

**City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
07.11.18**

The 07.11.18 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Dave Povolny at the City Hall. Present were Council Members Bill Krebs, Jeff Duraine, Mark Daly, and Denny Peterson; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, City Attorney Bill Griffith, City Engineer Dennis Postler, and Public Communications Coordinator Jessica Hughes.

Also in attendance were: Paul Peskar, Kris King, Laurie King, and Julia Parent (Forest Lake Times).

A. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Call to Order - Regular Meeting – 7:02 P.M.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- ~~**1. Motion – Approval of the 05.23.18 City Council Meeting Minutes**~~
- 2. Motion – Agenda Approval with Additions**
- 3. Motion – Pay Bills as Posted**
- 4. Motion – 2018 Redpath Audit Contract**

Motion by Daly to approve the Consent Agenda by. Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously

C. PRESENTATIONS

5. Anoka County JPA Lexington Avenue and Broadway Project (2019-03)

Mursko began discussing a Joint Powers Agreement between the City and Anoka County for the addition of a traffic signal at the intersection of Lexington Avenue and Broadway Avenue. Since the intersection is comprised of two (2) county roads at the border of Columbus, the project will be split between Columbus, Ham Lake, and Anoka County. Postler explained that he does not need a motion of approval tonight, that he just wanted to discuss costs with the Council.

Federal funds are being used for this project and will cover roughly 90% of the cost. The total for the project is \$838,223.35. The City's share of construction costs before Federal funding will be \$5,570, and after federal funding is applied it will be \$557. The City's share of engineering costs will be \$445.60, which is not eligible for Federal funding. Therefore, the total cost to the City including construction and engineering is \$1,002.60.

Mayor Povolny said that he does not understand why the City should have to pay for power, insurance, and maintenance on the light poles at that intersection because it is two (2) County roads. Griffith replied that there were similar concerns with the W. Freeway Drive realignment project. He added that during those considerations the City asked County representatives to attend a Council meeting to answer their questions, and could do so again for this project. Council Members agreed that they would not like to invite Anoka County representatives to a future meeting.

Mursko noted that the Council will see another JPA for this intersection with Ham Lake. At that time, they may consider how costs will be split with Ham Lake. Postler said that because Ham Lake is a State Aid City, they will be paying for a larger portion of the cost.

6. Planning Commission Report

The Planning Commission did not meet last week, and as such there is no report.

7. Public Open Forum

No report.

8. Marilyn Didling resignation Park Advisory Board

The City received a letter from Marilyn Didling resigning from the Park Advisory Board. Public Communications Coordinator Jessica Hughes agreed to advertise the vacancy online. The Council thanked Didling for her service on the Park Advisory Board.

Motion by Duraine to accept Marilyn Didling's resignation from the Park Advisory Board. Seconded by Daly. Motion carried unanimously.

D. STAFF AND CONSULTANT REPORTS

9. Engineer Report

Plans and Specs SCADA System Improvement and Ziegler Water Tank Electrical Improvement

Postler presented a summary memo discussing the costs for electrical work at the Ziegler Booster Station, SCADA system replacements, and storage tank modifications. Matt Ellingson, a water engineer from TKDA, came forward to discuss the project. He explained that the project is the second phase of bringing the Ziegler water tank onto the City's water system; doing electrical work and installing a SCADA system. Ellingson has recommended the same system that is currently installed at wellhouses one and two.

Postler added that the cost to replace water meters is also listed on the memo. The water meter replacements will be installed City-wide so that the entire system can be read remotely. The quote for replacements was acquired by Public Works Superintendent Jim Windingstad, to be installed by the Columbus Public Works team.

Postler finished by saying that if plans and specs are authorized at this meeting, design would be done by mid to late August and the project should be completed by the end of 2018.

