

City of Madison Lake
City Council Minutes
Monday, May 6, 2013

Call to Order

Mayor Reichel called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Ken Reichel, Chuck Ries, Kent Hoehn, and Carolyn Hiniker

Members Absent: John Howard

Staff Present: City Administrator Kelly Steele, Deputy Clerk AmberRose Bruderie, Police Chief Dan Bunde, Public Works Supervisor Chris Roemhildt, Fire Chief Kevin Kennedy, City Engineer Chris Larson, Planning Commission Chair Mike Klassen, and Building Inspector Ron Voth

Others Present: Mary Robin of 605 Colorado Lane, Eagle Lake; Melissa Farniok of 111 Connie Lane, Eagle Lake; Rebecca and Eric Larson of 501 Fourth Street, Madison Lake; Larry Biederman of LJP Enterprises; Peter Blethen of 21961 620th Avenue, Madison Lake; and Scott Hagenbeck and Jim Rogers of the Madison Lake Watershed and Lake Association.

Consent Agenda

3A) Approval of Agenda

A motion by Ries, seconded by Hiniker, to approve the agenda changing 3A) Vendors Claims to \$40,383.36.

Roll Call: Ayes: Reichel, Ries, Hiniker and Hoehn

Nays: None

Motion carried.

3B) Accepting of Minutes from Regular Meeting of April 15, 2013

A motion by Hoehn, seconded by Hiniker, to accept the minutes from the April 15, 2013 regular meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Reichel, Ries, Hiniker and Hoehn

Nays: None

Motion carried.

3C) Accepting of Minutes from Board of Appeal and Equalization Hearing of April 17, 2013

A motion by Ries, seconded by Hoehn, to accept the minutes from the April 17, 2013 Board of Appeal and Equalization Hearing.

Roll Call: Ayes: Reichel, Ries, and Hoehn

Nays: None

Abstained: Hiniker

Motion carried.

3D) Approval of Vendor Claims Totaling \$40,383.36.

- Council discussed the flowers purchased for the funeral of former Mayor Denis Haefner.

- Chief Kennedy stated that we will receive \$1,200.00 from the Department of Natural Resources towards the purchase of the pump.
- Chief Kennedy stated that the Safety & Security Consultants invoices are reimbursable.

A motion by Ries, seconded by Hiniker, to approve vendor claims in the amount of \$40,383.36.

Roll Call: Ayes: Reichel, Ries, Hiniker, and Hoehn

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Open Public Comments

Appearances and Presentations

Ordinances and Resolutions

Reports of Staff, Officers, Boards, and Committees

7A) Building Official

- Mr. Voth stated that no building permits were issued in April.
- Plan reviews are taking place for two twin homes in the Tomahawk Subdivision.
- Mr. Voth stated that he will be looking at plans for a storage facility.

7B) City Administrator

- Ms. Steele stated that there will be a Community Foundation meeting on Thursday at 6:30 pm.
- Mr. Larson is working on the Cherry Avenue assessment breakout.
- Ms. Steele stated that a resident would like to donate a four foot willow tree to the City.
- The next MCFOA meeting will be in Saint Cloud in October.
- Council discussed Matt Oswald's properties in the Point Wild Subdivision.
- Council discussed commercial building permit plan reviews.
- Mr. Voth recommended that Corey Block of Le Center be hired to complete these reviews.
- Council directed Ms. Steele to determine the correct way to hire Mr. Block for commercial plan review.

7C) City Council Member

- None

7D) City Engineer

- Mr. Larson provided an update on the Main Street Project.

7E) Fire Chief

- Chief Kennedy stated that there has been twenty-nine calls year to date.
- The ISO insurance audit is almost complete. The ISO audit should be completed every ten years.
- Chief Kennedy and Ms. Steele have not heard from Washington Township regarding their fire contract.

7F) Mayor

- None

7G) Planning Commission Chair

- Mr. Klassen reported that the Planning Commission is continuing to update ordinances.

7H) Police Chief

- Chief Bunde stated that there were sixty-eight calls last month.
- Council discussed ordinance violations.

