

Lilydale City Council Meeting
September 14, 2015
4:30 p.m.

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

Also Present – Jeff Weiss, Barr Engineering; Police Chief Mike Aschenbrener; Jim Maher, Planning Commissioner; and Jake Sedlacek, Xcel Energy

Absent – Mike O’Brien, City Civil Attorney

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

Agenda – Mayor Pampusch noted a representative from Xcel was present and wished to address the Council. **Motion by Councilmember Lundberg, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to approve the Agenda with the addition. Motion carried 5-0.**

Xcel Energy – Jake Sedlacek, Community Relations and Economic Development Manager with Xcel Energy addressed the Council regarding recent tree removal and trimming within the easement of the transmission line in Lilydale.

Minutes – Mayor Pampusch recommended two changes to the August 10, 2015 meeting minutes: 1) Second sentence of Police Report change “2-3” to “2 or 3”. 2) First sentence of Engineer Report insert “for the drop shaft” after “review of the plan”. **Motion by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Lundberg to approve the August 10, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Bullard to approve the August 12, 2015 Special City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

City Civil Attorney – No report.

City Criminal Attorney – No report.

Building Official Report – Mike Andrejka reported seven permits were issued and no permits were closed in August.

Police Report – Chief Aschenbrener reported that he and the fire marshal are currently working on revisions to recreational fire and open burning ordinances for the City of Mendota Heights and Mendota. The Council expressed interest in having Lilydale’s ordinances revised to be in uniform with the two other cities.

Storm Water Utility Rates – Mayor Pampusch summarized the discussion from the August 10, 2015 City Council meeting and thanked Councilmembers for submitting alternative options in preparation for tonight’s discussion. Following extensive discussion, the consensus was to move from a SAC based fee structure to a rate structure that is fair, rational, and defensible. Mayor Pampusch asked Clerk Schultz to obtain the square footage of the commercial building footprints and parking lots. **Motion by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to hold over discussion on the storm water utility rate study to the October City Council meeting. The motion carried 5-0.**

Engineer Report – Jeff Weiss commented on the technical memorandum included in the council packets in regard to the geotechnical study conducted by Barr Engineering in anticipation of the drop shaft project.

Weiss provided a list of steps that need to be completed before construction of the drop shaft and lower structure can commence. Weiss continues to work with MnDOT staff to address their comments and make the necessary revisions to the plans and specs for the drop shaft project to achieve final approval from MnDOT.

Councilmember Lundberg expressed frustration and dissatisfaction with the lack of progress that has been made by Barr on the drop shaft project, noting the original plan was to have the project put out for bid this past February. Councilmember Bullard noted he and Mayor Pampusch met with Jeff Weiss and Jim Langseth (also from Barr Engineering) two weeks ago to address the city’s concern with the progress of the project. Mr. Langseth assured Mayor Pampusch and Councilmember Bullard that this project is a top priority.

2016 Budget & Levy – The council reviewed and discussed the proposed preliminary budget and levy for 2016.

Resolution 15-11 Budget & Levy – **Motion by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Bullard to approve Resolution 15-11 approving the preliminary 2016 budget in the amount of \$551,373 and 2016 levy in the amount of \$495,571. Motion carried 5-0.**

Clerk’s Report – Clerk Schultz presented the council with the August financial reports. **Motion by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Diehl to approve the financial reports. Motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Pampusch reminded everyone of Lilydaze next Sunday, September 20th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Schultz, City Clerk

Final copy reviewed by:

Anita Pampusch, Mayor