

**Minutes
Minnetonka City Council
Monday, Nov. 18, 2019**

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 Deb Calvert, Susan Carter, Mike Happe, Tim Bergstedt, Bob Ellingson and Brad Wiersum were present.

Council Member Rebecca Schack was excused.

4. Approval of Agenda

Bergstedt moved, Calvert seconded a motion to accept the agenda with addenda to Item 14.B. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes:

A. October 7, 2019 regular council meeting

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

6. Special Matters:

A. Virtual tour of redesigned city website

Communications and Marketing Manager Kari Spreeman provided the council with a virtual tour of the city's newly redesigned website. She explained the new site was launched on Tuesday, Nov. 12. She reported it had been 10 to 15 years since the content on the website had been updated. She commented on how important it was for the city to have a website that was customer friendly and made a good impression. She described how analytics were utilized to rebuild the new website. She discussed how the beauty of Minnetonka and the great recreational amenities within the community were featured in the new website. She thanked Matt Higgins and Justin Pelagano for all of their efforts on the city's new website.

Bergstedt stated he was blown away by the new website and appreciated how user friendly it was. He thanked staff for all of their effort.

Carter thanked staff and their tremendous efforts on the new website.

Calvert commended staff on the new website and the beautiful pictures the site featured. She believed the new layout was so elegant. She thanked staff for working so diligently to put the city's best face forward on the new website.

City Manager Geralyn Barone thanked Ms. Spreeman for the branding efforts that were included in the city's website.

Wiersum stated the new website look tremendous and he appreciated the ease of use. He commended the communications department for all of their efforts on the new website.

7. Reports from City Manager & Council Members

City Manager Geralyn Barone reported on upcoming city events and council meetings. She explained city offices would be closed on Nov. 28 and Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving.

Wiersum welcomed representatives from Boy Scout Troop #426 to the Minnetonka City Council meeting.

Wiersum reported last Thursday the League of Minnesota Cities and Metro Cities held a joint meeting in Minnetonka. He explained the impact of PTSD on public safety personnel was discussed at this meeting. He offered his thanks and appreciation to the police and fire departments for all of their efforts on behalf of the community.

8. Citizens Wishing to Discuss Matters not on the Agenda

Kendall Qualls, Medina resident, introduced himself to the council and noted he would be a republican candidate for U.S. Congress in the 2020 election.

9. Bids and Purchases: None

10. Consent Agenda – Items Requiring a Majority Vote:

A. Resolution establishing polling places for the 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary, State Primary and General Election

Ellingson moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-109. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

B. Resolution approving the final plat of INVERNESS WYOLA ADDITION, a two-lot subdivision at 13321 Inverness Road

Ellingson moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-110 approving the final plat. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

C. Announcement of closed meeting to discuss labor negotiation strategies on November 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gray's Bay Conference Room

Ellingson moved, Calvert seconded a motion to schedule the closed meeting . All voted "yes." Motion carried.

11. Consent Agenda – Items requiring Five Votes: None

12. Introduction of Ordinances:

A. Ordinance amending Section 710 of the city code regarding increases/changes in fees

Community Development Director Julie Wischnack gave the staff report.

Wiersum questioned when this ordinance would come back to the council for approval. Wischnack stated this would occur on Dec. 2.

Calvert moved, Carter seconded a motion to introduce the ordinance. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

13. Public Hearings: None

14. Other Business:

A. Resolution authorizing the certification of delinquent water and sanitary sewer charges to the Hennepin County Auditor

Finance Director Darin Nelson gave the staff report.

Happe asked if the delinquent utilities was for residential customers. Nelson explained this was for residential and commercial customers.

Happe questioned if a lot of the delinquent customers were repeat offenders. Nelson reported this was the case.

Calvert requested further information on how those struggling financially could seek assistance from the city. Nelson explained a deferral option was available, along with grants that could assist those struggling or facing a hardship. He encouraged residents to contact his office with comments or questions regarding the deferral program.

Calvert moved, Happe seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-111. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

B. Items related to the Cloud 9 Condominium's Housing Improvement Area

Jason Aarsvold, Ehlers & Associates, gave the staff report. He commended the City for receiving a AAA bond rating.

City Manager Geralyn Barone requested staff provide the council with a brief synopsis on this request. Wiersum supported this recommendation.

Community Development Director Wischnack explained Cloud 9 is a condominium project that was converted from an office building. She explained this development collected fees for general maintenance and the fees collected did not cover the cost for major improvements. For this reason, the association has requested the city to assist with financing the proposed housing improvements. She reported the city would not be out any money for this project.

Wiersum commented on how it was in the city's interest to help this property with the improvements to ensure it does not become blighted or deteriorated. He thanked staff for all of their efforts on this project.

Happe moved, Bergstedt seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-012 awarding the sale of the Taxable General Obligations Bonds, Series 2019A, in their original aggregate principal amount of \$2,690,000; fixing their form and specifications; directing their execution and delivery; and providing for their payment All voted "yes." Motion carried.

C. Resolution for the Opus Area Improvements project

Public Works Director Will Manchester gave the staff report.

Calvert thanked staff for the thorough staff report.

Bergstedt stated he appreciated how this project would improve traffic flow and safety in this area of the city, for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Calvert moved, Carter seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-113. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

15. Appointments and Reappointments: None

16. Adjournment

Calvert moved, Happe seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Koosman
City Clerk