

**City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
November 24, 2014**

The November 24, 2014 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Dave Povolny at the City Hall. Present were Council Members Denny Peterson, Jessie Messina, Jeff Duraine & Bill Krebs. City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; Attorney Jacob Steen., Engineer Larry Bohrer and Recording Secretary Lorie Lemieux

Absent: None

Also in attendance were: Anoka County Highway Department Assistant City Engineer Andrew Witter, Mark Daly, Mary Preiner, Pat Preiner, Jesse Preiner, Jody Krebs, and Jim Windingstad – Public Works Superintendent

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 of the City Council Meeting Minutes of 11/12/14
4. Motion- Agenda Approval with Additions
5. Motion- Pay Bills as Posted

C. PRESENTATIONS

6.– ANOKA COUNTY ROUNDABOUT PRESENTATION (Enclosure) Anoka County Highway Department Assistant City Engineer Andrew Witter presented tonight. Mr. Witter presented an update for the Intersection Roundabout Construction project at the Intersection of County State aid Highway 18 (Broadway Avenue NE) and County Road 62 (Kettle River Blvd. NE). A layout design dated November 4, 2014 was included in the agenda packet and was displayed on the projector. Mr. Witter informed the Mayor and Council members that Anoka had initially hoped to accomplish this project without the necessity of closing any of the roads during construction, however, there will be 3 stages in which road closures will occur with the need to detour traffic, with consideration of minimizing along with minimizing the impact to effected property owners. First stage a bypass will be created resulting in no impact to traffic. Second stage includes proposed closing of southbound Kettle River Blvd., with 2 lanes open serving east & west on Broadway and a bypass on Northbound Kettle River Blvd. This is projected to be approximately 4-6 weeks. Third stage with the opening of southbound Kettle River Blvd and closing Broadway westbound; 2 weeks are tentatively scheduled for this closure as it includes storm sewer work as well. Witter noted that Northbound on Kettle River and Eastbound on Broadway will always remain open.

Questions:

Council Member Krebs Relayed the concern of residents, specifically the resident on the NW corner (Palumbo), regarding the ability to go east upon leaving his driveway. The Engineer relayed that none of the residents will be affected by the median. They will have full ingress and egress.

Council Member Duraine questioned the removal of the trees in the SE corner resulting in a loss of privacy. A few trees will need to be removed to facilitate the construction. Anoka County is working with the homeowners on this matter.

Council Member Krebs Questioned the location of Mr. Palumbo's Landscaping sign (NW corner). If the sign will be in the new right of way, they will have to pay to relocate the sign.

Council Member Duraine questioned the need for pedestrian crossing/sidewalks. Sidewalks/crossings will be provided to facilitate movement around the roundabout without being in the driving lanes and safely make it to an adjoining shoulder or road.

Mayor Povolny. Clarified that downward lighting and LED's are preferred by the city as he was concerned about lights shining into neighbors houses. The engineer confirmed that there are specific requirements in regards to lighting roundabouts and there would be amber lighted advisory/directional signs.

Bohrer. Informed Engineer Witter that the City is tentatively planning a scheduled maintenance overlay project on Notre Dame, therefore they may tie it into the roundabout project.

Povolny. Expressed his concern when a possible accident occurs on the freeway traffic; KRB is the alternate route resulting in very heavy traffic, has that been taken into account? Engineer Witter commented that it is a single lane roundabout and functions very efficiently especially when you have limited traffic coming from another direction.

Witter mentioned to the Mayor and council members that they have been going through a study with SRF Consulting with regards the realignment of CSAH 54, CSAH23/TH97 project. MNDOT has shared that they are not interested in any financial participation of the bridge interchange portion of the project. Anoka is moving forward in the first phase of realignment of 54 and looking for a preferred local alternative/recommendation for the interchange.

Krebs expressed that he is interested in establishing a Bridge Task Force to ensure that everybody is on the same page and help facilitate ideas from the City's perspective. The committee would consist of council members, planning commission members, the Mayor from Forest Lake.

7. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mark Daly presented for the Planning Commission tonight.

Motion ADM0500 PLZ 02400 by Krebs to approve the variance for 7931 178th Ave. NE/PC 14-112 to permit and construct a mound type septic system of “other construction” to replace an existing failing system. Seconded by Peterson. Votes as follows: Peterson-aye; Messina-aye; Povolny-aye; Duraine-aye; Krebs-aye. Motion carried.

