Minutes
Minnetonka City Council
Monday, June 3, 2019

1. Call to Order

Mayor Brad Wiersum called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Council Members Tim Bergstedt, Bob Ellingson, Deb Calvert, Rebecca Schack, Susan Carter and Brad Wiersum were present. Council Member Mike Happe was excused.

4. Approval of Agenda

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to accept the agenda, as presented. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes:

A. May 6, 2019 regular council meeting

Wiersum reported the meeting began at 6:30 p.m. versus 6:00 p.m. He noted he asked for a slight modification to Page 6, the third paragraph regarding the conversation on Total Wine. He requested a sentence be added to read: “Wiersum corrected Bergstedt’s previous statement indicating that he had not encouraged Total Wine to purchase a liquor license or a liquor store.”

Bergstedt moved, Calvert seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 regular council meeting, as amended. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

6. Special Matters: None

7. Reports from City Manager & Council Members

City Manager Geralyn Barone reported on upcoming city events and council meetings. She noted Tuesday, June 4 was the last day to file for city council seats. She explained the governor had signed an omnibus tax bill which included a sales tax exemption for the Minnetonka Public Safety Facility. She thanked the local legislators who had worked on this bill.
Schack stated she and staff attended a tour of the Ann Cullen Smith Preserve, the Opus Park, and the Red Barn in Minnetonka.

Calvert noted she attended the Jewish Community Relations Council Annual Event in Minneapolis on June 2. She reported this event was well attended with over 800 people in attendance.

Carter stated the Southwest Light Rail Places Committee was looking to generate resources for public art along the LRT line.

Carter thanked the Rotary for their robust work in the community.

Wiersum reported this Thursday, June 6 was the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. He commented this was a significant day to commemorate and he saluted the brave men and women that sacrificed themselves.

Wiersum thanked Chief Vance and former Assistant City Manager Vetter for their work on the tax exemption bill.

8. **Citizens Wishing to Discuss Matters not on the Agenda**

Tim Litfin, Minnetonka Community Education, discussed Tour de Tonka (TDT) with the council. He reported this year’s event would be held on Saturday, August 3 and would be the 14th TDT event. He welcomed all of the riders who participated from around the state and nation. He thanked all of the partners and volunteers that made this event possible.

Carter asked if TDT took same day registrations. Mr. Litfin reported same day registrations were accepted, but would be limited for the lower races.

Wiersum thanked Mr. Litfin for his efforts and stated he appreciated the collaboration between communities in order to put on this great event.

9. **Bids and Purchases:**

   **A. Bids for Water Treatment Plant No. 6 Rehabilitation**

City Manager Geralyn Barone gave the staff report.

Bergstedt stated he was pleased to see this bid came in under the engineer’s estimate.

_Bergstedt moved, Schack seconded a motion to award the contract to Shank Constructors, Inc._ All voted “yes.” _Motion carried._
10. Consent Agenda – Items Requiring a Majority Vote:

   A. Ordinance relating to food establishment licensing

   Ellingson moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-14. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

   B. Resolution approving use of Hennepin County Affordable Housing Incentive Funds by Homes Within Reach

   Ellingson moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-045. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

11. Consent Agenda – Items requiring Five Votes: None

12. Introduction of Ordinances: None

13. Public Hearings:

   A. Items concerning Solbekken Villas at 5734, 5742, and 5754 Shady Oak Road:

      1) Final plat; and

      2) Vacation of easements

   City Planner Loren Gordon gave the staff report.

   Wiersum opened the public hearing.

   With no one coming forward, Wiersum closed the public hearing.

   Bergstedt stated he was on the council when this project was approved. He noted there was discussion regarding the three single family homes and how these homes would be oriented. He hoped that once the landscaping was put in place the single-family homes would be softened and buffered from Shady Oak Road. He explained he would be offering his support for the project.

   Calvert thanked Bergstedt for his comments.

   Wiersum encouraged staff to ensure all of the proposed landscaping was installed per the submitted plans. He stated he supported the plans so long as the developer delivers on the landscaping.
Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to hold the public hearing and adopt Resolution 2019-046 and Resolution 2019-047 approving the requests. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

B. Temporary on-sale liquor license for The Rotary Club of Minnetonka Foundation, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

City Manager Geralyn Barone gave the staff report.

Wiersum opened the public hearing.

