

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 16, 2019

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Windschitl at 7 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Huang, Grau, and Mayor Windschitl. Absent: None.

Also Present: Kevin Ringwald, Community Development Director; Liz Hanson, City Planner; Luke Melchert, City Attorney; Noel Graczyk, Administrative Services Director; Nate Kabat, Assistant Administrator; and Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator.

4. Adopt the Agenda

Councilmember Huang requested Item 7.G. be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Action Items as Item 8.A. for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt the amended agenda.

Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

5.A. Chaska Police Dept: Recognizing Officer Julie Janke 2019 Rosie Griep Legacy Award

City Administrator Podhradsky summarized the Rosie Griep Legacy Award and the Council congratulated Officer Janke.

Peggy Hatfield, 409 Beech Street, also recognized the service Officer Janke gives to the Chaska community.

5.B. Chaska Police Dept: Recognizing Dustin & Kelly Brakemeier 2019 Citizen of the Year Award

Officer Janke recognized Dustin and Kelly Brakemeier as the 2019 Minnesota Crime Prevention Association Citizen of the Year Award for Chaska.

The Council thanked the Brakemeier's for their service to the community.

5.C. Chaska Police Dept: Recognizing Mark Reisinger of Aryzta 2019 Business of the Year Award

Officer Janke recognized Mark Reisinger of Aryzta as the 2019 Business of the Year Award.

The Council thanked Aryzta for their service to the community.

5.D. Announcement for Candidacy in Minnesota's Third Congressional District

Kendall Qualls, 755 Lilliam Trail, Medina, introduced himself and stated he is running for Minnesota's Third Congressional District on the Republican ticket.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 City Council meeting.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Huang inquired about the cost of insurance in Item 7.E. and about charging interest on inter-fund loans in Item 7.I.

City Administrator Podhradsky and Administrative Services Director Graczyk provided detail regarding the insurance cost and reasons for charging interest on inter-fund loans.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard to approve the amended Consent Agenda Items A through I:

- A. Consider 2020 Employee Pay Classification and Benefits Plan
Motion to approve the 2020 Pay Classification Plan and 2020 Salary Adjustment Rate Chart along with the Employer Benefit Contributions for 2019, which are approximately \$1036 per month for single coverage and \$1514 for family coverage.
- B. Adopt Consider 2020 Part-Time Employees Pay Classification
Motion to approve the 2020 Part-Time Pay Classification Plan.
- C. Adopt Police Auction
Motion to approve the auction/sale of items by the Chaska Police Department.
- D. Rental License Fee Increase
Motion to approve a fee increase and the 2020 Rental Dwelling License Fee Schedule.
- E. Municipal Tort Liability Limits Renewal Option
Motion to direct the City Administrator to inform the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust that the City of Chaska elects not to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statute.
- F. Adopt Resolution 2019-127, 2020 Development Fees
Motion to adopt Resolution #2019-127, establishing the 2020 Development & Planning Application Fees.
- ~~G. Adopt Resolution 2019-128 of Support for SouthWest Transit (Moved to 8A)~~
- G. Adopt 2019-2020 Creation of Lieutenant Contract
Motion to approve employment contract for 2019-2020 between the City of Chaska and Teamsters Local 447 with this agreement becoming effective November 16th, 2019.
- H. Adopt Resolution 2019-132, Establish 2019 Interfund Tax-Increment Financing
Motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-132 to establish 2019 interfund tax increment financing.

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

8.A. Adopt Resolution 2019-128 of Support for SouthWest Transit

Len Simich, CEO of SouthWest Transit, and Bob Roepke, SouthWest Transit Board Member, presented the item to the Council.

Councilmember Hubbard inquired why the Met Council took away \$500,000 of funding.

Mr. Simich provided more detail regarding that loss.

Councilmember Huang asked Mr. Simich to provide more clarity regarding the number of providers besides Chaska.

