

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 23, 2023

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Huang at 7 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Mayor Pro Tem Huang and Councilmembers Grau, Hatfield, and Hubbard.

Absent: Mayor Windschitl

Also Present: Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator; Noel Graczyk, Administrative Services Director; Kevin Wright, Communication Director; Elise Durbin, Assistant Administrator; Marshall Grange, Parks and Recreation Director; Nate Kabat, Community Development Director; Liz Hanson, City Planner; Jake Sauflley, City Attorney; Matt Haefner, Water and Sewer Director; and Matt Clark, City Engineer.

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

No one wished to present to the Council.

6. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

6.A. Approve the January 9, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 City Council meeting.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Hubbard to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through B:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-8 Approving the Final Site & Building Plan of the Water Treatment Plant/City of Chaska/PC #2023-05

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-8 approving the North Water Treatment Plant – Final Site & Building Plan (PC# 2023-05).

- B. Adopt Ordinance No. 1030 Approving the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to the Side Yard Setback for Ensconced Woods/Reiland Johnson Builders/PC #2023-04

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1030 approving the Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) to PRD-81 to correct the side yard setback from 7.5 feet to 5 feet for Ensconced Woods.

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

8.A. PUBLIC HEARING: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-7 Approving the Vacation of a Drainage & Utility Easement on Kusske Property/Tradition Development/PC #2023-06

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council and City Planner Liz Hanson provided a presentation on it.

Mayor Pro Tem Huang opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Stephanie Groth, 3550 Creek Road, stated she attended the meeting to keep up with the matter because it impacts their front yard. She asked what the best method is to keep informed on the item. City Administrator Podhradsky stated there is more information available online for each ongoing project. Additionally, Ms. Hanson can provide email updates to interested parties.

Mayor Pro Tem Huang closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt Resolution No. 2023-7 to approve Vacating the Drainage and Utility Easement on the Kusske Property (PC #2023-06).

Motion carried.

8.B. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-10 Approving the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Existing Gravel Pit for Jason Kusske/Kusske Land Corporation/PC #2023-03

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council and City Planner Liz Hanson provided a presentation on it.

Councilmember Grau asked if the timeline must include a time for settling, referring to the five-year time frame. Jason Kusske, representative of Kusske Construction, explained most of the settling has been completed. The five years is based on anticipation of receiving materials. The materials will primarily be the leftovers from other projects, so it will take some time to collect them.

City Administrator Podhradsky noted the property owners are doing a great job of planning out the project.

Mayor Pro Tem Huang stated he has concerns about people choosing their lots and how visibility may be impacted in the future. City Administrator Podhradsky stated the developers do a great job of including disclosures regarding noise and visibility.

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adopt Resolution No. 2023-10 approving the Conditional Use Permit for an existing gravel pit operation on the Kusske property (Outlot C of Club West 11th).

Motion carried.

9. Bills

9.A. Accounts Payable Claims Roster 1-23-2023

The Council requested further information about bills on page 10.

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further information regarding those bills.

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

10. Other Business

10.A. City Administrator's Report

10.A.i. Bi-Weekly Report 1-23-2023

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Stated the MLK event was well-done.
- Shared the Ice Gardens will be on February 11, 2023, and there is a voting opportunity related to the event.
- Noted the Youth Pond Hockey Showcase is Saturday, January 28, 2023.
- Pointed out the Food Distribution is Thursday, January 26, 2023.
- Added there has been a lot of loud noise due to the nearby construction. There is an option to sign up for notifications related to the highway construction project for more information.
- Encouraged community members to continue supporting downtown businesses despite the construction and to attend the Business Alliance meetings. The developers have done a great job accommodating the needs of the businesses and allowing for accessibility.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Attended the MLK Breakfast and thanked the sponsors and the hosts.
- Congratulated Latina Voices for winning the Human Rights Commission award.
- Stated Chaska has a Community of Belonging chapter, and they are partnering with the YMCA to host community discussions regarding culture and inclusivity. The first session is January 24, 2023. The sessions are virtual.

Councilmember Grau:

- Noted the residents of the Harvest development want to take over the Association, but the continued development hasn't allowed them to. City Administrator Podhradsky noted it was not uncommon and the developers are protected by State Statute. However, the City could mention the concerns to the developer to better include the residents in processes.
- Pointed out the media was well-done for the MLK event and allowed for more access to the event.

- Attended the recent Chaska versus Chanhassen basketball games. The students from both schools wore pink to honor a Staff member's husband who had recently passed away.
- Wished everyone a Happy Lunar New Year.

Mayor Pro Tem Huang:

- Pointed out there is a hotline for community members to call if there are concerns or difficulties with construction.
- Congratulated the Minnesota representatives that placed well at the National Junior Championships.
- Stated a new café has opened in town called Mayta's Café, which has Asian and American favorites. The owners are extremely friendly, and the food is excellent.

City Administrator Podhradsky shared the Weekly Report. He pointed out the ice for the upcoming Ice Hockey event isn't safe, but there are several other activities. There is also an upcoming Ice Fishing event that will include activities as an alternative to ice fishing.

City Administrator Podhradsky added many prominent curlers consider Chaska their curling homebase, which is a testament to the progress of the Curling and Event Center.

City Administrator noted the Cooper's Foods is an upcoming discussion topic. Several Councilmembers recognized the importance of the grocery store for the community.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Hubbard, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Motion carried.