

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 1, 2018

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 Schulz, Boe, Rohe, Geisler, and Mayor Windschitl.
Absent:

Also Present: Luke Melchert, City Attorney; Nate Kabat, Assistant Administrator

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Boe, second by Councilmember Geisler to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

5. Visitor

5.A. Municipal Drinking Water Awards

Water/Sewer Supervisor Haefner reported that Chaska won three awards for best tasting tap water from two competitions at the State Fair and at the American Water Works Association Minnesota Chapter Annual Conference held in Duluth. He reported that they will participate in the national competition is held in Denver, Colorado in June of 2019.

Water/Sewer Supervisor Haefner also updated the Council on the native prairie landscaping project at the water treatment plant.

The Council discussed the differences in tap water taste of the surrounding cities.

Water/Sewer Supervisor Haefner recognized the Water/Sewer Staff for their hard work.

Mayor Windschitl asked how water can taste different each year.

Water/Sewer Supervisor Haefner discussed the different water aquifers in the area and noted that they tap into the Mount Simon. He also explained that they sampled water when it was running at 7,000 gallons per minute, and plan to do the same come June 2019.

Councilmember Geisler asked how many cities in the area treat by softening.

Water/Sewer Supervisor Haefner stated that Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Minneapolis, and St. Paul all do. He noted some of those treat surface water and therefore use softening as well as microfiltration.

City Attorney Melchert inquired if they typically run 7,000 gallons per minute all day.

Water/Sewer Supervisor Haefner replied that they do not and that they are now at their typical winter rate of 2.5 million gallons per day.

Mayor Windschitl inquired what the peak rate in the summer is.

Water/Sewer Supervisor Haefner responded that it is 6-7.5 million gallons per day.

The Council congratulated the Water and Sewer Department for their awards.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Rohe, second by Councilmember Schulz to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 and September 17, 2018 City Council meetings.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Boe, second by Councilmember Geisler to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through E:

- A. Approve Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating License for Southwest Metro Chamber of Commerce
Motion to approve Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating License TW.18-04 for Southwest Metro Chamber of Commerce, allowing them to serve intoxicating beverages at their Women's Biz Event, effective October 11, 2018.
- B. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-126, Approving Limited Use Permit with MnDOT for a Pedestrian Trail and Bridge Across Highway 212
Motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-126 approving the Limited Use Permit with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the TH212 Interchange Project.
- C. Approve the Lake Jonathan Flats Easement
Motion to accept the terms of the proposed easement for the Lake Jonathan Flats building.
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-129, Appointment of Election Judges for the 2018 General Election
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-129 appointing those persons listed on Exhibit A as Judges of Election for the General Election, Tuesday, November 6, 2018.
- E. Massage Therapy Registration
Motion to approve Massage Therapy Registration No. MTL 18-09 to allow Hannah Strahota to practice Therapeutic Massage at Chaska Family Chiropractic.

Mayor Windschitl inquired if the limited use in Item B refers just to the trail.

Assistant Administrator Kabat stated that he believed it was the Pedestrian Trail and Bridge, but would need to check on that.

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

8.A. Adopt Resolution 2018-128, Public Hearing: Consider Certification of Delinquent Utilities and Miscellaneous Unpaid Fees

Assistant Administrator Kabat presented the Item to the Council.

Mayor Windschitl inquired why one residential fee was so high.

Assistant Administrator Kabat commented that he was not certain and went on to explain the different fees that could be incurred.

Mayor Windschitl opened the public hearing at 7:20 pm.

Mayor Windschitl closed the public hearing at 7:21 pm.

Motion by Councilmember Schulz, second by Councilmember Rohe to adopt Resolution No. 2018-128 approving certification of delinquent utilities and miscellaneous unpaid fees to Carver County for collection with the payable 2019 property taxes. Motion carried.

The Council took a brief recess in order for the sound technician to attempt to fix feedback issues.

8.B. Adopt Resolution 2018-130, Accept Resignation of Council Member Jay Rohe

Assistant Administrator Kabat presented the item to the Council.

Councilmember Rohe inquired if he needs to abstain from this vote.

City Attorney Melchert stated that he is still on the Council and it is not a conflict of interest, so he may vote.

Mayor Windschitl looked to clarify the necessary action for this item.

Assistant Administrator Kabat explained the necessary steps and read the resolution out loud to the Council.

Councilmember Boe inquired about whether there will need to be a special election held to fill the vacancy or it would be filled by appointment.

City Attorney Melchert explained that because the resignation occurred after the last filing date for the upcoming election, it will be filled by appointment.

The Councilmembers each thanked Councilmember Rohe for his efforts for the City of Chaska in the various ways that he has served and commented how they have enjoyed serving with him.

Mayor Windschitl explained that Councilmember Rohe is moving out of his Ward and therefore by State Statute needs to resign from the Council. He explained that Councilmember Rohe has been very upfront that this would be coming, and thanked him for his service. He stated that he appreciates the experience Councilmember Rohe has brought to the Council and noted that he has served the City for fourteen years.

