



MINUTES

Regular Morning Meeting

10:00 AM - Thursday, January 18, 2024

City Hall Council Chambers

The City of Pine City Council met in Regular Morning Meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM in the City Hall Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pederson, Councilor Hill, and Councilor Palmer were present. Councilor Pettie was not present.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Palmer motioned to approve agenda. Councilor Hill second. Motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM

This is an opportunity for citizens to present items to the Council that are not on the agenda. Each presentation is limited to three (3) minutes and a maximum of fifteen minutes is set aside. If your item needs follow-up from the City, Staff will arrange for that.

Mayor Pederson opened Public Forum. Second call made. Public Forum closed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

a) PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEE SCHEDULE ORDINANCES

Councilor Hill discussed adjustments to fee schedule and listed the items. Administrator Hildebrand suggested approving fee schedule and then amend it later. Mayor Pederson stated to make the changes and have the corrected fee schedule on the February 7th Agenda for approval.

CONSENT ITEMS

Councilor Hill motioned to approve Consent Items. Mayor Pederson second. Motion passed.

a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

b) APPROVAL OF CHECK DETAIL

c) APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY ALCOHOL PERMIT

OLD BUSINESS

a) UPDATE REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL VACANCY

Deadline for council applications is January 22, 2024, at 4:30 pm. Interviews will be scheduled for January 24th, starting at 6:30 pm. Questions are being compiled. Decision should be made that evening.

b) DISCUSSION REGARDING PINE CITY LIBRARY CONTRACT AND BUDGETARY EXPENSES.

Councilor Palmer suggested sending the library what the city budgeted and allow the library to keep track of their expenses. Council approved library expenses for cleaning through February. Council is reviewing the contract. Library contract discussion and possible approval is set for 02/22/24 Council Agenda. Mayor Pederson stated that the library is an asset to our town. Councilor Palmer stated that the library contract needs to benefit both parties.

c) DISCUSSION REGARDING RESOLUTION 20231220-45 AND A POTENTIAL DISCUSSION REGARDING CONTRACTED FIRE SERVICED BETWEEN THE PINE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF RUSH CITY.

Chief Miller defined the cancellation of mutual aid. Councilor Palmer suggested billing contractually, including water rates, and have this be across the board to work both ways. Suggested using DRN rates for statewide mutual aid. Rough draft and finalization of contracted aid billing schedule to council by 03/06/24.

NEW BUSINESS

a) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

Mayor Pederson motioned to appoint Kris Moulton as Planning Commission Member. Councilor Palmer second. Motion passed.

b) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Councilor Palmer motioned to appoint Mollie Davis to Ordinance Review Committee. He also suggested that Ms. Davis attend a future council meeting to make introductions and hear her goals for being on the committee. Councilor Hill second. Motion passed.

c) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Council invited the resident to attend the three committees that he stated he was interested in and see which committee he liked best. Council would consider moving forward with appointment to a committee once he decided which committee he was most interested in.

d) ACCEPTANCE OF ROBBINS' DONATIONS

Mayor Pederson motioned to approve. Councilor Hill second. Motion passed. Dog Park Open House set for Spring 2024.

e) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION REGARDING MINNESOTA STATE FLAG RESOLUTION

Mayor Pederson mentioned that other cities are passing resolutions to leave the state

flag alone. Continue this discussion for future council meeting.

PLANNING / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / ENGINEERING BUSINESS

a) DISCUSSION REGARDING 8TH AND GOLF ASSESSMENTS

Greg Anderson present to discuss.

FINANCE REPORT

No discussion or questions asked.

a)

b)

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pederson shared that his membership to serve on the Welia Board of Directors was renewed for another term. Welia is still moving forward with their expansion in Pine City. The CEO will say more about these details in March 2024. Timber Pines is continuing to fill up.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

A resident commented and wanted to thank council for looking into affordable housing options for its residents. It is needed and he appreciated that council identified this concern.

ADJOURN

Councilor Palmer motioned to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Hill second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.



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Mayor