

LILYDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 2024

Present: Mayor John Diehl, Councilmembers Deborah Cornell, Lyle Hanzal, Mary Kleinberg and Bill Kleinman; Mary Tollefson, City Administrator

Also Present: Kori Land, attorney; Chris Lewis, Johnson, Lewis & Mount; Police Captain Wayne Wegener; Julie Seykora and Orlando Ponce

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Cornell to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

February 12, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes – Councilmember Hanzal noted in the Council Comments section, the word “order” should be added after “extreme risk protection”. Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the February 12, 2024 City Council meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments – none

Open Items – none

Building Official Report – Six permits were issued and two closed in the month of February.

Police Report –Captain Wegener reported that in January and February 2024, six cases were opened in Lilydale. There were 73 in 2023. He explained Extreme Risk Protection Order.

Engineer’s Report – City Administrator Tollefson provided an update on the Lift Station Modification Project as reported in the Engineer's Report for March 11, 2024. A preconstruction meeting was held on March 6, 2024. Minger Construction has ordered the grinder, which is expected to take several weeks to arrive. Once it is received, the fieldwork is anticipated to take about a week. Minger expects the Big Rivers Regional Trail will be closed periodically, and they will coordinate this with Dakota County.

Mayor Diehl reported that he had spoken with Representative Mary Frances Clardy about the project's cost and that she had submitted a request for \$150,000 from the State bonding bill. He also had an initial conversation with a Lilydale business that may contribute to the project.

City Attorney’s Report – Attorney Land confirmed that the City has an Economic Development Authority (EDA). She outlined options for selling the city-owned vacant parcels along Sibley Memorial Hwy. as outlined in her March 11, 2024, memo to the City Council. There was consensus amongst the Council to sell the property, followed by a discussion on property lines.

Moved by Mayor Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to put the property into the EDA. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Councilmember Kleinman and seconded by Councilmember Cornell to 1) reconfigure the properties according to Figure 2 in the Attorney’s March 11th memo; 2) transfer the property to the EDA and take other steps to prepare to sell the property; 3) have an appraisal of the property completed. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk’s Report – The financial reports for February were presented. Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinberg to approve the February 2024 financial reports as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrator Tollefson reported 214 people voted in-person at the Presidential Nomination Primary. There are 760 registered voters in Lilydale.

Lilia Apartments – Adam Neumann of Bigos Management presented an update on the construction of the Lilia Apartments. The estimated completion date is September. A tour of the building will be scheduled for later this month.

2023 Audit Report – Chris Lewis presented the 2023 audit report and noted that the city’s records are well kept and that the coding in the ledgers is accurate. Councilmember Hanzal noted that the city hall debt had been retired and asked if the reference to the City Hall Fund on page 13 could be deleted. Councilmember Hanzal stated that the interest rate for the G.O. Sewer Revenue Note is listed differently in two places.

The Departure from GASB Statement No. 34 noted on page 27 was discussed. Lewis explained that recording capital assets would be hard because the city has never done it. The information must be auditable with supporting documentation such as invoices, purchase agreements, etc. Lewis noted that none of the other small cities he audits record capital assets. Mayor Diehl suggested that the city have this information for transparency purposes, but it would not need to be included in the audit. Councilmember Hanzal suggested revising the last sentence in the Management’s Response on page 27 from “The city will also take...” to “The city should also take...”

Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Cornell to accept the audit as presented with minor edits. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Comments – none

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Diehl reported on pending state legislation that would preempt local zoning regulations. He has contacted our state legislators and other mayors to discuss his concerns.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Tollefson, City Clerk