

LILYDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 12, 2015

Present – Mayor Anita Pampusch; Council Members John Diehl, Marilyn Lundberg, Bob Bullard and Warren Peterson; Tom Lehmann, City Criminal Attorney; Mike Andrejka, Building Official; Mary Schultz, City Clerk and Administrative Assistant, Billie Jo Rassat

Also Present – Jeff Weiss, Barr Engineering and Jim Maher, Planning Commission

Absent – Chief Aschenbrener, Mendota Heights Police Department

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Pampusch. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Oath of Office – Mayor Anita Pampusch and Council Members Bob Bullard and John Diehl were sworn in by Attorney Lehmann.

Agenda – There were four additions to the Agenda: 1) Update on the Comcast merger from Councilmember Peterson; 2) A call for an Executive Session to perform a review of the Lilydale City Clerk; 3) Personnel Report by Councilmember Diehl; and 4) Mayor’s Report. **Motion by Councilmember Bullard, seconded by Councilmember Lundberg to approve the Agenda as amended. Passed 5-0.**

Minutes – Motion by Councilmember Lundberg, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to approve the December 8, 2014 City Council Minutes with the following change on page two: words “regarding storage” be added after the word “undertaking”. **Passed 5-0.**

City Civil Attorney – No report.

City Criminal Attorney – No report.

Building Official Report – Building Official Mike Andrejka issued two permits and closed eight in December.

Police Report – Chief Aschenbrener was absent so there was no report.

Engineer Report – Jeff Weiss reported he is in the process of drafting a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lilydale and MnDOT for repair of the culvert along the Big Rivers Regional Trail; however, there are several issues that still need to be resolved including payment, ownership, and maintenance. MnDOT proposed the repair cost be split in thirds with the city of Lilydale, Dakota County and MnDOT each contributing. Weiss noted concern for the city taking the lead on design and repair of the culvert and implications regarding ownership and future maintenance. Councilmember Lundberg suggested the city of Mendota Heights be asked to contribute to the repair cost since water that will flow through the culvert is coming downhill from Mendota Heights. Councilmember Lundberg also suggested the existing Joint Powers Agreement for the trail between MnDOT and Dakota County be reviewed. The council agreed and directed Attorney Lehmann to review the agreement and provide input on the matter.

Administrative Assistant Position – Mayor Pampusch introduced Billie Jo Rassat to the council and invited them to ask her any questions they may have about her background and experience. **Motion by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Lundberg to approve the hire of Billie Jo Rassat as Administrative Assistant for the City of Lilydale at the rate of \$13/hour. Passed 5-0.**

Resolution 15-01 Annual Designations & Appointments – Motion by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Bullard to adopt Resolution 15-01. **Passed 5-0.**

Councilmember Bullard noted his intent to serve as the chairperson of the Lower Mississippi River Water

Management Organization (LMRWMO) for one more year. He suggested the city council consider appointing a citizen representative to the board and encouraged those present at today's meeting to give some thought to residents that may have an interest in water management and to bring forth their names.

Liability Coverage Waiver – The League of MN Cities Insurance Trust requires cities to decide whether or not to waive the statutory tort liability limits to the extent of the coverage purchased. In the past the city has chosen to not waive the monetary limit on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statute 466.04.
Motion by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Diehl to not waive the Liability Coverage. Passed 5-0.

Cable Merger – Councilmember Peterson provided an update on the cable merger. The merger, which is still under review by the FCC, would affect about 550,000 customers in Lilydale and the surrounding communities. He reported that the company Spin Co will become Midwest Cable aka Greatland Connections. Greatland Connections will have to raise 7.5 billion dollars. Councilmember Peterson noted Greatland has no experience in the cable industry. They intend to own and service all of the equipment but will contract with Charter Communications for billing and customer service. Subscribers will retain their phone numbers, emails and existing equipment. He reported that no municipalities have objected to the merger yet. The current franchise agreement expires in March 2015.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Schultz presented the council with the December financial reports and a list of business license applicants for 2015. **Motion by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Bullard to approve the financial reports. Passed 5-0. Motion by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to approve the Business License list. Passed 5-0.**

Mayor's Report – Mayor Pampusch reported that the second Bluff Education event will take place at the Overlook Community Room on January 13, 2015. She will be meeting with Great River Greening on January 13, 2015 as well.

At 5:47 p.m. the regular meeting was adjourned and the council went into a closed session for an employee progress review.

The closed session ended at 6:15 p.m. and the city council meeting closed immediately thereafter.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Schultz, City Clerk

Final copy reviewed by:

Anita Pampusch, Mayor