

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 19, 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, Geisler, and Mayor Windschitl.
Absent: None

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

4. Adopt the Agenda

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

Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

5.A. Sean Olsen – Special Election Petition

Sean Olsen, 1732 Prescott Lane, explained why he felt it was unfair for 2 Wards of the City to be represented for two years by unelected councilmembers and stated a special election for these positions should occur. Mr. Olsen noted that over 150 Chaska residents signed a petition supporting a special election for Ward 2 and 4.

Mayor Windschitl thanked Mr. Olsen and noted that the Council does not take action during Visitor Presentation, but will take his information for consideration. He also pointed out that Ward 2 does not officially have an opening yet, and the determination for filling it has not been made.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Boe, second by Councilmember Geisler to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018 City Council meeting.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Geisler, second by Councilmember Schulz to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through B:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-137, MnDOT Master Partnership Contract

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2018-137 to enter into the MnDOT Master Partnership Contract

B. Authorize 2019 Prosecution Contract

Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute the 2019 County Prosecution Contract.

Councilmember Schulz commented that it is helpful when the County comes and presents what they have been doing in relation to the Prosecution Contract, especially with new councilmembers coming.

City Administrator Podhradsky agreed and stated Staff will ask the County Attorney to come and present.

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

8.A. Chaska City Council Ward 4 Appointment

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council.

Mayor Windschitl stated that they interviewed four exceptional applicants prior to the meeting and that unless anyone objected, he suggested the Council move forward with the appointment.

Councilmember Schulz agreed.

Councilmember Boe stated that he would support appointment or special election for Ward 4.

Councilmember Geisler stated that since the Council are elected officials and State Statute supports appointment in this case, she supports appointment tonight.

The Council discussed the difficulties in campaigning during a winter special election and the historically low voter turn-out for these elections.

Councilmember Geisler also noted that filling this vacancy is important for keeping the City business going forward as Councilmember absences with already low numbers can affect Council action.

Motion by Councilmember Schulz, second by Councilmember Geisler to appoint Mike Huang to the Chaska City Council Ward 4 position for the remaining term of office November 19, 2018 to December 31, 2020.

The Council commented that there were four very strong candidates but that they felt Mike Huang brought a lot of experience.

Motion carried.

City Attorney Melchert swore in Mike Huang for the Councilmember position for Ward 4. Councilmember Huang then joined the Council up front for the remainder of the meeting.

8.B. Adopt Resolution 2018-138, Approving the 2040 Comprehensive Plan/City of Chaska/PC No. 2018-34

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council.

City Planner Hanson presented the item to the Council.

City Administrator Podhradsky explained that MUSA stands for Metro Urban Service Area which is where sewer extends to in the community.

City Planner Hanson continued her presentation of the item.

Councilmember Schulz looked for clarification on what Winter Cities meant.

Staff explained it was geared toward increasing activity levels within the City during the winter.

City Planner Hanson went on presenting the item.

City Administrator Podhradsky explained that the draft document will be online and that residents could look at it and provide comments.

Community Development Director Ringwald explained the schedule for the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan).

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further detail into how the City develops and uses the Comp Plan in regards to zoning.

Councilmember Geisler looked to clarify whether the rehab of Hwy 41 downtown is already in the Comp Plan and whether it gets updated with the new designs they come up with.

Community Development Director Ringwald responded that since this is a guiding document, it will not get very detailed, but the references to the designs and the traffic numbers, etc. are included in the Comp Plan.

City Administrator Podhradsky asked Community Development Director Ringwald to comment on where the 2040 Comp Plan puts Chaska in its development pattern.

Community Development Director Ringwald stated that it puts the City at full development and is really the last growth plan.

City Administrator Podhradsky commented that a Comprehensive Plan in a fully developed community looks a lot different than one in a developing community.

Motion by Councilmember Boe, second by Councilmember Schulz to adopt Resolution No. 2018-138 approving the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried 4/1 (Councilmember Huang abstained as he had already voted on this item in the Planning Commission meeting).

9. Bills

9.A. AP Council Roster 11-19-18

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

10. Other Business

10.A. City Administrator's Report

10.B. Bi-Weekly Report

10.C. Other Meeting Minutes

10.C.i. Receive the October 25, 2019 Human Rights Commission minutes.

Councilmember Boe:

- Mentioned that the Hometown Holiday is on December 1, 2018 from 1-5 pm, and the tree lighting ceremony at Fireman's Park will be at 6pm on December 2, 2018.
- Informed the Council of his intent to resign from his Council seat on the Council effective January 7, 2019. He stated that he is excited to serve the community as the representative for 47B at the State House of Representatives and yet will miss serving on the City Council.
- Noted that there has been comments on social media that there are concerns with getting off and on Pioneer Trail from Kwik Trip. City Administrator Podhradsky agreed that this is an issue and explained that Staff are having discussions with the County regarding this and will update when there is more information.

Councilmember Huang:

- Thanked the Council for the appointment and stated he will do his best to serve everyone in Ward 4 to the best of his ability.

Councilmember Geisler:

- Inquired if the Chaska Commons sign will go back up. City Administrator Podhradsky stated that it would and provided further details on the timeline.
- Commented that Veteran's Park looks incredible and she is proud of what Chaska has done for the veterans. She noted that there was a great turnout for the dedication and thanked everyone for their help on the project.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Commented how great the dedication was at Veteran's Park.
- Acknowledged Councilmembers-elect McKayla Hatfield (Ward 3) and Jon Grau (Ward 1) in attendance.
- Thanked all the candidates for running for City Council.

- Thanked City Clerk Wetzel for her work with the election, as well as all the election judge volunteers. City Administrator Podhradsky echoed his thanks and noted that Minnesota has a good election system in place.
- Noted Chaska had about a 76% voter turn-out, and Carver County had about 80%. He also noted that Carver County was the first county to have all their results in to the State. City Administrator Podhradsky added that Carver County has had that record for a long time.

City Administrator Podhradsky:

- Noted there will be a work session on December 3, 2018 prior to the City Council meeting.
- Congratulated Parks and Recreation Director Grange for finishing the Iron Man competition yesterday.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Schulz, second by Councilmember Boe to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Motion carried.