



MINUTES

Regular City Council Meeting

10:00 AM - Thursday, June 22, 2023

City Hall Council Chambers

The City of Pine City Council met in Regular City Council Meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the City Hall Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pederson called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Palmer was absent.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Hill made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Ovick seconded. Motion carried with Mayor Pederson and Councilors Ovick, Hill and Pettie voting aye.

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.

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There was no one present for the public forum.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

a) DISCUSSION REGARDING 14TH STREET SW PETITION

Barb Dokken, Michael Fissette, Bob Teddi, Theora Thompson all addressed the Council regarding the unacceptable condition of 14th Street SW. They are all residents that live on this road and have experienced often dangerous conditions due to the deteriorating road. Medical supplies have gone undelivered and it was questioned if emergency services were able to get to residents. They asked Council to look for a solution to fix the road sooner rather than later. Public works director, Maury Montbriand, indicated that the Public Works crew would be out in the next week to patch potholes.

CONSENT ITEMS

Councilor Ovick made a motion to approve the Consent Items. Councilor Pettie seconded. The motion carried with Mayor Pederson and Councilors Ovick, Hill, and Pettie voting aye.

a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

b) APPROVAL OF CHECK DETAIL REPORT

c) APPROVAL OF ROCK CREEK LIONS DONATION TO PARADE FROM GAMBLING FUNDS

OLD BUSINESS

a) DISCUSSION AND UPDATE REGARDING IT ISSUES

Kevin Mederios of ParSecurity updated the Council on the ongoing IT project at City Hall, Voyageur Bottle Shop, Public Works, and Fire Hall.

b) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FIRE BILL TO 880 MAIN STREET.

Fire Chief, Tom Miller, updated the Council that Minnesota Energy was going to pay for the fire bill. The office will adjust the invoice and send directly to MNEnergy.

c) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ROBINSON PARK SURVEY RESULTS

Claire, MSA, addressed the Council regarding the second survey results. With the costs associated with the projects the outcomes did show the citizens have different priorities. The survey showed that lighting/safety was the priority when bathrooms were the priority when the costs were not associated.

d) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2023 MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT

Greg Anderson, SEH, addressed Council regarding the funding for the project with input from City Administrator Hildebrand and Director Montbriand.

e) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DOG PARK

Councilor Ovick made a motion to move forward with the water at the dog park. Councilor Hill seconded. Motion carried with Mayor Pederson and Councilors Ovick, Hill and Pettie voting aye.

f) DISCUSSION REGARDING EVERGREEN SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER AND LIQUOR STORE LOI NEGOTIATIONS. - BEN COPPERHITE

Ben Copperhite updated Council regarding the developing opportunity of the new grocery store, still unnamed, and the possibility of moving the Bottle Shop to that location. Liquor Operations Manager Lara Smetana provided the Council with information to consider regarding the grocery store's ask of the City paying per square foot and a percentage of sales. Smetana advised Council that negotiating a percentage of sales is not recommended to ensure that the store doesn't get into a position of going in the red.

g) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR ARPA FUNDS.

Council discussed many options for the use of the remaining ARPA funds and found several items that benefit the whole community.

NEW BUSINESS

a) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE REPLACEMENT OF FIRE HOSE

Mayor Pederson made a motion to approve the replacement of fire hoses that have been in use prior to 1986 up to \$10,000. This was a budgeted expense for the Fire Department. Councilor Hill seconded. The motion carried with Mayor Pederson and Councilors Ovick and Hill voting aye. Council Pettie was not present for this vote.

b) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 20230622-21 - ABATEMENT OF 400 5TH AVENUE NE

Councilor Ovick made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the forced abatement of 400 5th Avenue. Mayor Pederson seconded. Motion carried with Mayor Pederson and Councilors Ovick, Hill and Pettie voting aye.

c) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCE 20230607-04 - AMENDING 3.28.030 CEMETERY LAND USE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PINE CITY.

Mayor Pederson made a motion to adopt the change to ordinance 20230607-04. Councilor Ovick seconded. Motion carried with Mayor Pederson and Councilors Ovick, Hill and Pettie voting aye.

d) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCE 20230607-05 - AMENDING 5.12 ET SEQ. LAWFUL GAMBLING OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PINE CITY.

Councilor Pettie made a motion to adopt the changes to Ordinance 20230607-05. Councilor Ovick seconded. Motion carried with Mayor Pederson and Councilors Ovick, Hill and Pettie voting aye.

e) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCE 20230607-06 PERMITTING LAND ANNEXATION.

Councilor Ovick made a motion to adopt Ordinance 20230607-06 Permitting Land Annexation. Councilor Pettie seconded. Councilor Hill did comment that he was uncomfortable with this as the expense to loop in utilities will be costly and the likelihood of a developer taking on that expense is small. Motion carried with Mayor Pederson and Councilors Ovick, Hill and Pettie voting aye.

f) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCE 20230607-07 PUBLIC CONSUMPTION.

Tabled to allow City Attorney time to review.

g) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PARK SIGNAGE.

Councilor Pettie made a motion to approve the signage utilizing the local company that has done signs for the City in the past. Councilor Ovick seconded. Motion carried with Mayor Pederson and Councilors Ovick, Hill and Pettie voting aye.

FINANCE REPORT

- a) YTD REVENUE EXPENSE REPORT
- b) YTD EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pederson encouraged all present to attend Freedom Fest this weekend.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

There were no concerns brought up at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Councilor Ovick made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Pettie seconded. Motion carried with Mayor Pederson and Councilors Ovick, Hill and Pettie voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 11:53am.

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Mayor