Chris Roselund, Minnetonka Rotary Club, reported the Rotary Club meets every Wednesday morning at the Eisenhower Community Center. He invited the council to attend a future meeting. He requested council support the temporary beer and wine liquor license for the Minnetonka Summer Fest. He commented further on how the funds raised at this event would be invested back into the community.

Wiersum thanked Mr. Roselund for his efforts on behalf of the community.

Wiersum closed the public hearing.

Calvert moved, Carter seconded a motion to hold the public hearing and grant the license. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

C. Temporary on-sale liquor licenses for Unmapped Brewing, LLC, 14625 Excelsior Blvd

City Manager Geralyn Barone gave the staff report.

Wiersum opened the public hearing.

Megan Park, co-owner of Unmapped Brewing Company, thanked staff for the thorough report. She noted Unmapped Brewing was planning a two year anniversary celebration for June 15. She explained the event would have live music, fun outdoor games and great local food. She reported wood barrel aged beer would be introduced at this event. She stated Unmapped Brewing was also planning a Glen Lake neighborhood party which would be held on Saturday, August 3.

Wiersum asked what would be done to ensure that the parking in front of the existing businesses in the shopping center would remain open for their patrons. Ms. Park stated she had been working with the landlord to distinguish these parking spaces with signs in order to have them reserved.
Carter encouraged Unmapped Brewing to be mindful of how the planned events would impact the surrounding businesses.

Jane Gosset, worker at Jean Marie’s, noted she supported the two requests from Unmapped Brewing Company and stated she would assist with monitoring the parking situation.

Wiersum closed the public hearing.

Bergstedt commented on how Unmapped Brewing had succeeded beyond the city’s expectations. He encouraged the businesses in the area to continue to work with the landlord to address their parking concerns.

Bergstedt moved, Calvert seconded a motion to hold the public hearing and grant the licenses. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

14. Other Business:

A. 2020 – 2024 Economic Improvement Program (EIP)

Community Development Director Julie Wischnack gave the staff report.

Carter commented she recalled the council wanted to support Homes Within Reach at a higher level for a longer period and/or talk about a reasoned step down approach. She stated she respected the recommendation from EDAC but noted it could be traumatic to an organization to find replacement grants. Wischnack reported Homes Within Reach has been aware of the step down the city has planned to implement over five years, but she noted the chart could be redrafted to lower the steps to lessen the impact on the organization.

Schack indicated she appreciated Carter’s concerns. However, she did not want to set a precedent with the step down. She noted if she was on the council in 2020, she would be pushing for additional funding for Homes Within Reach. She commented she could begrudgingly support this recommendation and noted she would be asking staff for additional funding in 2020.

Calvert stated she served as the council liaison to the EDAC. She believed there had been a change in culture on the council and on the EDAC. She explained there was a desire to step this down, but that feelings have since changed. She reported the council now had to find the money to fund this organization. Further discussion ensued regarding the recommendation from the EDAC.

Carter asked how the city deconstructed an institutionalized decision that was made five years ago. Wischnack stated it was not unusual for cities to change gears after five years. She commented on how housing costs had changed over
City Manager Geralyn Barone discussed the funding source for Homes Within Reach.

Bergstedt explained the recommendation was to fund WHALT at $150,000 in 2020. He indicated he would be uncomfortable changing this recommendation given the fact a new council could potentially be addressing this issue in 2020.

Wiersum stated he was very comfortable with the recommendation for 2020. He noted he would like to find a way, perhaps through the HRA levy, to consistently provide resources to Homes Within Reach at a level higher than $25,000. He reported he supported this organization’s mission and believed owner-occupied affordable housing was valuable. He stated Minnetonka would not be showing good leadership by changing their level of support to Homes Within Reach. He supported the council better understanding its leadership role it has with this organization and recommended the current financial plan be reconsidered in 2020.

Calvert explained she looked forward to discussing this topic further in the future in order to find a funding source for this organization.

Schack moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-048. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

B. 2020 – 2024 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

City Manager Geralyn Barone gave the staff report.

Bergstedt discussed the process staff and the council followed in order to draft and approval the Capital Improvements Program. He thanked staff for all of their efforts in putting together the budget and CIP.

Calvert thanked staff for the thorough report on the CIP.

Wiersum stated he was impressed that 56% of the city’s budget was non-property tax related revenue. He described the team approach that was taken for the CIP and budget from both city staff and the council. He thanked staff and the council for all of their efforts on this document.

Calvert moved, Carter seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-049. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

15. Appointments and Reappointments: None
16. Adjournment

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Koosman
City Clerk