (attending remotely) were present. Councilmember Brian Kirk was excused from the meeting.

4. Approval of Agenda

Calvert moved, Wilburn seconded a motion to accept the agenda with addenda for Item 10.C. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes:

A. February 6, 2023 study session minutes

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

B. Feb, 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes

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

6. Special Matters: None.

7. Reports from City Manager & Council Members

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

Schack thanked the public works department for working diligently to clear the city of snow from the recent storm.

Schack discussed the municipal legislative breakfast which was held on Friday, February 24.

Schack commented on the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) conference that was held last Friday and Saturday. She noted the focus of the event was on communication.

Calvert wished everyone in Minnetonka a happy Black History Month and thanked Sarissa Falk for hosting a dinner celebrating Black History Month.

Calvert explained she also attended the Municipal Legislative breakfast and the LMC conference events last week.

Calvert noted she attended the home remodeling fair at the Eisenhower Community Center, which was very well attended by the public. She thanked staff for all of their efforts to plan and host this event.

Calvert stated she attended the energy, environment and natural resources committee for the National League of Cities.

Calvert indicated she holds a constituent coffee time every Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. at People's Organic on Minnetonka Boulevard.

Coakley thanked the public works department for their tremendous efforts to clear the city after the recent winter storm.

Coakley read a quote from Coretta Scott King stating, "As we wrap up Black History Month, hate is too great of a burden to bear. It injures the hater more than it injures the hated".

Wiersum thanked the public works department for all of their great work after the winter storm.

Wiersum stated he believed understanding Black history was an essential part of our history, both in how they have contributed and the challenges they have faced. He believed loving one another was the proper path forward.

Wiersum explained several mayors from metro cities met with the governor's office to talk about Metropolitan Council governance. He noted there were bills at the legislature that addressed governing the Met Council.

Wiersum extended his condolences to the City of Rochester and to the family of the resident who was killed by a snowplow.

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

9. Bids and Purchases: None.

10. Consent Agenda – Items Requiring a Majority Vote:

A. Housekeeping ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 3, Zoning Regulations, of the Minnetonka City Code

Calvert moved, Coakley seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-02. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

B. Conditional use permit for a 2,100 square-foot accessory structure at 14730 Stone Road

Calvert moved, Coakley seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-014. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

C. Resolution amending the 2023 meeting schedule for the Minnetonka City Council

Calvert moved, Coakley seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-015. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

11. Consent Agenda – Items requiring Five Votes:

A. Resolution amending the 2023 budget

Wilburn moved, Schack seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-016. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

12. Introduction of Ordinances: None.

13. Public Hearings:

A. 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds – Urban Hennepin County Allocation

Community Development Director Julie Wischnack gave the staff report.

Wiersum opened the public hearing.

There being no further comments from the public, Wiersum closed the public hearing.

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-017. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to authorize the negotiation and execution of a sub-recipient agreement with Hennepin County and any third party agreements. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

14. Other Business:

A. Agreement with Hennepin County to participate in the Elevate Hennepin program

Community Development Director Julie Wischnack gave the staff report.

Coakley thanked staff for the detailed presentation. She asked if this program was different from Thrive. Wischnack reported Thrive was a description of the city's efforts regarding economic development. She commented further on how the Elevate Hennepin program differed and described how the city promotes the Elevate Hennepin program.

Coakley questioned how the city was promoting new business owners in the BIPOC community to help build generational wealth through entrepreneurship. She explained she wanted to see the City of Minnetonka reaching out and supporting new business that are owned and operated by the BIPOC community. Wischnack reported the city was always looking for new ideas. She stated the city has had a great connection with the Black Chamber and this group has been invited to speak with staff about outreach.

Wiersum believed this sounded like a great program. He asked if there was more demand for these services and how could the city ensure the program was reaching businesses in need. Wischnack stated she believed the city could always do more. She explained by consolidating all of these services, it would make things easier for the end user. She anticipated there was more the city could do to market the services that were available to the businesses in Minnetonka.

Schack thanked Wischnack for her efforts on this program. She believed programs like these were what kept the community vibrant. She stated she fully supported the city participating in this program.

Wiersum agreed this was a great program for the city to support.

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

15. Appointments and Reappointments: None.

16. Adjournment

Calvert moved, Wilburn seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm.
All voted "yes." Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky Koosman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Becky Koosman
City Clerk