

**LILYDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 12, 2018**

**Present** - Mayor Warren Peterson; Council Members, Lyle Hanzal, Bill Kleinman and Anita Pampusch, Mary Schultz, City Clerk and Kathy Mutch, administrative assistant (Absent: John Diehl)

**Also Present** –Jeff Weiss, Barr Engineering; Dan Burns, Eckberg Lammers; Sergeant Tanner Spicer, Mendota Heights Police Department; Lee Hutton and Diana Hernandez, Perfect Ash; Kay Frye and Betsy Pitschka, Colony Association (Absent: Tom Lehmann, Lilydale city attorney and Mike Andrejka, Building Official)

The city council meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Mayor Warren Peterson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Agenda** - Moved by Councilmember Pampusch and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

**City Council Minutes** –Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the January 8, 2018 City Council Minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

**Civil Attorney Report** - Dan Burns, Eckberg Lammers, stated he did not have a report but would be available for questions during the Moose Country/Diamond Jim’s property discussion.

**Criminal Attorney Report** – No report.

**Building Official Report** – No report.

**Police Report** – Sergeant Spicer reported an increase in thefts from automobiles.

**Engineer Report** - Jeff Weiss updated the council on the electrical work needed to configure the boosting transformers when the new motors are installed. A revised proposal has been received from Cedar Lake Electric. The work has been delayed due to cold temperatures forecast. Additional charges would apply if the work was done below “favorable” winter conditions (lower than 20 degrees). The work has been rescheduled for early March.

**Moved by Councilmember Pampusch and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve the proposal from Cedar Lake Electric of \$2,500 to complete the remaining electrical work for the boosting transformers when the new motors are installed. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Liquor License for Sunfish Cellars** – A liquor license application was submitted by Bill Miller for Sunfish Cellars at its new location, 981 Sibley Memorial Highway in the Buon Giorno/I Nonni

location. **Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the on-sale, off-sale and on Sundays liquor licenses for Sunfish Cellars, LLC for the period of February 15, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Public Comments** - Lee Hutton, attorney for Perfect Ash, addressed the Council on the sale of the Diamond Jim's mall (Moose Country and River Bluffs Center). Mr. Hutton spoke about preserving Diamond Jim's 50 year history in Lilydale and the social and economic impact of the 12 plus businesses leaving the city. Business owners received a general letter from Joe Schaefer about the sale but no further information was provided. Business owners have leases of varying lengths. Mr. Hutton suggested business owners be brought in to talk with council members. Business owners are looking for guidance and information on what they should do.

Diana Hernandez, Perfect Ash, addressed the council on the uncertainty for owners on how to proceed. She questioned whether she should order inventory or liquidate her current inventory.

**Clerk's Report** – **Moved by Councilmember Pampusch and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the January financial reports as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Mayor's Report** – No report.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business, Mayor Peterson adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Final copy reviewed by:

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Mary Schultz, City Clerk

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Warren Peterson, Mayor

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Date