Minutes
Minnetonka City Council
Monday, October 10, 2016

1. Call to Order

Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Councilmembers Tony Wagner, Bob Ellingson, Dick Allendorf, Patty Acomb, Brad Wiersum, Tim Bergstedt, and Terry Schneider were present.

4. Approval of Agenda

Wagner moved, Wiersum seconded a motion to accept the agenda as presented. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes: August 8, 2016 and August 22, 2016 Regular Council Meetings

Acomb moved, Allendorf seconded a motion to approve the August 8, 2016 regular council meeting minutes as presented. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

Acomb moved, Allendorf seconded a motion to approve the August 22, 2016 regular council meeting minutes as presented. Wagner, Ellingson, Allendorf, Acomb, Bergstedt, and Schneider voted "yes." Wiersum abstained. Motion carried.

6. Special Matters: None

7. Reports from City Manager & Council Members

City Manager Geralyn Barone reported.

8. Citizens Wishing to Discuss Matters Not on the Agenda

Bill Whitney, 141 Willoughby Way West, stated that he has been an active resident and volunteer in Minnetonka for 75 years. He stated that:
• He would like the farmer's market to be called a “community market” and for it to start earlier in the year and continue into October.
• He would like the delivery of telephone books to be discontinued unless one would opt in to receive one.
• The city is managing campaign signs well. He does not like the approved sign for Einstein Bagel/Caribou Coffee which will rotate. There are a couple posts with a canvas sign located behind Woodhill Plaza that looks tacky. He sent 40 pictures of signs in violation of the ordinance and many of the signs have been removed. There are 18 signs that say “Nickel Sale” in front of Haskell's on the north frontage road. That is too many.
• He saw no reason to deny Total Wine's application. Wendy's currently has a dangerous entrance and exit. If the success of Total Wine would cause two or three other liquor stores to close, then that is how a free market works. Consolidating liquor sales to one store would decrease the number of issues created by multiple stores and the number of alcohol-sale-compliance checks.

Schneider noted that the sign ordinance is in the process of evolving and being updated. He appreciated Mr. Whitney comments.

City Planner Loren Gordon explained that the Woodhill Office Plaza's retail uses are allowed to have the existing signs.

9. Bids and Purchases: None

10. Consent Agenda – Items Requiring a Majority Vote:

A. First amendment to site lease agreement with Sprint for Tonkawood water tower.

Allendorf moved, Acomb seconded a motion to approve the amendment. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

B. Resolution approving Tonkawood Farms First Addition, a three-lot subdivision, with lot width at setback variances, at 15014 Highwood Drive.

Allendorf moved, Acomb seconded a motion to adopt resolution 2016-108 approving Tonkawood Farms First Addition. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.
C. Resolution regarding grant application to Hennepin County for civic center athletic field lighting.

Allendorf moved, Acomb seconded a motion to adopt resolution 2016-109 supporting Hennepin County Youth Sports Program grant funding for the lighting of the civic center athletic fields. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

D. Resolution appointing election judges and absentee ballot board for the November 8, 2016 State General Election.

Allendorf moved, Acomb seconded a motion to adopt resolution 2016-110 appointing the election judges for the November 8, 2016 state general election. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

E. Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with CardConnect for credit card processing services.

Allendorf moved, Acomb seconded a motion to adopt resolution 2016-111 authorizing the execution of a contract with CardConnect for credit card process services. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

11. Consent Agenda – Items requiring Five Votes: None

12. Introduction of Ordinances: None

13. Public Hearings:

A. Resolution approving vacation of existing drainage and utility easements located at 4301 Highview Place and an adjacent, unaddressed parcel.

Gordon reported.

Wagner moved, Wiersum seconded a motion to hold the public hearing and adopt resolution 2016-112 vacating the easements on the property at 4301 Highview Place and the adjacent, unaddressed parcel. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

14. Other Business:

A. Items concerning Ridgedale Corner Shoppes at 1801 Plymouth Road:
1) Repeal and replacement of an existing master development plan;
2) Final site and building plans with variances;
3) Appeal of maximum p.m. peak hour trips;
4) Conditional use permit; and
5) Preliminary and final plats.

Gordon reported.

Wagner was concerned with having 90-degree parking stalls in the east parking area adjacent to the drive aisle. Gordon explained the intended traffic pattern and that the drive aisle would travel in two directions.

Steve Johnson, Sullivan Real Estate, stated that:

- The applicant’s architect, engineer, and TCF representatives were also present and available for questions.
- The three stalls on the west side would be the most convenient parking location and provide security for patrons making large, cash deposits.
- The applicant agreed to move parking from the west side to the east side. Traffic would travel in two directions.
- He would like to add three stalls in the location that staff suggested. He provided a rendering of the proposed parking plan. He has been working with Joan Suko, manager at Ridgedale Center, to prepare a plan for contractor parking during construction.
- The agreement between U.S. Bank, Wells Fargo, and TCF is almost finalized.
- The plat now contains a private easement agreement for the water main.
- The applicant is not opposed to additional right of way at the intersections of Plymouth Road and Cartway Lane and Cartway Lane and the frontage road to create a sidewalk. He suggested an easement instead since the plat is nearly completed and that could be addressed in a developer’s agreement or city document.

In response to Wiersum’s question, Mr. Johnson answered that “do not enter” and “one way” signs would be utilized to direct drivers. Once the bank becomes operational, customers will become accustomed to the traffic pattern.
Acomb confirmed with Mr. Johnson that there would be enough room for a vehicle to turn around if all of the stalls are full.

Wagner asked if off-site storage of snow should be a condition of approval. Gordon explained that would be required by a document other than the resolution.

Wagner noted that the stormwater management requirements handle one inch of rain over an entire surface. Gordon confirmed that the standard is one inch. Sixty percent of rain events record one inch or less of water.

Schneider assumed that an easement would handle providing for a sidewalk. The three stalls by the door would be a little awkward, but he saw no reason to prevent them from being there. There is a blind curve to enter the parking lot, but the proposal makes the best of an awkward situation. Having three additional stalls would make good sense as long as stormwater requirements would be met for the site. He supports the planning commission's recommendation to leave the three stalls.

Wagner concurred. The shops may be busy and traffic will increase over the holidays. He supports leaving the three stalls in front of the bank. He suggested a landscaping plan similar to the one across the street and encouraged a more natural feel instead of a manicured, turf lawn.

Schneider clarified that natural grass instead of prairie grass would be better for maintenance and overall appearance. Acomb added that natural shrubbery and vegetation could be utilized.

Bergstedt commended the applicant for continuing to look for solutions and working with staff, commissioners, and councilmembers. The effort and time has been rewarded by the results which will be an enhancement to the city and the area. It is a difficult parcel.

Schneider agreed.

Wagner moved, Bergstedt seconded a motion to adopt ordinance 2016-13 repealing and replacing the existing master development plan; to adopt resolution 2016-113 approving final site and building plans, with variances, and an appeal of maximum p.m. peak hour trips; to adopt resolution 2016-114 approving a conditional use permit for a use with a drive-up window; to adopt resolution 2016-115 approving preliminary and final plats in accordance with the planning commission's recommendation on parking; the applicant's plan to include three parking stalls near the door; and a
landscape plan to include native, tasteful vegetation being planted along the area to the north as approved by staff. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

15. Appointments and Reappointments: None

16. Adjournment

Wiersum moved, Bergstedt seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois T. Mason
Deputy City Clerk