

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2022**

Mayor Jud Marshall convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. with City Council members Richard Brainerd, Lilly Melander, Luke Schlegel, and Jane Schneeweis in attendance. City Administrator Scott Neilson, City Attorney Bridget Nason, City Engineer John Sachi, Public Works Director Bob Goebel, Fire Chief Terry Fischer, Finance Director Scott Schaefer, and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Schlegel seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Melander seconded the motion to approve the February 15, 2022 City Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Fire Chief Terry Fischer said Pam Mrozik, Evan Young, Gordy Steinmetz, and Jake Bogdanovich have all completed the necessary training to change their status from probationary paid on-call firefighters to paid on-call firefighters. Fire Chief Fischer and Deputy Chief Jake Tschida presented the firefighters with their fire badges.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Susan Gallagher, 158 Wildwood Bay Drive has concerns regarding the burned home at 1401 Harmony Drive. She asked what the city has planned for this property and if we are putting pressure on the owner to have the home demolished and the property cleared.

Ben Eggan, City of White Bear Lake Building Official said he has been in contact with the owner of the property and he is working with him to get the property cleared. The owner has asked if the foundation of the property can be removed in the spring when the ground is not frozen. Mr. Eggan said the property owner has filed a minor subdivision application with the city and this item is scheduled to be heard at the April 5 City Council meeting. He asked the council if he should require the top floor of the home be removed and allow the basement to be removed after the City Council hears the subdivision application.

The City Council agreed with the building official's request to require the top floor be removed and hold strong for the removal of the basement after the April 5 City Council meeting.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA - Continued**

- 6a. **APPROVAL – Request from St. Jude of the Lake Church, 700 Mahtomedi Avenue, to sell beer and wine at their April 1, 2022 Fish Dinner and to sell beer and wine and hold a gambling event at their Annual Spring Dinner on May 7, 2022.**

Resolution No. 2022-13 a Resolution Approving an Application for Authorization for St. Jude of the Lake Church to hold a gambling event at their Annual Spring Dinner on May 7, 2022 was approved. The Church also received permission to sell beer and wine at their April 1, 2022 Fish Dinner and at their May 7, 2022 Annual Spring Dinner.

- 6b. **APPROVAL – Reestablishment of Unchanged Precincts and Polling Places.**

Resolution 2022-12 a Resolution Approving Reestablishment of Unchanged Precincts and Polling Places was approved. With the completion of redistricting, the City needs to reestablish voting precincts. Staff recommended the City maintain the two current voting precincts, with the District Education Center, 1520 Mahtomedi Avenue, as the polling location for Precinct 1 (all residents living north of CSAH 12, CSAH 12 to Birchwood Road, north along Birchwood Road to the Mahtomedi/Birchwood boundary); and St. Andrew's Sanctuary, 900 Stillwater Road, as the polling location for Precinct 2 (all residents living south of CSAH 12, CSAH 12 to Birchwood Road, and south along Birchwood Road to the Mahtomedi/Birchwood boundary). These two facilities provide sufficient parking and meet current ADA standards.

- 6c. **APPROVAL – Schedule Council Planning Session for Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 1:00 pm. to 5:00 p.m.**

Staff requested and received permission to schedule a Council Planning Session for Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The bi-annual planning session will take place at the public works facility.

- 6d. **APPROVAL – Budget Transfers for 2021.**

Finance Director Scott Schaefer requested and received permission to make budget transfers that will be effective for December 31, 2021 for the closure of several improvement projects.

- 6e. **APPROVAL – Acknowledge Completion of Probationary Period for Firefighter/EMT's Pam Mrozik, Evan Young, Gordy Steinmetz, and Jake Bogdanovich.**

Fire Chief Terry Fischer said Pam Mrozik, Evan Young, Gordy Steinmetz, and Jake Bogdanovich have completed all necessary requirements to approve changing their probationary status to paid on-call Firefighters/EMT's. Pam, Evan, Gordy and Jake were sworn in by Chief Fischer.

- 6f. **APPROVAL – Disposition of Surplus Items.**

Public Works Director Bob Goebel requested and received permission to list surplus items on the State of Minnesota auction site.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

8. STAFF REPORTS

8a. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Additional Improvements to Lake Links Trail.

City Administrator Neilson said four years ago the City received grant money to design and construct its portion of the Lake Links Trail. The City has funds available for additional improvements that must be spent by December 31, 2022.

John Carr, Lake Links Trail said they are proposing to install sharrows, additional speed limit signs, “Share the Road” signs, lighting in the vicinity of the covered bridge and Quail Trail crossing, and concrete pads for benches and information kiosks. He said pending legislative approval, the City has agreed to transfer \$70,000 to the City of Birchwood for their work on the trail.

City Council member Brainerd said what happens if the residents in the area object to the lighting near the bridge.

City Engineer John Sachi said the proposal is for low bollard, downcast lighting. He said the lighting will illuminate the trail for walking and biking. He suggested notifying the residents in the area to determine their reaction to the proposed lighting.

City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Brainerd seconded the motion to approve the request to spend the remaining allotted funds for the additional improvements to the Lake Links Trail as proposed. The motion was unanimously approved.

8b. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Bill List.

City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Schlegel seconded the motion to approve the bills as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Scott Neilson said he and City Council member Brainerd are meeting with the Sheriff next week. He said they will request the Sheriff make a presentation at a future council meeting.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council member Schneeweis wanted to take a minute to acknowledge the crisis in Ukraine. She said she is heartsick and grieves for so many of those people.

City Council member Brainerd asked his fellow council members to pay attention to the Legislature. He said there are many items that have a direct bearing on our city.

11. **CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, Subd. 3(b), for confidential attorney-client privilege, concerning pending White Bear Lake Litigation Matters including in OAH file 8-2002-35477.**

City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion to adjourn the regular City Council meeting at 7:43 p.m. and go into a Closed Session for an attorney-client privileged discussion involving the following pending litigation: In the Matter of the White Bear Lake Litigation including in OAH file 8-2002-35477. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Marshall, City Council members Brainerd, Melander, Schlegel, and Schneeweis were in attendance along with City Administrator Neilson, City Attorney Nason, City Attorney David Seinko, City Engineer Sachi, Public Works Director Goebel and City Clerk Jerene Rogers.

Following the Closed Session, City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Schlegel seconded the motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

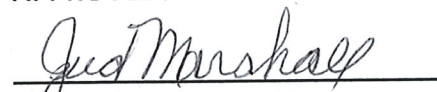
City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Schlegel seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTESTED:



JERENE ROGERS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:



JUD MARSHALL, MAYOR