

MINUTES

Greenwood City Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331



1. CALL TO ORDER ~ ROLL CALL ~ APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Kind called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Members Present: Mayor Kind; Councilmembers Bill Cook, Tom Fletcher, and Rob Roy (arrived at 7:15pm)

Others Present: City Zoning Administrator / City Clerk Gus Karpas, City Attorney Mark Kelly,

City Engineer Dave Martini

Members Absent: Councilmember Quam

Motion by Fletcher to approve the agenda. Second by Cook. Motion passed 3-0.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve: 05-07-14 City Council Meeting Minutes

B. Approve: April Cash Summary Report

C. Approve: May Verifields, Check Register, Electronic Fund Transfers

D. Approve: June Payroll Register

E. 2nd Reading: Ordinance 229, Amending 1179 Shoreland Management District Ordinance Relating to Impervious Surfaces in Residential Districts

F. 2nd Reading: Ordinance 232, Amending Section 1140.40 Regarding Signs in Residential Areas

Motion by Kind to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Second by Fletcher. Motion passed 3-0.

3. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

A. None

4. PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Reports: City Engineer Dave Martini

I. Discuss: Road Project Bids & County Aid to Municipalities Application

Motion by Fletcher to approve the \$36,597 bid from Barber Construction and the \$27,061.50 bid from Pearson Bros. for 2014 road projects. Second by Cook. Motion passed 3-0.

II. Discuss: Green Woods on the Lake Drainage Pond Issue

A few residents from the Green Woods on the Lake neighborhood spoke regarding the issues with the pond. View the video for a verbatim account of the comments.

The council directed the city engineer to work with Councilman Quam and come back to the city council in July with a recommendation.

III. Discuss: Potential Removal of Minnetonka Blvd Barrier Posts

Many residents spoke in favor of keeping the barrier posts at the council meeting. No residents spoke in favor of removing the barrier posts. View the video for a verbatim account of the comments.

The city council also received a petition signed by 80+ residents in support of keeping the barrier posts. A copy of the petition is attached to these minutes for the public record.

Motion by Fletcher to direct the city engineer to make a recommendation to resolve the drainage issue, and direct public works to estimate the cost to replace missing posts, repair broken posts, and add reflectors. Second by Cook. Motion passed 4-0.

IV. Discuss: New St. Alban's Bay Bridge Rating (41)

No council action. Councilman Quam will touch base with Excelsior and report back at the July council meeting.

B. Announcement: July 4th Parade, Meet at Greenwood Park (Meadville & Fairview) at 9:45am

No council action taken.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing: Ordinance 233 Amending Sections 1150 and 1155 Determination Relating to Planning Commission Role

Motion by Cook to open the public hearing. Second by Roy. Motion passed 4-0.

No one spoke during the public hearing opportunity.

Motion by Roy to close the public hearing. Second by Cook. Motion passed 4-0.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consider: Proposal for Day Dock Along LRT (by Green Woods on the Lake)

A couple residents from the Green Woods on the Lake neighborhood spoke in support of their proposal. View the video for a verbatim account of the comments.

No council action taken. The city attorney is waiting for a written response from the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. 1st Reading: Ordinance 234 Repealing Fire Code Section 315 Appendix D

Motion by Roy to approve the 1st reading of ordinance 234 as presented. Second by Cook. Motion passed 3-1 with Fletcher voting nay.

Motion by Cook to set a special meeting on June 16, 2014 at 5pm for a 2nd reading of ordinance 234. Second by Roy. Motion passed 4-0. Note: The special meeting date changed to June 18, 2014 due to a council chambers conflict.

B. Consider: Res 14-14, Variance Findings, Steve & Heather Pint, 5140 St. Alban's Bay Road

Motion by Cook directing the city attorney to draft findings for denial. Second by Fletcher. Motion failed 2-2.

Motion by Kind directing the city attorney to draft findings for denial for the council's consideration at the June 16, 2014 special meeting. And further directing the city clerk to provide written notice to the applicant to extend the 60-day time limit to July 9, 2014, so the council may consider findings approving and denying the request. Second by Cook. Motion passed 4-0. Note: The special meeting date changed to June 18, 2014 due to a council chambers conflict.

C. 1st Reading: Ordinance 233 Amending Sections 1150 and 1155 Determination Relating to Planning Commission Role

Motion by Roy to approve the 1st reading of ordinance 231 as presented. Second by Cook. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Consider: Assessor Contract

Motion by Fletcher authorizing the mayor to contract the county assessor Jim Atchison regarding the drafting of a new 2-year contract with Hennepin County for consideration at the July 9, 2014 council meeting. Second by Cook. Motion passed 4-0.

