

**City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
December 26, 2013**

The December 26, 2013 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Mayor Dave Povolny at the City Hall. Present were Council Members Denny Peterson, Jeff Duraine, Bill Krebs & Jessie Messina. City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; Attorney Bill Griffith, Jr., Engineer Larry Bohrer and Deputy City Clerk Emmy Robinson.

Absent: None.

Also in attendance were: Jesse Preiner, Jody Krebs, Rick Robinson, Sue Wagamon, Steve Wagamon, Cecile Neihart, and Paul Ringell Forest Lake Times.

A. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

1. Call To Order - Regular Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

B. CONSENT AGENDA

3. Motion - Approval City Council Meeting Minutes on 12/11/2013
4. Motion - Agenda Approval with Additions
5. Motion - Approval Hennepin Technical College OSHA Training Contract (**Pages 1-3**)
6. Motion - Pay Bills as Posted

Motion by Krebs to approve the consent agenda including CON 00050 Hennepin Technical College OSHA Training Contract. Second by Peterson. Motion Carried.

C. PRESENTATIONS

7. Planning Commission Report

The Planning Commission met on December 18th and continued their discussion on the Insurance Auto Auction application. This will come before the council with the Planning Commission recommendation at the January 8th, 2014 city council meeting.

8. Public Open Forum

No one asked to speak during public open forum.

D. STAFF & CONSULTANT REPORTS

9. ENGINEER REPORT

Discussion - Water?? Letter / DNR Meeting (Pages 4-8) – More Water Discussion (Lino Lakes Letter/DNR/NE Water Supply) (A1-A7)

A letter from the DNR regarding a North and East Metro Groundwater Management Area kick-off meeting scheduled for January 8, 2014 was included in the agenda packet. A meeting agenda was also included in the agenda packet. The Engineer explained that this meeting is scheduled for the same night as the first City Council meeting of 2014 and said this would be an important meeting for Columbus to attend. The Engineer asked for direction on attendance at this meeting and said he is available to attend. The Attorney explained that Columbus is not part of the law suit and should continue to challenge that Columbus is included. The City Administrator said the City was invited to be part of this group and urged the Council to have a presence at this meeting. There

are three distinct groups and three distinct topics being discussed. The consensus is to have the Engineer attend this meeting.

A letter dated December 16, 2013 from Mayor Tom Weidt regarding a proposal from the City of Minneapolis requesting state funding for drilling of a series of wells was included in the agenda packet. The letter identified that the wells would access the Jordan Aquifer, the same water supply as the White Bear Lake Association lawsuit. The Engineer reviewed the letter at this time. No action is required on this topic.

A letter from Lino Lakes City Engineer was included in the agenda additions. The letter is regarding their wellhead protection plan. Cities that supply more than 1,000 residents with water are required to produce a protection plan for their wells. No action is required by the Council.

North & East Metro Pilot Groundwater Management Area Planning Update

A meeting is scheduled for January 6th, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the White Bear Lake City Hall. The meeting will be lead by the Metropolitan Council, it pertains to water supply and sustainability, the objective is to produce a report to be taken to the legislature. The City Administrator recommended that the Engineer attend this meeting as it is a meeting of technical staff people. The Engineer is not available to attend but could send another staff member. The direction was for the Engineer to send one of his colleagues to attend the meeting.

A copy of the Engineer's deposition is available at the office for review.

10. ATTORNEY REPORT

Approval - MOST Resolution (Page 9)

At the last City Council meeting the council approved supporting the Forest Lake "MOST" program. A resolution was included in the agenda packet to support this decision.

Motion ADM 05000 by Peterson to approve Resolution 13-23 Supporting MOST FL, An Initiative of the Forest Lake Area Partnership for Families, Inc. Second by Duraine. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Messina - aye; Duraine - aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries.

11. MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

Council Member Peterson

A donation was received from Sternberg Electric for the bridge project. More donations are being sought an additional \$450 is needed.

Camp Three update

The DNR is working on the road vacation.

Council Member Messina

Taxes

Council Member Messina brought a Star Tribune article which listed taxes of cities for 2014. Columbus's taxes increased due to debt service and law enforcement services.

Tree programs

Council Member Messina said Minneapolis committed nine million dollars to ash tree removal alone. The Tree Board is scheduled to meet on January 6th. Mayor Dave Povolny asked for feedback regarding how the city can define what the Tree Board lost and what they could offer for alternatives. Mayor Dave Povolny said he did not support vibratory plowing as an effective method of oak wilt control. The council wanted to clarify that they did not think the Tree Board was not doing a good job. Council Member Messina will be out of town for the meeting, Council Member Krebs is scheduled to attend in his place. Council Member Duraine said he would attend the meeting.

Council Member Duraine

Rush Line corridor had an article regarding the Gateway Corridor. A bus shelter is being investigated at Running Aces Harness Park. It was noted that there will probably be advertising opportunities on this shelter.

Council Member Krebs

Council Member Krebs wished everyone a happy new year.

Mayor Dave Povolny

No report.

12. Deputy Clerk Report

No report.

13. City Administrator's Report

Motion - Approval Anoka County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Resolution (Pages 10-24)

A resolution regarding the Anoka County Hazard Mitigation Plan was included in the agenda packet. Information regarding the Anoka County Hazard Mitigation Plan was included in the agenda packet. The mitigation plan seeks to reduce the costs related to disaster events. The impact of Potential hazard incidents is highest in the county for pandemic and terrorism. A mitigation goals/objectives/actions/strategy table identifying actions and people responsible for these actions and estimated costs was included in the agenda packet. The action requested is approval of the resolution.

Motion ADM 05000 by Peterson to approve Resolution 13-24 authorizing the City of Columbus to participate in the Multi-Jurisdictional Anoka County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Messina - aye; Duraine - aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts: \$2,400.52

Disbursements: \$46,800.49

FYI - Rice Creek Watershed Board Appointment (A8)

A letter dated December 17, 2013 re-appointing Patricia Preiner to the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Manager was included in the agenda packet. No action is required of the council.

Motion – Planning Commission Resignation Letter & Planning Commission Appointment (A9-A10)

A letter dated December 4, 2013 from Myron Organ resigning from the Planning Commission was included in the agenda packet. This is the end of his term.

Motion ADM 01100 by Peterson to accept with regret the resignation of the Columbus Planning Commission member Myron Organ and send a Thank you letter for his work. Second by Duraine. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Messina - aye; Duraine - aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries.

On March 27, 2013 the Council made a motion to appoint Mark Daly to the Planning Commission if another vacancy occurred. The Action is appointment of Mr. Daly to the Planning Commission.

Motion ADM 01100 by Duraine to offer Mark Daly the vacant seat on the Planning Commission. Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Messina - aye; Duraine - aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries.

Council Member Peterson asked if the balance could be put back on the Treasurer's report. The City Administrator will see that it is added in the future.

Mayor Dave Povolny asked what the clothing allowance is, the City Administrator explained that the uniform allowance is \$400.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- ▶ Planning Commission Mtg. 01/15/2014 7:00 p.m.
- ▶ Calendar of Meeting (**Page 25**)

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Messina to adjourn. Second by Krebs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Emilia S. Robinson

Deputy City Clerk