Councilmember Rohe spoke about his move, his excitement to be able to remain in Chaska, his love for the Community of Chaska, his respect for the City Staff, and his enjoyment in serving Chaska over the years. Councilmember Rohe then thanked and complimented each member of the Council individually for their service. He also thanked Staff for what they do for the City, and stated that he has loved serving this City.

Mayor Windschitl again thanked Councilmember Rohe for his genuine service to the City.

Assistant Administrator Kabat noted that City Administrator Podhradsky was sorry not to be able to be here tonight and passed along his well-wishes. Assistant Administrator Kabat then thanked Councilmember Rohe for his service to the City.

City Attorney Melchert recounted how well the Council has served the City of Chaska during his years as City Attorney and stated that is part of the reason Chaska is as great as it is, and that Councilmember Rohe is part of that.

Councilmember Schulz shared that he believes what makes this Council so effective is how they talk it out, settle it, make the final decision, and move forward and put forth what they think is best for Chaska. He referred to Veteran's Park as an example.

Councilmember Rohe talked about what he has learned over the years as a Councilmember, and commented that the Council has always done a good job of working together and respecting each other. He referred to Fireman's Park and how the varying ideas came together. He advised anyone who wants to sit on Council to listen, learn, have respect and understand people's perspectives.

Councilmember Geisler noted that one thing that make this Council great is that they can agree to disagree, see things differently, but still learn from each other.

Mayor Windschitl went over the steps that will occur to fill Councilmember Rohe's seat.

Motion by Councilmember Schulz, second by Councilmember Geisler to approve Resolution No. 2018-130 accepting the resignation of Council Member Jay Rohe and declaring a vacancy on the Chaska City Council. Motion carried.

8.C. Appoint SouthWest Transit Commission Member

Mayor Windschitl explained that due to Councilmember Rohe's City Council resignation, he also has to resign from the SouthWest Transit Commission (Commission) as this position in the Commission is required to be held by a Council Member.

Councilmember Rohe stated that he recommending appointing Mayor Windschitl to the SouthWest Transit Commission as Councilmember Boe is busy campaigning, Councilmember Schulz is not re-running for Council, and Councilmember Geisler just was appointed to something else. He stated that he has really enjoyed serving in this position as well.

The Council agreed.

Assistant Administrator Kabat noted Mayor Windschitl's SouthWest Transit Commission appointment would be effective October 3, 2018.

Councilmember Boe inquired if Mayor Windschitl would then become Chair, as Councilmember Rohe was holding that position, or if the Vice-Chair would take over.

Councilmember Rohe stated that will have to be determined by the Commission.

Motion by Councilmember Rohe, second by Councilmember Schulz to appoint an elected representative from Chaska to the SouthWest Transit Commission for the remainder of 2018.

Mayor Windschitl commented that he will be happy to serve on the Commission.

Motion carried.

9. Bills

9.A. AP Council Roster 10-2-18

Motion by Councilmember Geisler, second by Councilmember Rohe to approve the bills as presented. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Schulz, Boe, Rohe, Geisler, and Mayor Windschitl. Voting nay: None
Motion carried.

10. Other Business

10.A. City Administrator's Report

10.B. Financial Reports - As of 8/31/18

10.C. Other Meeting Minutes

10.C.i. Receive the September 12th Planning Commission minutes

Councilmember Boe:

- Commented that there was a great turnout at both the Guardian Angel Fall Festival and the Block Party on Second. He thanked the volunteers and those who attended.
- Reported that the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast from 8 am to noon on October 14, 2008 at Guardian Angels.
- Noted that he has heard talk that Play It Again Sports will be coming to Chaska.

Councilmember Geisler:

- Noted that there will be some lane closures on Bavaria Road from 7 am to noon tomorrow, October 2, 2018.
- Commented that she enjoyed the opening of Bavaria Downs and that it is an amazing property. Mayor Windschitl noted that the planning group for Bavaria Downs were speculating that this will likely become the number one wedding venue in Minnesota, if not across the nation. He stated that it is a phenomenal use of that property.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Asked Assistant Administrator Kabat if Staff can talk to MN Dot about how dim the left turn arrow is on County Road 61 heading west.
- Noted that Dollar Tree opened up downtown.
- Reported that he and the Parks Staff met with the Veterans group and Veteran's Park and discussed the schedule and plan for the ribbon cutting on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2018. He stated they will meet again on October 15, 2018 to go over more details.
- Noted the Council will meet at the Legion tonight to celebrate Councilmember Rohe's service and welcomed the public to join them. He stated that no City funds will be used.

Councilmember Rohe:

- Thanked the people of Chaska for allowing him to sit in this seat.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Boe, second by Mayor Windschitl to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm.
Motion carried.