Non-Binding Concept Review – Equipment Transport Leasing Inc. has requested to reschedule their presentation until December 10, 2014 Council meeting.

8. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No members of the public chose to speak during the open forum.

9. COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT VACANCY (page 13) A Notice was received informing that there is a vacancy on the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers due to a resignation and names can be submitted for consideration.

10. STEVE BRUNSBURG RESIGNATION. (page 14) An Announcement was made that Brunsberg submitted his resignation from the FLCC.

Motion HRS 03300 by Messina to accept the resignation of Steve Brunsberg with regret from the Board of the Forest Lake Cable Commission (FLCC). Seconded by Duraine. Votes as follows: Peterson-aye; Messina-aye; Povolny-aye; Duraine-aye; Krebs-aye. Motion carried.

Peterson commented that he knew Brunsberg since he started on the FLCC and has provided a wealth of information to the commission and will be greatly missed. Peterson suggested that a thank you be sent to Mr. Brunsberg for his years of service.

D. STAFF & CONSULTANT REPORTS

13. ENGINEER REPORT

No report

14. ATTORNEY REPORT

Sanitary Sewer Ordinance (Enclosure) Attorney Steen presented an update on the SSTS Ordinance. A draft ordinance was provided in the agenda packet. This Ordinance will accomplish three things: update Ordinance overall, complies with MPCA guidelines and provides procedure for administrative variance.

Motion made by Duraine to accept the preliminary sanitary sewer ordinance and submit the same to the MPCA for comment. Seconded by Peterson. Votes as follows: Peterson-aye; Messina-aye; Povolny-aye; Duraine-aye; Krebs-aye. Motion carried

Potentially Dangerous Dogs and Dangerous Dog Update

This matter has been forwarded to the prosecuting attorney, Mr. Hoeft for review and

comment. A letter will be sent to Mr. Preciado requesting proof that the dog has been put down or evidence of micro chipping the present dog on the location. Preciado will have 10 days to respond to this request.

15. MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

Council Member Peterson

Would like to request that Council members receive the Planning Commission agenda packets as well to inform them what the Planning Commission will be discussing. Mayor and council members agreed to receive the packet via email as well. Commented that GPS does not recognize “roundabouts” they are referred as “traffic wheels”

Council Member Messina

No report

Council Member Duraine

At the recent Rushline Taskforce meeting, Adam Harrington from Metro Transit was present. Duraine expressed his concerns for bus shelters, decreasing Running Aces location ridership and schedules.

Council Member Krebs

Shared that he is interested in getting council support to create a task force in regards to the Lake Dr/97 Bridge project. He would like to include some planning commission members, City of Forest Lake, Washington County, Anoka County and possible political figures. Povolny requested to return to council with a list of task force members.

Mayor Dave Povolny

No report

16. City Administrator's Report

A 2015-2016 Lawn Mowing Services Agreement and schedule with the costs for mowing and trimming in the park was included in the agenda packet. In addition a 2015 Park Maintenance Agreement including the task list with RVS Turf & Snow, Inc. was included in the agenda packet. Comments were that the park looks great.

Motion CON 00050 by Peterson to approve the Park Maintenance Contract for 2015 with RVS Snow and Turf for \$12,500. Second by Messina. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Messina - aye; Duraine - aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries.

Motion CON 00050 by Peterson to approve the 2015-2016 Lawn Mowing Services Agreement with RVS Snow and Turf according to schedule. Second by Messina. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Messina - aye; Duraine - aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries.

Pay Scales

The City eliminated three positions this year; Senior Coordinator, Park Maintenance worker and Administrative Specialist. With this change a pay equity evaluation was done to make sure the City is still in compliance with the Pay Equity Act. The Personnel committee discussed pay scale vs. points and identified certain positions that should have an increase. The scale that was distributed at this time reflects the changes.

Motion PAY 00400 by Peterson to accept the elimination of the three positions, approve the new 2015 pay scales with adjustments in points and wage , and approve the pay scale increase for those identified on the sheet distributed tonight. Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Messina - nay; Duraine - nay; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts: \$388,110.00

Disburse: \$503,492.02

Balance: \$1,841,609.12

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- **Planning Commission Meeting 12/03/14 Cancelled**
- **Calendar of Meeting (Page 20)**

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Krebs to adjourn. Second by Messina.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lorie Lemieux
Recording Secretary