Motion by Daly to authorize preparation of plans and specs for electrical and SCADA work at the Ziegler booster station, water meter replacements, and storage tank modifications. Seconded by Krebs. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Agreement Between Rice Creek Watershed District and Columbus – Stormwater Management Facilities

Next, Postler presented a Maintenance Agreement between Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) and the City. This agreement was signed in 2011, when Hornsby Street south of TH 97 was redone. Today, the TH 97/I-35 Bridge Project will affect the ponds discussed in this agreement, making them smaller. Therefore, the Agreement has been amended to reflect this change. Postler finished by saying MnDOT and RCWD have both reviewed the Maintenance Agreement and expressed approval.

Motion by Daly to accept the updated Maintenance Agreement for Stormwater Management Facilities Between the Rice Creek Watershed District and the City of Columbus (RCWD Permit 11-002). Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Attorney Report

Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Park Property

At a previous Council Meeting, Council Members authorized the sale of two (2) vacant parcels of land which the City owns. City Staff have begun the process of putting these parcels up for sale. Griffith explained that in order to do so, Columbus' draft Comprehensive Plan must be amended to show elimination of these parcels as park land.

Griffith outlined the process for selling the land. The City will provide public notice that these parcels are excess to the City and thus will be accepting bids and holding a Public Hearing. Griffith added that amending the draft Comprehensive Plan will not hold up the sale of the land.

Motion by Daly to amend the draft Comprehensive Plan to reflect two (2) vacant City-owned parcels to be put up for sale (PIN #s 01-32-22-34-0021, 12-32-22-44-0015, and 12-32-22-43-0007). Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Mayor and Council Members Report

Council Member Krebs

Council Member Krebs reported on the Public Works Advisory Board meeting that he attended. Discussion was had about purchasing new trucks for the Public Works team, and Krebs said to expect that the topic will be brought up at a future City Council meeting.

Krebs continued to say that paving 165th Avenue NE was also considered at that meeting. There were suggestions made to only treat the road with Calcium Chloride twice a year and make paving it a bigger priority. Mayor Povolny asked if the Council would consider offering to cover 40% of the cost to pave the road? He added that the last bid for paving was based on the City covering 20% of the cost, which equaled roughly \$6,400 per assessment. Council Members Daly, Peterson, and Krebs agreed with Mayor Povolny that the City should offer to cover 40% of the cost and see what the residents think. Mursko said that could be done with a Neighborhood Meeting. Mayor Povolny added that the City should consider an alternative to Calcium Chloride

for maintaining the City's dirt roads.

Motion by Mayor Povolny to hold a Neighborhood Meeting regarding the paving of 165th Avenue NE, with 40% of the cost being covered by the City. Seconded by Peterson. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – abstain; Povolny – aye; Duraine – nay; Krebs – aye. Motion carried.

Council Member Peterson

Council Member Peterson reported that he attended the Coon Lake Veteran's Memorial dedication ceremony on Saturday July 7th. He reported that there was a good turnout for the dedication and the memorial looks great.

Council Member Daly

No report.

Mayor Povolny

No report.

Council Member Duraine

Council Member Duraine asked to discuss Howard Lake Drive. He is concerned that the road is deteriorating quicker than desired because of a lot of truck traffic on the road. He suggested putting a smaller weight limit or making it a no haul route.

13. Public Works Report

No report.

14. Public Communications Coordinator Report

Public Communications Coordinator Jessica Hughes presented a PowerPoint from ArchiveSocial, a company which archives social media interactions for government entities. The Council agreed they were not interested in purchasing social media archiving software at this time.

15. City Administrator's Report

Treasurer's Report

Receipts:	\$ 85,532.00
Disbursements:	\$ 251,265.00
Balance:	\$ 4,371,026.13

16. Closed Meeting Discussion – Litigation

At this time Mayor Povolny closed the City Council meeting to execute a closed meeting under Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b) to discuss active litigation in the matter of Bituminous Roadways, Inc. – Janet Hegland et al vs. City of Columbus.

At 8:24 p.m. Mayor Povolny reopened the City Council meeting.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

17. Calendar of Meetings.

The next Planning Commission meeting is on 07.18.18.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Daly to adjourn. Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jessica Hughes, Public Communications Coordinator