7I) Public Works Supervisor

- Mr. Roemhildt stated that the hydrant at Spruce Avenue and County Road 44 has been repaired.
- Mr. Roemhildt met with the Department of Health regarding a well head protection plan.
- There may be grant money available for fencing around well heads and towers once our well head protection plan is complete.
- According to the League of Minnesota Cities there is grant money available for safety equipment, like explosion proof cabinets.
- Council directed Mr. Roemhildt to remove the Christmas lights from the tree by the sign.
- Mr. Roemhildt requested permission to obtain closed bids for the scoop plow.
- Council discussed the street patch issue in front of 501 Fourth Street and directed Ms. Steele to look into it.

Unfinished Business

8A) Annexation

- Ms. Steele stated that the state will hear the annexation request on Wednesday.
- Mr. Ries is drafting an agreement with the Lake Washington Sanitary District to assign capacity.
- Mr. Ries stated that when the annexation is complete we will be paying the Lake Washington Sanitary District for the capacity.

8B) Main Street Financing

- Ms. Steele stated that Shannon Sweeney provided a revised schedule.
- The revised schedule splits the costs equally between cash, assessments, and tax levy.
- Ms. Steele stated that there will be a \$52,000 savings in interest cost by paying cash.
- Council discussed the proposed payment schedules.

New Business

9A) Summer Program Donation Request

- Ms. Steele stated that the Mankato Area Parks Program is requesting a \$1,000.00 donation.
- Council discussed the summer programs in town.
- Ms. Steele stated that no one else has requested a donation.
- Ms. Hiniker stated that the Mankato Area Park Program is not meant to be childcare. The other two summer programs are run by for profit child care centers.
- Chief Bunde will also donate \$400.00 from his forfeiture fund.

A motion by Ries, seconded by Hoehn, to donate \$1,000.00 to the Mankato Area Parks Program.

Roll Call: Ayes: Reichel, Ries, and Hoehn

Nays: None

Abstained: Hiniker

Motion carried.

9B) LJP Recycling Carts

- Larry Biederman stated that there will be \$0.97 per cart per month charge for the duration of the contract.
- Garbage costs should decrease because residents tend to recycle more with the larger carts.
- The current contract will be extended for two years under this amendment to 2018.
- It will take six to eight weeks for the new recycling carts to be delivered.

- Council discussed how garbage will be handled for the annexing properties.

A motion by Ries, seconded by Hoehn, to approve the contract amendment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Reichel, Ries, Hiniker, and Hoehn
Nays: None
Motion carried.

9C) Pitter Patter Daycare Center Zoning

- Mary Robin is proposing to open a daycare center and summer program in the Technical Solutions building.
- Ms. Steele stated that the Business Highway District does not allow for a daycare center.
- The R1 district allows for a daycare serving up to twelve children.
- Ms. Steele stated that a Conditional Use Permit or Interim Use Permit is required for daycare to operate in the Business Highway District.
- Ms. Robin's lease begins on May 15, 2013 with a June 7, 2013 start date for the summer program and a September 16, 2013 start date for the infant, toddler, and preschool program.
- Council discussed the zoning ordinances pertaining to daycares and the current daycares in the City.
- The Planning Commission will meet on May 28, 2013 if they have a quorum and the Council will review their recommendation on June 3, 2013.

9D) Watershed Management Plan

- Peter Blethen stated the Madison Lake Watershed and Lake Association has been active for two and a half years and currently has one hundred members.
- Mr. Blethen reviewed the association's goals and stated that with the City's cooperation they will be better set to obtain grants.
- The Madison Lake Watershed and Lake Association is looking to have a lake management plan written for a cost of \$8,000.00 as this piece of information is something that all granting agencies want to see.
- Council discussed the different companies available to write the lake management plan.
- The monitoring of the lakes that takes place and the recent grant that was obtained for dealing with invasive species was discussed.
- The Madison Lake Watershed and Lake Association is looking for a \$4,000.00 contribution from the City for the lake management plan.
- Council directed Ms. Steele to look into where possible funding could come from to make a donation.

Adjournment

A motion by Ries, seconded by Hoehn, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Reichel, Ries, Hiniker, and Hoehn
Nays: None
Motion carried.



Ken Reichel, Mayor

Attest:



Kelly Steele, City Administrator-Clerk