

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
January 27, 2020

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Chaska Cub Scout Pack 301

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; City Engineer Matt Clark; Nate Kabat, Assistant Administrator; and Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator.

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Huang to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

5.A. Jessica Bartholomew - A.C.T. United

Jessica Bartholomew, founder and CEO A.C.T. United, provided a description of the various facets of the non-profit organization to the Council.

5.B. Gene Solberg - Winter Park Sidewalk Maintenance

Gene Solberg expressed desire for improved winter sidewalk maintenance to occur in the Hazeltine Block Park.

In response to questions from the Council, City Administrator Podhradsky explained that the City does not have the equipment or staff to clear paved park trails down to the pavement.

The Council and Staff discussed the difficulties of maintaining trails within budget and staffing constraints.

6. Commission Interviews

6.A. Planning, Heritage Preservation, Human Rights & Park & Rec Board

The Council recessed for Commission interviews.

The Council reconvened to continue the Council Meeting.

7. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 City Council meeting.

Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through G:

- A. Adopt Resolution 2020-3, Accepting Gifts and Donations
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-3 acknowledging and accepting gifts to the City of Chaska received during the period October 01, 2019 through December 31, 2019.
- B. Adopt Resolution 2020-4, Resolution of Support for Application to the CDA Community Growth Partnership Initiative Community Development Grant to Support the Ernst House Redevelopment
Motion to approve Resolution of Support for Application to the CDA Community Growth Partnership Initiative Community Development Grant to Support the Ernst House Redevelopment.
- C. Adopt Resolution 2020-5, Participation in MCES Water Efficiency Grant Fund
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-05 adopting the participation in the MCES Water Efficiency Grant Program.
- D. Adopt Resolution 2020-6, Presidential Nomination Primary Election Judge Appointments
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-6 appointing those persons listed on Exhibit A as Judges of Election for the Presidential Nomination Primary Election, Tuesday, March 3, 2020.
- E. Chaska Parks Board Chair and Vice-Chair
Motion to appoint Dave Roan as Park Board Chairperson and Jason Branch as Park Board Vice-Chairperson.
- F. Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Plot Repurchase
Motion to approve repurchase of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Plot 507-3, from Dennis and Tracy Swanson for \$150.00.
- G. Approve Carver County Independent Contractor/Professional Service Agreement
Motion to approve Carver County Independent Contractor/Professional Service Agreement.

Motion carried.

9. Action Items

9.A. Adopt Resolution 2020-7, Approving the Preliminary Site & Building Plan for the Peavey Road Industrial Building/Steve Anderson/PC #2020-01
City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council.

City Planner Hanson presented the item to the Council.

Councilmember Grau inquired if the truck turning plan in the north takes out parking.

City Planner Hanson explained clarified the parking plan in that area and continued her presentation of the item.

Mayor Windschitl looked to clarify that the plans for this building would not continue until an applicant is identified.

City Planner Hanson confirmed this was so and explained they would not come back for final approval until an applicant was identified.

The Council and Staff discussed other cross-easement accesses in the City.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adopt Resolution No. 2020-07 approving the Preliminary Site & Building Plan for the Peavey Road Industrial Building (PC #2020-01). Motion carried.

9.B. Adopt Resolution 2020-8, to Accept the Feasibility Study for 2020 Street Reconstruction Project

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council.

City Engineer Clark presented the item to the Council.

The Council talked about parking on and around the bridge on Beech Street, and City Engineer Clark continued his presentation of the item.

The Council inquired about parking along 7th street and the proposed one-way for 6th street.

City Engineer Clark clarified the parking plan on 7th and proposed one-way and continued his presentation.

Councilmember Hatfield asked if all trees will stay.

City Engineer Clark explained the process to determine which trees go.

Councilmember Hubbard inquired if this year is more complex than previous years.

City Engineer Clark stated the process is the same, but the uniqueness of these streets adds some challenges.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt Resolution No. 2020-8 to Accept the Feasibility Study dated January 2020 for the 2020 Downtown Street/Utility Reconstruction Project prepared by Stantec and Order the Public Improvement Hearing for March 2nd, 2020. Motion carried.

10. Bills

City Administrator Podhradsky suggested tabling bills until the next meeting due to technical difficulties.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to table the bills until the February 3, 2020 Council Meeting. Motion carried.

11. Other Business

11.A. City Administrator's Report

11.B. Administrator's Bi-Weekly Report 1-6-2020

11.C. Other Meeting Minutes

11.C.i. Receive the January 8th, 2020 Draft Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

11.C.ii. Receive the Draft Minutes of the November 21st Human Rights Commission Meeting

Councilmember Grau:

- Provided an update from the Eastern Carver County Community Education Advisory Council meeting that occurred last week.
- Noted the School District is having a budget proposal meeting January 29, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Councilmember Huang:

- Noted the Martin Luther King Jr. event was successful.
- Provided an update from the SouthWest Transit annual strategic planning meeting.
- Encouraged everyone to spread the word about SouthWest Prime and SouthWest Prime MD.
- Noted the second Marnita's Table event is slated for Tuesday, February 18, 2020.
- Shared a question from a constituent regarding how City dollars versus solicited funds are used for the Fire Department. City Administrator Podhradsky provided further detail regarding those differences.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Noted she did a ride-along with the Fire Department and Police Department earlier in the month and summarized her experience and perspective from doing so.
- Stated the Downtown Business Alliance social gathering was a great event.
- Commented the MLK breakfast was a joyous event.
- Reported she attended the Minnesota League of Cities Elected Leaders Institute Foundational Program and that it was quite helpful and equipping for her duties as a councilmember.
- Noted there is a listening session with Senator Jenson and Representative Boe February 1st at 9am at the Chanhassen Library.

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Congratulated the winner of the Human Rights Commission award and commented that her words upon acceptance were quite powerful.
- Offered condolences to Dr. Olson's family and Margo Steffel's family for their loss.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Commented on the difference between the amount of electricity sales Chaska and Shakopee put back into their general fund. City Administrator Podhradsky noted the limitation Shakopee has as a result of how their public utilities operates.
- Also offered condolences to Dr. Olson's family and Margo's family.
- Commented on the presidential primary elections requirement to declare whether you are democrat or republican.
- Noted the Guardian Angels has their beef and sausage dinner on February 9th from 11am-1pm.
- Reported the Superintendent Clint Christopher has taken a new job elsewhere.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 pm.

Motion carried.