

**City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
March 8, 2017**

The March 8th, 2017 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Bill Krebs at the City Hall. Present were Council Members Mark Daly and Denny Peterson; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, Engineer Dennis Postler, Attorney Bill Griffith and Public Communications Coordinator Jessica Hughes.

Also in attendance were: Kris King, Paul Peskar, Jody Krebs, Mary Preiner, Pat Preiner, Jesse Preiner, Dan Mike, Public Works Superintendent Jim Windingstad, and Teri Hodges (LATV).

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 MnDot Workshop Meeting Minutes 02.22.17**
- 4. Motion – Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes 02.22.17**
- 5. Motion – Approval of the Master Subscriber Agreement for MN Court Services & Resolution 17-10**
- 6. Motion – Approval of the AEM Accounting Services Agreement**

Motion by Daly to approve the consent agenda items 3-6. Seconded by Peterson. Krebs – aye; Daly – aye; Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

C. PRESENTATIONS

7. Planning Commission Report

The Planning Commission report was given by City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko. The Planning Commission held a workshop on March 1st to discuss Columbus' Land Use Map, and make changes as needed. The Commission made it through roughly half of the map, and will be revisiting the second half at a later meeting date.

8. Public Open Forum

No report.

9. Senior Center Lease & Repair Work

Mursko is bringing some questions to the Council from Senior Center representatives. The first question is specifically about section 11 of their lease, which states that anyone renting space in the Senior Center must be “located or operating within Columbus or members of the senior center”. Senior Center representatives are asking for the ability to rent the space out to anyone, regardless of their affiliation with Columbus or the Center. After some discussion regarding liability and insurance, the City Council decided they would not grant this request to the Senior

Center, and will not change the language of section 11.

Secondly, Mursko presented color swatches from the Center representatives for the new paint to be put in the Center. Deputy Mayor Krebs asked for clarification on whether he volunteered to paint the walls, as well as pay for paint. Mursko replied that the plan was to find volunteers to do the painting. Krebs said that he is willing to help do the painting alongside the volunteers, as long as the Senior Center does their part to remove everything from the Center before the project begins. In addition, Mursko reported that the City's Building Official, Leon Ohman, will be spearheading the cleaning project. Lastly, Mursko wanted to draw the Council's attention to the fact that the Senior Center's cleaning project will most likely cost more than the City receives in rent from the Senior Center. The Council agreed to continue forward with the project, but to be updated throughout the process on schedule and quotes for services and materials.

D. STAFF AND CONSULTANT REPORTS

10. Engineer Report

Ziegler Water Storage Tank and Pumping Facility Conversion Project

At this time City Engineer Dennis Postler presented Plans and Specifications for the Ziegler Water Storage Tank and Pumping Facility Conversion Project. The project itself was bid in June of 2016. Only one bid was received and it was significantly higher than the estimate. The City Council rejected the bid at that time. Since then there have been modifications to bring the estimated construction costs in line with the project's budget. Construction is anticipated to take place from May through September of this year.

Motion by Daly to approve the Plans and Specifications for the Ziegler Water Storage Tank and Pumping Facility Conversion Project. Seconded by Peterson. Krebs – aye; Daly – aye; Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Daly to authorize the advertisement for bids and set the bid opening for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday March 30, 2017 at the Columbus City Hall. The City Council will consider bids at the April 12, 2017 City Council Meeting. Seconded by Peterson. Krebs – aye; Daly – aye; Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Willie Davis Drainage Issue Pine Street

Based on direction from the February 22nd City Council Meeting, Postler has been investigating drainage issues on Pine Street NE and has updates for the Council. Based on aerial maps from as early as the 1950s, it does not appear that water has ever drained to the north/northeast of Mr. Willie Davis' property. There was some conversation about what may need to be done to help drain water from Davis' property. It may be possible to deepen the ditch to the south of Davis' property, all of the way west to the County ditch. However, this could require the excavation of a large amount of land. Postler is wondering if the Council would like him to continue investigating this situation, as the next step would be to have a professional survey done to get a reading on elevations. The Council agreed that Postler should go ahead and complete the survey to get an accurate reading of elevations in the area.

County Road 54 Project

Postler presented updates from Anoka County on the CSAH 54 realignment project. The plan originally included a pond adjacent to the northernmost roundabout, in the southwest corner; however, the County has had to move it to the northwest corner instead. This area is private land, and they are working on acquiring the land for this pond.

The second pond was originally going to be located at the south end of CSAH 54, but in order to minimize impact on wetlands the County is considering relocating it. The County would like to move the pond north to the City's property. Deputy Mayor Krebs commented that the location chosen by the County is in a very high and dry location, which could complicate the process of trying to develop that land. Postler noted that as the City tries to develop this land, there will have to be additional ponds added into the area. Council Member Daly suggested that the pond relating to the CSAH 54 project be moved adjacent to the wetlands in that area, instead of on the dry land. The Council agreed this was a good idea, and Postler will take it back to Anoka County for consideration.

Lastly, Postler noted that he is going to be preparing plans for an irrigation system conduit to be installed in the northernmost roundabout.

11. Attorney Report

Legislation Letter

Based on direction from the February 22nd City Council Meeting, City Attorney Bill Griffith drafted a letter to send to the Speaker of the House reflecting the City's stance on the White Bear Lake lawsuit. The Council approved the letter, and thus Griffith will be sending it to Speaker Daudt and other applicable Legislators.

Motion by Peterson to approve letters to Speaker Daudt and other applicable Legislators. Seconded by Daly. Krebs – aye; Daly – aye; Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

12. Mayor and City Council Member's Report

Deputy Mayor Krebs

No report.

Council Member Daly

No report.

Council Member Peterson

No report.

13. Public Communications Coordinator Report

Public Communications Coordinator Jessica Hughes presented information from Anoka County regarding their Senior Outreach Program. The information details work that was done for seniors in Columbus in 2016. Hughes reported that this information has been put on the website as a resource for residents. In addition, Mursko let the Council know that Anoka County is looking for contractors to work with their Community Action Programs, providing services to seniors.

14. City Administrator’s Report

Treasurer's Report

Receipts:	\$	75,414.56
Disbursements:	\$	77,734.67
Balance:	\$	2,910,830.26

Lynette Olinger’s Resignation

Mursko reported that Columbus’ Deputy Treasurer Lynette Olinger has submitted her resignation letter, and her last day is Friday March 10th.

Motion by Peterson to accept Olinger’s resignation. Seconded by Daly. Motion carried unanimously.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

The next meeting is 03.15.17 at 7:00p.m., and it is a joint meeting between the Planning Commission and the City Council to discuss storage container concerns, the City’s comprehensive plan, and a non-binding concept review.

Calendar of Meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Peterson to adjourn. Seconded by Daly. Krebs – aye; Daly – aye; Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jessica Hughes, Public Communications Coordinator