- E. Consider: Excelsior Park & Dock Patrol Proposal

Motion by Fletcher to approve the plan for the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department to provide Park and Dock Patrol Services for the City of Excelsior in 2014 as mutually agreed upon by both parties. Second by Roy. Motion passed 4-0.

- F. Consider: Potential Special Event Ordinance

Motion by Kind to continue the discussion regarding the special event ordinance to the July 9, 2014 council meeting. Second by Cook. Motion passed 4-0.

- G. Consider: Election Resolutions

- I. Resolution 12-14 Appointing Election Judges and Absentee Ballot Board

Motion by Cook to approve resolution 12-14 as presented. Second by Roy. Motion passed 4-0.

- II. Resolution 13-14 Absentee Ballot Counting Location

Motion by Kind to approve resolution 13-14 as presented. Second by Cook. Motion passed 4-0.

- H. Discuss: Potential 4-Year Term for Mayor

Motion by Fletcher directing that a draft of an ordinance to change the mayor's term to 4 years beginning with the 2016 election be included on July 9, 2014 council agenda for a 1st reading. Second by Cook. Motion passed 4-0.

- I. Discuss: Lake Minnetonka Scenic Byway

Motion by Kind to authorize the proposed memo to be sent to the Lake Minnetonka Scenic Byway Committee with one revision: strike the sentence regarding Highway 7. Second by Roy. Motion passed 4-0.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. None

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Cook: Planning Commission

No council action was taken.

- B. Fletcher: Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission, Fire

No council action was taken.

- C. Kind: Police, Administration, Mayors' Meetings, Website, Southshore Center Committee

Motion by Fletcher authorizing the city treasurer to disburse checks to the Greenwood Circle neighbors in the amounts originally received, plus interest for the delayed Xcel undergrounding and street light projects. And further authorize the city clerk to mail the checks along with the proposed memo to the Greenwood Circle neighbors. Second by Cook. Motion passed 4-0.

The council also asked the city clerk to set up a meeting with the Xcel engineer, Xcel representative Traci Carlson, Councilmember Bill Cook, and the city clerk to discuss the looping system.

D. Quam: Roads & Sewer, Minnetonka Community Education, St. Alban's Bay Bridge

Councilman Quam was not present at the meeting to give a report.

E. Roy: Lake Minnetonka Conservation District, Lake Improvement District

**Motion by Kind to approve the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District Budget as presented.
Second by Fletcher. Motion passed 4-0.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fletcher to adjourn the meeting at 10:35pm. Second by Roy. Motion passed 4-0.

This document is intended to meet statutory requirements for city council meeting minutes. A video recording was made of the meeting, which provides a verbatim account of what transpired. The video recording is available for viewing on LMCC TV channel 8 for 1 month, at www.lmcc-tv.org for 1 year, and on DVD at the city office (permanent archive).

May 23, 2014

To: Greenwood City Council for Council meeting June 4, 2014

Cc: Gus Karpas

Public safety should be the highest priority of the City Council. We understand that the City Council is entertaining the idea of removing the wooden posts from Minnetonka Blvd. The removal of these posts is very concerning to us due to the fact that we use this path frequently. Having the posts there provide a "safety net" and guidance as we walk down the trail. We understand that the posts are not strong enough to stop a car, but they are strong enough to stop a motorcycle, or bicycle. In addition the posts keep walkers, young children on tricycles and Mom's with baby strollers on the path....and not on the street.

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Thank you for keeping public safety your highest priority.

* Those posts provide a visual barrier which cause us to feel a little safer as we walk along that path.

Name *Keryn Riley*
Keryn Riley

Address 4970 Sleepy Hollow Rd.
Greenwood, MN 55331

Sue Walsh
Dave

21630 Fairview St.
Excelsior, MN 55331

Jim & Tom Rosen

21670 Fairview St.

Pat

21770 FAIRVIEW ST.
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Elijah M. De

Beth Bechtell

21685 Mntka Blvd.

Ed Cole

5195 Greenwood Circle

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Name

Address

Nancy + Rick Wyatt
Steve + Jan Peterson
Pete + Hal Holt

5120 Meadville St.
21895 Fairview St.
21885 Fairview St.

Mike + Ragne Gustafson
~~Mike + Ragne Gustafson~~
K. Davis

5125 Greenwood Circle

~~21600 FAIRVIEW ST~~
21600 FAIRVIEW ST

Paul + Penny Roberts

21600 Powerview CT

Jack M. Bern

21685 UTKA BLVD. ^{LEVEL}

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Name

Address

Madonna, T White

5290 Meadville St

Richard Johnson

5270 Meadville St.

Robert Holz

21900 MTKA Blvd.

~~Ann~~

21965 MTKA BLVD.

Julio Kreshi

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5230 Meadville St.

