

**Minutes
Minnetonka City Council
Monday, February 10, 2020**

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 Kissy Coakley, Brian Kirk, Rebecca Schack, Susan Carter, Deb Calvert, Bradley Schaeppi and Brad Wiersum were present.

4. Approval of Agenda

Carter moved, Calvert seconded a motion to accept the agenda, as with addenda to Items 5.A and 15.A. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes:

A. January 13, 2020 study session

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to accept the minutes with two proposed amendments as presented to staff. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

6. Special Matters: None

7. Reports from City Manager & Council Members

City Manager Geralyn Barone reported on upcoming city events and council meetings.

Community Development Director Julie Wischnack provided the council with an update on the potential redevelopment of the Mills Church.

Schack thanked the public works department for their great efforts to keep the city free and clear of snow this winter.

Calvert reported the State of the City was a great event. She commented she was inspired by the words of the Mayor and was thankful for his leadership. She noted she attended the Kids Fest and was pleased by the community turnout.

She thanked staff for all of their efforts. She discussed a meeting she attended in Washington D.C. regarding contaminants and water quality.

Schaeppi agreed the State of the City was a great event. He thanked all of the city and local representatives that were present at this event. He stated he appreciated all of the staff members and volunteers that worked together to make Kids Fest happen. He commended public works staff for all of their great efforts to remove snow from the recent storm.

Kirk discussed the Home Remodel Fair and thanked staff for all of their efforts in planning this event. He stated he was impressed by the great number of vendors at this event.

Carter commented on the State of the City event and discussed the positive feedback she received from the Mayor's speech. She stated she was proud to have Brad Wiersum as Minnetonka's Mayor and she was proud to be a part of the city council.

Wiersum thanked Carter for the kind words. He stated he loved living in Minnetonka and he was proud of this city. He understood the city did a lot of things well and he aspired to excellence.

Wiersum reported he attended Kids Fest and the winter farmer's market. He thanked staff for their assistance and attendance at these events. He stated he appreciated the diverse population that attended both of these events.

Wiersum commented on the council closed study session that was held on Monday, February 3, noting the council discussed the performance of City Manager Geralyn Barone at this meeting. He provided a summary of the conclusions from that meeting. It was noted the city council was very pleased with the performance of Ms. Barone. He indicated Ms. Barone was an excellent leader. A round of applause was offered by all in attendance.

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

9. Bids and Purchases:

A. Opus Area Improvements project

Public Works Director Will Manchester gave the staff report.

Coakley questioned how staff decided on a contractor for this project. Manchester explained the city took bids and the project was recommended to the low bidder. City Attorney Corrine Heine reported the low bidder must provide the materials and services at the prices within the bid. She commented the only way

the contract price could be increased is if there were something unforeseen to occur, such as contaminated soil.

Carter stated she would like more information on the city's low bidder policy. Heine described the city's low bidder policy noting the city required all bidders to be equal opportunity employers. It was noted the vast majority of all road construction projects in the state were awarded through a low bid process.

Schack moved, Carter seconded a motion to award the contract, delegate authority for project costs, and adopt Resolution 2020-010 and Resolution 2020-011, as presented. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

10. Consent Agenda – Items Requiring a Majority Vote:

A. Agreement with the City of Wayzata to provide environmental health services

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

11. Consent Agenda – Items requiring Five Votes: None

12. Introduction of Ordinances: None

13. Public Hearings: None

14. Other Business:

A. Resolution for the 2020 Twelve Oaks Center Drive/Parkers Lake Road Improvements

Public Works Director Will Manchester gave the staff report.

Wiersum requested further information from staff regarding roadway access. Manchester discussed how the contractor would work on the project during the day and would provide homeowners access to their homes each night, unless work was occurring on curb and gutters.

Calvert requested staff work to save trees along the boulevard in the project area.

Kirk questioned if the city has spoken with Plymouth to close the short gap in roadway improvements. Manchester explained he had spoken to Plymouth and they were aware of the project, but had no improvements planned.

Schaeppi thanked staff for all of their work on this project. He reported he has a unique perspective as his window faces Twelve Oak Center Drive. He stated he was pleased to see the city making an investment in Ward 3. He commented on how badly this roadway floods during large rain events. He discussed how the proposed roadway and sidewalk improvements would benefit the entire area.

Wiersum stated he walked where the Legacy Oaks development was located. He explained this was a vital area of the city that was in need of improvement.

Kirk moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-012. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

B. Resolution for the Excelsior Boulevard Trail project (Shady Oak Road to Baker Road)

Park and Trail Planner Carol HejlStone gave the staff report.

Kirk asked if crossings had been considered to key areas to the north. HejlStone commented staff had received comments regarding crossing improvements to the north. She reported Phase I would include improvements at Fairview that would be completed by the county. She did not anticipate having a curb cut or crossing improvements when receiving roads were not present.

Schaeppi requested further information regarding a crossing at the school. HejlStone explained a crossing for the school would be completed in Phase II. She provided further comment on the improvements that would be completed at the school crossing, noting an un-signalized crosswalk would be installed.

Schack stated she was comfortable with positioning the trail on the south side of Excelsior Boulevard. She understood a large number of businesses in this area were encouraging walking and biking. She indicated she appreciated the safety measures and crosswalks that were being put in place.

Calvert understood there would be some amount of tree loss within this project. She noted that this tree loss would provide residents with the benefit of underground power lines. She believed that the proposed trail would be greatly utilized by residents in Minnetonka.

Kirk moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-013. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

15. Appointments and Reappointments:

A. Appointments to the senior advisory board

Wiersum gave the staff report.

Wiersum moved, Schack seconded a motion to approve the recommended appointments and reappointments. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

16. Adjournment

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Koosman".

Becky Koosman
City Clerk