Minutes
Minnetonka City Council
Monday, May 4, 2015

1. Call to Order

Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Council Members Bob Ellingson, Patty Acomb, Brad Wiersum, Tim Bergstedt, Tony Wagner and Terry Schneider were present. Dick Allendorf was excused.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes: April 20, 2015 minutes

Wagner moved, Acomb seconded a motion to approve the April 20, 2015 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

Wagner moved, Acomb seconded a motion to approve the April 20, 2015 regular meeting minutes. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

6. Special Matters: None

7. Reports from City Manager & Council Members

City Manager Geralyn Barone reported on the schedule for upcoming council meetings.

Schneider reported on an upcoming SWRLT Corridor Management Committee meeting.

8. Citizens Wishing to Discuss Matters not on the Agenda

No one appeared.

9. Bids and Purchases: None
10. Consent Agenda – Items Requiring a Majority Vote:

A. Resolution adding a council policy regarding the Parks for Tomorrow program

Acomb asked that the item be pulled from the consent agenda. She asked for more information about the program.

Natural Resources Manager Jo Colleran said the program has been in existence since the mid-1990’s. People can donate money to have a tree planting for a special occasion or a memorial. Money can also be donated to purchase a park bench or some other type of amenity. She said the item before the council dealt with the increase in costs over the past 20 years as well as changes to how the individuals who donate are acknowledged.

Acomb asked how many people participated in the program. Colleran said recently there have been more people purchasing benches. There have been three or four tree plantings.

Schneider said he thought it was a great program. Procedurally he said when the council adopts a resolution like this that sets fees, it can become outdated quickly. He asked if anything would limit the council from setting up procedures that would establish the price based on the cost and staff time instead of a fixed number. Barone said a council policy was easier to change than an ordinance and this policy did not set the dollar amounts. The park board would review it periodically. She clarified the resolution was about adopting the policy.

Wiersum said Colleran had indicated a plaque was included with the benches. This was not clear in the materials provided. He said this should be made clear in the communications about the program.

Bergstedt said he was involved with a memorial tree and a memorial bench. It was a way to recognize people who are still living as well as those that have passed away. He said the benches are located in very appropriate locations.

Barone said the intent was to promote the program in the Minnetonka Memo this fall.
Acomb moved, Wiersum seconded a motion to adopt resolution 2015-035. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

B. Resolution designating Wayzata Boulevard as a Municipal State Aid street

Wagner moved, Wiersum seconded a motion to adopt resolution 2015-036. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

11. Consent Agenda – Items requiring Five Votes: None

12. Introduction of Ordinances: None

13. Public Hearings:

A. On-sale wine and on-sale 3.2 percent malt beverage liquor licenses for LTF Minnetonka Restaurant Company, LLC dba Life Café, 3310 Co Rd 101

Barone gave the staff report.

Wiersum moved, Acomb seconded a motion to continue the public hearing to May 18, 2015. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

14. Other Business: None

15. Appointments and Reappointments: None

16. Adjournment

Acomb moved, Wiersum seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Maeda
City Clerk