Bob Newman

Margo Newman

5230 Meadville St

5210 MEADVILLE ST.

Tom Ritchie

5135 Meadville St.

John Ekelund

5135 Meadville St.

Grace Ekelund

Ganice M Gray

5170 Meadville St.

John P Gray

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Maana Frazier

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Val & Keith Stuessi	5000 Meadville
Jane Kessio	4990 Meadville
Sue & Tom Rathke	5060 Covington St
Jim & Matt Gallagher	21775 Fairview St.
Cindy Bradshaw	4960 Meadville St
Tex & Hanna	4960 Meadville St
Laurie Larson	5220 Meadville St.
Kristi Conrad	21780 Fairview St.
Lynn Allar	5070 Covington St.
Michelle Erickson	5100 Covington Street
Mare & Bruce Stuehn	5250 Meadville St

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Address

James Odden 21497 MATKA BLVD

Matthew Nolan 5040 HIGHVIEW PLACE

Tim Norman 5095 HIGHVIEW PL.

Chris Field 5075 HIGHVIEW PLACE

Chris Blanchard 5055 HIGHVIEW PLACE
Chris Blanchard

Vas Leckas 21520 PINEVIEW CT.

John A. 21540 PINEVIEW CT

Alvin J. 21540 PINEVIEW CT

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Garrett Anderson
Casey

21620 MINNETONKA BLVD.

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Rob Goltz Robert DeSoto	16650 Hillside Terrace, Mtka, MN
Brian Meade	5070 Greenwood Circle
H. Theresa Page	5055 Kings Court, Greenwood, MN.
Thomas Smith	5135 West St Greenwood MN
Gail Guam	5120 West St. Greenwood, MN
Jim Wick	5165 Greenwood Greenwood MN
Angie Lindberg	5160 Greenwood Cir. Greenwood
Katie + Chip Fisher	5185 GREENWOODCIRCLE " MN.
Becky Robinson	5190 GREENWOOD CIR " "
Bonnie Bogen	5175 Queens Cir. Greenwood MN
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Address

Ellen Bragg

5180 Greenwood Circle

Dr. Kill

5170 Greenwood Circle

Deb Schultzy

5140 Greenwood Circle

Will & Abby

5140 Greenwood Circle

B. D. Myr
Vanda & Can

5130 Greenwood Circle

5135 Greenwood Circle

Dennis Regier

5115 Greenwood Cir

Gady Regier

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J. J. Lupone

5105 ~~GREENWOOD~~ CIRCLE

Mary Wiseman

5165 Queens Cir

Joy Lechner
GAA STOKES

5160 Queens Circle

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Name Paul Larkin
Suzanne Larkin
Madison Larkin

Address 21793 Minnetonka Blvd
Greenwood, MN. 55331

greenwood/city

From: **donald white** (reddypower2@hotmail.com)

Sent: Fri 5/30/14 2:53 PM

To: **donald white** (reddypower2@hotmail.com)

I understand that the city is considering removing the posts along mtka blvd. If that is so I believe it would be a serious mistake and the reason is very clear.

The people on the st. albans side use that side walk to get to the bike trail, if you walk along that side walk there is no shoulder and parts of the rd. are 3ft from the side walk.

Many people walk their dogs, and at night use the road to get home from the bars at Excelsior. It is a busy walk way and after 30 years of living in Greenwood I know the trail and sidewalk better then anyone else in Greenwood.

I walk, bike every day morning and night for my health. I have seen many close calls. What many don't realize is Mtka. blvd is becoming a speedway, at night the increased traffic from Excelsior bars has increased due to the fact the town is turning into a entertainment center for the surrounding area. If you take down the posts, then you better put up signs saying....Walk this trail and it may be hazards to your health.

I realize the police cant be everywhere but at night it is a speed way and surprisingly even in the after noon it is very difficult to cross mtka blvd. Excelsior is exploding with over 11 eating and drinking establishments[est] and more to come.

There are only 19, 7 and mtka blvd . to leave the area

Thank you for your time...T.White

5290 Meadville st.

952-922-4897

A SIDEBAR TO MY LETTER TO THE CITY

I RECENTLY SAW PHOTOS FROM
POLICE CHIEF AND COMMENTS FROM
OTHERS THAT THE POSTS ARE NOT
EFFECTIVE AS REGARDS TO SAFETY.

A PICTURE OF A UPSIDE DOWN PICKUP
TRUCK WHICH CRASHED THREW A
DOZEN POSTS AS SOME KIND OF
PROOF.

I FEEL THEY MISS THE POINT. A DRIVER
SEEKING THE POSTS IS A LITTLE MORE
CAUTIOUS. IT GIVES THEM A VISUAL,
AND THE POST MAY DEFLECT, A BUFFER...
JUST ENOUGH TIME FOR A WALKER TO
MOVE.

MTLA BLVD IS A MAJOR PROBLEM AND
IT IS GROWING WORSE.

T. WHITE