

LILYDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 2021

Present – Mayor Warren Peterson and Councilmembers John Diehl, Lyle Hanzal, Bill Kleinman and Anita Pampusch; Mary Schultz, City Clerk and Kathy Mutch, administrative assistant

Also Present – Bridget Nason, city attorney; Police Captain Wayne Wegener, Mendota Heights Police Department; Jim Langseth, Barr Engineering; and Bryan Oakley, Barr Engineering (via phone)

The city council meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Oath of Office – City attorney Nason administered the oath of office to Mayor Peterson and Councilmembers Lyle Hanzal and Bill Kleinman.

Agenda – Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments – No comments.

December 14, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes – Moved by Councilmember Pampusch and seconded by Councilmember Diehl to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 city council meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Building Office Report – Building report showed five building permits were issued and six closed in December.

Police Report – Captain Wegener summarized the police reports for 2020, classifying the majority of crimes as property crimes. Property crimes include robberies, thefts or damage to property. The city of Lilydale had 683 calls for service and ended the year with 85 case files requiring official reporting.

Engineer Report

Dog Park - Jim Langseth provided an illustrated map of the City of St. Paul Parks planned dog park located by the existing boat launch. A permit will be needed to install a fence in the flood plain in accordance with city ordinances.

Sewer System - Langseth provided an updated memorandum on anticipated costs for the sanitary and storm sewer systems and related work over the next 10 year. The memo noted priorities for 2021-2022, a graph of acceptable/presumed timeframes and anticipated costs.

The city has two storm sewer systems. Stormwater project #1 is by Riverwood and Riverain. Stormwater project #2, by Colony Townhomes, was constructed in 1995, modified in 2017 and included an angled steel pipe drop shaft. The lower portion was not lined and Langseth indicated the city should prioritize lining the pipe to avoid corrosion and wear on the pipe.

MS4 – MS4 permit renewal will necessitate the city preparing plans. As an example, Langseth explained the city currently does not have an inspection program for the storm sewer system. Adoption of new ordinances may require development of a written permitting program for grading and erosion control. Barr recommends that Lilydale eliminate all concentrated stormwater discharge at the top of the bluffs along the Mississippi River. He noted the city's role may be coordination between properties, giving guidance and legislating through ordinances and policies.

Following discussion Mayor Peterson asked if there was any objection to moving forward with lining the lower portion of the storm drop shaft work as recommended. Upon hearing no objection Councilmember Diehl presented the following motion.

Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve moving forward with lining the lower portion of the storm drop shaft project. Motion carried 5-0.

Lift Station Design Update - Bryan Oakley reviewed his January 6th memorandum updating the council on the design progress. He explained a change to the geotechnical work and the decision not to drill beneath the power lines on the southerly side. The boring on the northerly side of the trail was completed on December 19. A map of the preferred location was included with his memo. This map will be shared with Dakota County, MnDOT, Xcel Energy, Lilydale Senior Living and for further discussion on possible trail realignment.

The revised schedule indicates the soonest construction would begin is April 26.

Attorney Report – No report.

Resolution 20-1, Annual Designations and Appointments – City administrator Schultz stated the firm name for the city auditor has changed from Markwell & Lewis. Chris Lewis continues as the city auditor and the firm name will be corrected in the resolution.

Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve Resolution 2021-1, Resolution to Make Annual Designations & Appointments. Motion carried 5-0.

Dakota County Community Waste Abatement Grant Program Agreement – Annual renewal of the abatement grant allows the city to implement recycling programs and activities carried out primarily by the shared recycling coordinator.

Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the Community Waste Abatement 2021 Grant Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

Liability Coverage Waiver – The League of Minnesota Cities requires cities to annually decide whether or not to waive the statutory tort liability limits. In the past the city has chosen not to waive the monetary limits.

Moved by Councilmember Pampusch and seconded by Councilmember Diehl to approve the motion not to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota States 466.04. Motion carried 5-0.

COVID Testing Report – Councilmember Diehl reported on COVID-19 testing and antibody testing in the city of Lilydale. Viral infection testing was carried out at Lilydale Senior Living (its own arrangements), Lexington Riverside (for its residents) and City Hall (for all other Lilydale residents). Antibody testing was conducted at Lexington Riverside and City Hall. No resident tested positive for COVID infection and two tested positive for antibodies. The city had planned to use CARES Act funding; however the testing agencies had access to other funding and provided their services without charge.

Councilmember Diehl reached out to Fairview staff regarding the possibility of organizing a community-based vaccination in Lilydale. He will follow up.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Schultz reported deposits included tax receipts, a League of Minnesota Cities

insurance dividend, tobacco and liquor license renewals and various permits. Disbursements were routine. An additional report, Schedule 1, showed beginning and ending funds in all accounts for the entire year.

Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve the Clerk's Report for December 2020 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Green River Greening Grant Report – The report from Great River Greening details how the funds from the city were used.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Peterson, Councilmember Diehl, City administrator Schultz and Phil Carlson, city planner, held a conference call with Opus on the River Bluffs site. Opus is seeking tax increment financing and reiterated their interest in moving forward with the project.

Adjournment – **Moved by Councilmember Kleinman and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.** The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Final copy reviewed by:

Mary Schultz, City Clerk

Warren Peterson, Mayor

Date