

City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
Jan. 27, 2016

The Jan. 27, 2016 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Dave Povolny at City Hall. Present were Povolny, Council Members Denny Peterson, Mark Daly, Jeff Duraine and Bill Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; Attorney Jake Steen; Engineer Dennis Postler; and Public Information Coordinator Bronwyn Pope.

Absent: None.

Also in attendance were: Pat Preiner, Jesse Preiner, Mary Preiner, Jody Krebs, Tom Daly, Terri Hodges (Forest Lake Cable Commission), and Paul Rignell (Forest Lake Times).

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion – Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes 01/13/16
- Motion – Agenda Approval with Additions
- Motion – Pay Bills as Posted
- Motion – LMC Liability Tort Coverage – Waiver Form

Motion by Krebs to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Peterson. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye (Duraine not present for vote). Motion carries.

Anoka County Sheriff's Office Introduction & Presentation

Anoka County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Wells provided the Council with a brief update on the Sheriff's Office and introduced the two deputies who will work in Columbus in 2016. Deputy Peter Grover will continue to cover the City's daytime shift, and Deputy Troy Edmond is working nights in Columbus. Edmond also introduced his new canine partner, Nieko, a one year old German Sheppard who will complete training this summer. The Sheriff's Office continues to work through issues with a new electronic records system which has made it difficult to get reports to the City. Daly asked about having Niko and some of the Sheriff's Office's new equipment, like the mobile digital forensic lab, at Fall Fest this year. Povolny asked for specifics about how the digital lab works, and the elevation restrictions for the Sheriff's Office drone use. The mobile digital lab is not used for surveillance, it is used for public safety to pull data off computers or cell phones brought into the lab. Drones used by the Office are not allowed to go above 300 feet or below 100 feet.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission did not meet, their next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 3.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No one for public open forum.

ENGINEER REPORT

NE Groundwater USGS Study

Postler updated the Council regarding a recent US Geological Survey (USGS) meeting about their groundwater/surface water research. USGS is working to create a model to track rainwater and groundwater, where it comes from, where it goes, how long it takes to get into aquifers and wells. The model won't provide answers for the White Bear Lake level issues, and is separate from the studies being done by the DNR and Met Council.

Ziegler Water Storage Tank and Pumping Facility

In December 2014 the City purchased the Ziegler water storage tank and pumping facility. This year the City intends to integrate the facility in compliance with Minnesota Department of Health standards for a municipal potable water supply. The cost of bringing it into compliance was estimated at \$166,400. The City recently received approval for funding from Anoka County HRA for this project. Postler requested direction from the Council regarding preparing plans and specifications and receive bids for upgrades to this facility.

Motion by Peterson to approve TKDA to prepare plans and specifications, and receive bids for, the Ziegler Water Tank and Pumping Facility upgrades for integration into the City's municipal water system. Motion seconded by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Chapter 7A Ordinance Amendment 16-03- Low Floor Elevation

Steen brought back Chapter 7A Ordinance Amendment 16-03 – Low Floor Elevation with the modifications requested by the Council at the Jan. 13 meeting which were to clarify that no engineering has to be submitted for accessory buildings, and that the acceptable minimum elevation is two feet above mottled soil.

Motion by Peterson to adopt **Chapter 7A Ordinance Amendment 16-03 – Low Floor Elevation**. Motion seconded by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

Social Host Ordinance 16-02 Summary Publication

Steen provided Council with the Social Host Ordinance 16-02 summary publication, which clarifies who is a host and what are the prohibited actions. Steen noted one modification to the second paragraph which was to strike the reference to “zoning and subdivisions” and replace it with “public safety and public nuisances;” and to strike reference to the Planning Commission which was included in error.

Motion by Duraine to approve **Social Host Ordinance 16-02 Summary Publication Notice** for publication in the official newspaper subject to the changes as stated above. Motion seconded

by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – nay. Motion carries.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Daly – The Park Board met this week and recapped projects that were completed in 2015, including resurfacing the park walking path which was done by a local contractor for \$2882.00 less than budgeted. Hydro-seeding will be done this spring and faded park signs will be replaced. One or more of the parking lots will also be refreshed with class 5 gravel. The Park Board also discussed beginning to set aside funds to eventually remove the telephone poles by the park on Kettle River Blvd. and install fencing on the north side of the road.

Council Member Duraine – The Cable Commission is looking into live streaming City Hall meetings, and the fiscal agent has transferred from Columbus to Scandia.

Council Member Krebs – No report.

Council Member Peterson – Sunrise River WMO has recommended the member cities (Columbus, Ham Lake, East Bethel and Linwood) consider if they want to update the organization’s joint powers agreement (JPA). If there is interest in making changes, Sunrise River WMO recommends a joint meeting. Council discussed and consensus was to pursue making some changes in the JPA which could potentially result in a cost savings for Columbus. ECM Publishers released the 2016 Many Faces Guide this week which included both a full page story about the City of Columbus, and a full page article about the potential bridge project on County Road 23/Highway 97 over Interstate 35.

Mayor – No report.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT– No report.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR REPORT

Howard Lake Drive Trail Survey update

Resident surveys are beginning to come in regarding interest in establishing a trail along Howard Lake Drive. Surveys are to be returned by Feb. 3.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Anoka County Annual Legislative Workshop Open House handout

The Council has been invited to an annual legislative workshop hosted by Anoka County March 3 from 2-5 p.m. Anoka County will present local legislators an overview of legislative issues important to Anoka County. Povolny, Krebs, Duraine and Peterson all said they would try to attend the event.

Senior Center Air Conditioner Request

The Senior Center volunteers are cooking in the kitchen again and would like to remove a window to install an air conditioner. They intend to ask the Lions to help with the project. The consensus of the Council was that they could remove the window as long as they kept it so it could be replaced at a later date.

TREASURER REPORT

Receipts: \$75,716.51

Disburse: \$143,491.71

Balance: \$2,196,002.43

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Planning Commission Meeting 02/03/16

Calendar of Meetings

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Duraine to adjourn. Seconded by Daly. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bronwyn Pope, Public Information Coordinator