Mr. Simich explained the collective number of providers is twelve cities.

Councilmember Grau inquired if there is any power in merging with Minnesota Valley.

Mr. Simich explained that merging is not restricted and that there are pros and cons to doing so.

Mr. Roepke pointed out that SouthWest Prime was declared a duplicate service by the Met Council, but that SouthWest Transit does not view it as a duplicate service.

Mayor Windschitl asked if Smart Link is county operated.

Mr. Simich explained that it is operated by Scott and Carver.

Mayor Windschitl inquired if they are the only opt-out affected by this.

Mr. Simich stated that right now they are, but there is an upcoming study that looks into this and the duplications that do exist and likely they will pull back in other areas as well. He summarized the Plymouth and Maple Grove transit system and the Minnesota Valley transit system.

The Council shared their reasons for supporting what SouthWest Transit provides.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt Resolution No. 2019-128 Supporting SouthWest Transit Services and seeking funding from the State of Minnesota through the Met Council to replace lost funds. Motion carried.

8.B. Adopt Resolution 2019-131, Adoption of 2020 Tax Levy and General/Enterprise Fund Budget

City Administrator Podhradsky presented the item to the Council.

The Council and Staff discussed the importance of the tax levy for City facility maintenance and how low the City's increase is in comparison to other cities.

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adopt Resolution No. 2019-131 setting the 2020 property tax levy and establishing the 2020 budget for the General and Enterprise Fund Budgets. Motion carried.

8.C. Adopt Resolution 2019-129 and 2019-130 and Ordinances 973, 974 and 975 Establish 2020 Utility Fund Rates

City Administrator Podhradsky summarized the rate increases to the Council.

Councilmember Huang inquired if there was an electric vehicle rate cart.

City Administrator Podhradsky and Administrative Services Director Graczyk provided further detail regarding that inquiry.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt Resolution No. 2019-129 establishing 2020 Storm Water Utility Rates. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt Resolution No. 2019-130 establishing 2020 Electric Franchise Fee Rate Ordinance No. 965 amending Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverages and adopt a new section relating to Community Festivals effective upon publication of the amended ordinance in the Chaska Herald. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt Ordinance No. 973 establishing 2020 Electric Utility Rates. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt Ordinance No. 974 establishing 2020 Water Utility Rates. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Huang to adopt Ordinance No. 975 establishing 2020 Sewer Utility Rates. Motion carried.

9. Bills

Accounts Payable Council Roster 12-16-19

The Council requested further information about bills on pages 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 21, and 30.

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further information regarding those bills.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the bills as presented. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Huang, Grau and Mayor Windschitl. Voting nay: None
Motion carried.

10. Other Business

10.A. City Administrator's Report

10.B. Administrator's Bi-Weekly Report 12/16/2019

10.C. Financial Reports – Oct 2019

10.D. Receive the Draft Minutes of the November 13th Planning Commission Meeting

Councilmember Huang:

- Reported the Marnita's Table was an excellent event.
- Noted the Arboretum Area Transportation Open House is on Tuesday, December 17 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Arboretum.
- Noted the Hwy 10 Corridor Study is Thursday, December 19 at the Chaska Community Center from 5-7pm.
- Inquired about the timeline for the maintenance for the City Hall entry. Staff stated they will find out the timeline for that.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Commented that the Heroes and Helpers event was amazing.

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Agreed that Marnita's Table was amazing and encouraged people to attend the second one on February 18, 2020.
- Noted the Human Rights breakfast is on January 20, 2020 and that the speaker is excellent.

Councilmember Grau:

- Also noted the Marnita's Table was a wonderful event.
- Encouraged residents to give back this holiday season.
- Encouraged residents to apply for City commission positions.

City Administrator Podhradsky:

- Pointed out the odd schedule for meetings in January and clarified details of a couple of meetings for the Council.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Also encouraged residents to apply for open commission positions.
- Noted the barber shop is closing.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm.

Motion carried.