

**City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
October 22, 2014**

The October 22, 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, Jeff Duraine & Jessie Messina. City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; Assistant Attorney Jake Steen, Engineer Larry Bohrer and Secretary Kathy Laur.

Absent: Bill Krebs

Also in attendance were: Webelos/Boy Scouts Pack 414, Julie and Jake Kirkeeide, Lisa, Kody and Kaden Hine, Doug and Michael Mayo, Shannon and Dustin Williams, Dave and Tyler LeMay, Larry and Cole Schminski, Wayne and Elijah Walters, Joshua and Kathryn Patrick, Gary and Rayette Mayer, Frank Wagamon, Kris King and Paul Peskar Myron Organ, 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 of the City Council Meeting Minutes on 10/08/14
4. Motion – Agenda Approval with Additions.
5. Motion – Pay Bills as Posted.

There were no additions to the consent agenda.

Motion by Denny Peterson to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Jessie Messina.
Approved unanimously.

C. PRESENTATIONS

6. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

There was no Planning Commission Report. Their next meeting will be on November 5th.

7. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Joshua and Kate Patrick of 7931 178th Ave. NE

Purchased a home in August of this year and are having trouble with their septic. They can't move into their home until the septic is done. Their septic system is considered "other." Septic is going in where current septic is located. They started the variance process. Leon is supporting the septic design. There is no alternate site for ISTS system. A public hearing will be held on November 19. Tim Smith is the contractor.

Motion ADM0500 PLZ 02400 by Jessie Messina to approve the issuance of a SSTS permit prior to the final approval of the variance. Seconded, Denny Peterson. Approved unanimously

Frank Wagamon of 6559 Pine Street

Mr. Wagamon would like to bring a “go pro” to city council meetings in order to hear the meetings better. Elizabeth said city council meetings are broadcast on cable. Planning Commission meetings are not. Wagamon would like Planning Commission meetings broadcast as well. Denny would like for us to check with Forest Lake about broadcasting an extra meeting. Council is looking at a better broadcasting system. Meetings are already public and no one seemed to have an issue with Wagamon recording the meetings for personal use.

8. ROUTE 275 & 285 CHANGES

Beginning December 15, routes 275 and 285 will be combined into new Route 275 with service to St. Paul. Three of the buses make stops. One stops in White Bear Lake. Riders are complaining about getting to work late because of the stops. Columbus joined Metro Transit for the express bus service three or four years ago. Elizabeth asked the council for permission for her and Jeff to lobby to get express bus service.

Motion by Denny Peterson was made to authorize Jeff Duraine and City Administrator to work with Metro Transit on the express bus service schedule. Seconded by Jessie Messina. Approved unanimously.

D. STAFF & CONSULTANT REPORTS

9. ENGINEER REPORT – 2014 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Construction on the project was supposed to be finished a week ago. Blacktop is done. Driveway aprons are completed. Shoulders will be graded. Mailboxes will need to be put back up at the edge of the blacktop. Swing away posts for mailboxes can be purchased at cost for \$71.00 for the kit. Public Works will install them for free. Final numbers for assessments are needed. The good news is that the cost is significantly lower than originally thought.

Reminder – Neighborhood meeting on 153rd road improvement 10/27/14

Information – Anoka County Ditch 31 & 46 information meeting 11/10/14

10. ATTORNEY REPORT – Update on October 8 meeting regarding SSTS ordinance. MPCA is directing us to update the city’s ordinance. There will be an evaluation of the ordinance with the city building official. The ordinance will meet state requirements and must not be less restrictive than the county’s ordinance.

11. MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

Council Member Peterson – Columbus made the front page of the Forest Lake Times for the fall tree colors

Council Member Messina – Would like to collaborate on SSTS. No report.

Council Member Duraine – Candidate forum was successful. The Cable Commission met. Hourly wages for film makers are \$10-14.00 an hour. Sound is now in stereo it had been in mono for quite a while.

Council Member Krebs – No report

Mayor Dave Povolny – Received the Anoka County report regarding increased taxes. They are as follows: Blaine 15.67%, Circle Pines 13%, Lino Lakes 10%, and Columbus 9.98%. We need to get the community developed.

12. City Administrator's Report

Treasurer's Report

Receipts: \$ 72,461.77

Disburse: \$ 126,461.54

Balance: \$ 2,015,526.33

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Planning Commission Meeting 11/05/14

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Jessie Messina to adjourn. Seconded by Jeff Duraine.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

/s/ Kathy Laur

Kathy Laur
Interim Secretary