

**Minutes
Minnetonka City Council
Monday, July 17, 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, Rebecca Schack, Kimberly Wilburn, Deb Calvert, Bradley Schaeppi, Kissy Coakley and Brad Wiersum were present.

Council Member Brian Kirk was excused.

4. Approval of Agenda

Schack moved, Calvert seconded a motion to accept the agenda as presented.
All voted "yes." Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes:

A. June 26, 2023 regular meeting minutes

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to accept the minutes. Schack, Wilburn, Calvert, Schaeppi and Wiersum voted "yes." Coakley "abstained".
Motion carried.

B. June 26, 2023 study session minutes

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to accept the minutes. Schack, Wilburn, Calvert, Schaeppi and Wiersum voted "yes." Coakley "abstained".
Motion carried.

6. Special Matters:

A. Strategic Profile quarter two report

City Manager Mike Funk gave the staff report.

Schaeppi stated it was exciting to see the city making progress on its metrics. His hope was that as the city moves forward it could improve upon livable and well planned developments while diversifying its housing options.

7. Reports from City Manager & Council Members

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

Calvert stated today was the first of three meetings for the Improving Service Delivery Policy Committee for the League of Minnesota Cities. She explained this committee was addressing services provided by cities such as water, sewer, police, fire, etc.

Coakley commented on the seriousness of opioids and the use of fentanyl. She stated she has had two people she knew that overdosed on fentanyl and one survived the overdose while the other did not. She asked how the city was responding to overdoses in the community.

Coakley discussed how important it was to draw younger people and people of color into working for the city.

Schaeppi applauded the time and effort of the residents that pursued the rank choice voting petition.

Wiersum reported he sits on the policy committee for improving fiscal futures for the League of Minnesota Cities. He discussed the policies this committee was working on, on behalf of the State of Minnesota.

8. Citizens Wishing to Discuss Matters not on the Agenda

John Meyers, 5105 Stony Ridge Court, expressed concerns with the level of traffic along Old Excelsior Boulevard. He provided the council with a packet of information and asked for help in addressing the reckless, speeding drivers along Old Excelsior Boulevard. He commented on an accident that occurred in his yard when an out of control vehicle came onto his property and snapped an 18" tree and moved a one ton boulder. He noted the mobile speed tracker caught a vehicle driving 52 miles per hour down Old Excelsior Boulevard. He discussed how dangerous it was for students to cross this roadway and noted a larger number were driving over 40 miles per hour. He stated after having discussions with his neighbors, there was agreement that speed and reckless driving along Old Excelsior Boulevard has to be addressed as soon as possible.

Wiersum thanked Mr. Meyers for his presentation and encouraged Mr. Meyers to contact the city council if he would like to further discuss this matter.

Ann Jennings, 6006 Clarion Pass, noted she has been a resident of Minnetonka for almost 40 years. She indicated she represented the Scoreboard Bar & Grill on Shady Oak Road and 62. She reported this was a destination location and she was asking for consideration in acquiring a charitable gambling license. She explained her family has been in the restaurant business for over 90 years. She stated her grandfather opened Jennings Tavern right after prohibition and her dad owned Jennings Red Coach Inn and several other establishments including the Scoreboard. She reported her dad passed away four years ago and she was now back in the restaurant business. She discussed the issues she has been facing since COVID, such as inflation, hiring challenges and the realignment of employees. She commented on how a charitable gambling license would improve operations at the Scoreboard and requested the council consider a license for her establishment.

Wiersum thanked Ms. Jennings for her thorough report.

Luke Derheim, Duke's on 7 co-owner, thanked the council for being welcoming to him as a new restaurant in the community. He stated he operates five restaurants in the metro area and this was one of the easiest experiences he had opening a restaurant. He encouraged the city council to consider having charitable gambling in the community because this was lacking in Minnetonka. He discussed how charitable gambling would assist with raising money for local youth organizations along with scholarships for students.

9. Bids and Purchases: None.

10. Consent Agenda – Items Requiring a Majority Vote:

A. Resolution approving a conditional use permit for a telecommunication tower at 6120 Blue Circle Drive

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-045. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

B. Resolution approving a conditional use permit for telecommunication antennas and accessory equipment at 501 Carlson Parkway

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-046. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

C. Ordinance relating to release of impounded animals

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-09. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

11. Consent Agenda – Items requiring Five Votes: None.

A. Conditional use permit, with a variance, for medical clinics at 12501 Whitewater Drive

Schack moved, Wilburn seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-047. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

12. Introduction of Ordinances:

A. Ordinance relating to campaign finance reports

City Attorney Corrine Heine gave the staff report.

Wilburn moved, Coakley seconded a motion to introduce the ordinance. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

13. Public Hearings: None.

14. Other Business:

A. Agreements related to Homes Within Reach (HWR)

Community Development Director Wischnack gave the staff report.

Schack moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-048. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

15. Appointments and Reappointments:

A. Sustainability commission appointments

City Manager Mike Funk gave the staff report.

Wiersum moved, Calvert seconded a motion to approve the appointments. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

16. Adjournment

Wilburn moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. 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