

LILYDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 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 – Tom Lehmann, Lilydale city attorney; Mike Andrejka, Building Official; Police Chief Kelly McCarthy, Mendota Heights Police Department; Jeff Weiss, Barr Engineering; Lee Hutton and Diana Hernandez, Perfect Ash. Patrons from the River Bluffs Center in attendance: Nate Dedesa, Art Lemke, Jon Salsbury, Stan Kimbeach, Pat VeVen; and Betsy Pitschka, Colony Townhomes; Rod McKay, McKay Enter., LLC; Joel Knoepfler, Just Paws; Wayne Nelson, Pam’s Hair Design; and Tony Koury, TK’s Coffee.

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 Hanzal to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

City Council Minutes –Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the February 12, 2018 City Council Minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comments – Mayor Peterson stated no public hearing on the sale of Moose Country/River Bluffs Center was being held tonight. The city has received no filings nor has he personally spoken with Mr. Schaefer regarding the sale of the Moose Country/River Bluffs Center. Mayor Peterson opened the meeting for public comments.

Lee Hutton, attorney, informed the council on past projects owned and operated by Mr. Nichols. He urged councilmembers to ask Tim Nichols and Joe Schaefer to a council meeting to dialogue with business owners.

Joel Knoepfler, owner of Just Paws, signed a two year lease last June with no mention by Mr. Schaefer he was selling the property. He has 90 days to vacate and was hopeful the council could provide the tenants with more information.

Wayne Nelson of Pam’s Hair Design and several business owners and patrons of the River Bluffs Center stated their frustration in the lack of information being given to the business establishments of River Bluffs Center and their hope to be provided with more information.

Mayor Peterson stated he would try to contact Mr. Schaefer. Mayor Peterson once more said no applications have been received for permits or rezoning and explained the city does not have any authority with regard to the sale of this property.

Civil Attorney Report – No report.

Criminal Attorney Report – No report.

Building Official Report – Mike Andrejka reported he issued eight permits and closed three in the month of February.

Police Report – Chief McCarthy reported a position offer of captain was extended to Officer Wayne Wagner from Lino Lakes. Chief McCarthy noted news alerts were being sent out regarding auto thefts on Highway 13 in Mendota. Car windows are being broken in order to access items inside cars.

Engineer Report - Jeff Weiss stated the lift station motor replacement is scheduled for next week.

2017 Audit – Chris Lewis, working with Mark Babcock, presented the Financial Statements with Auditor’s Opinion for year ended December 31, 2017. Chris Lewis reported the city was given a clean, unqualified audit report for 2017.

Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to accept the 2017 audit, as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 18-3, Charitable Gambling Tax – Lilydale collects a local gambling tax from licensed organizations operating lawful gambling in the city; at Bogey’s and Moose Country. The tax is imposed to cover costs incurred by the city to regulate lawful gambling. The city has not incurred expenditures for lawful gambling regulation and must refund the tax overages to these licensed organizations. Resolution 18-3 repeals the gambling tax and refunds the unspent funds.

Moved by Councilmember Pampusch and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve Resolution 18-3 Regarding Charitable Gambling Tax. Motion carried 4-0.

Joint Powers Agreement –Lilydale has been invited to participate with the cities of Mendota Heights, Mendota and Sunfish Lake in a municipal clean-up day. Spring Clean-Up 2018 is scheduled at Mendakota Park in Mendota Heights on May 5. Lilydale will be invoiced a charge for services utilized by its residents. Each city will be responsible to advertise this service to its residents. Clerk Schultz reported Attorney Mike O’Brien reviewed the joint powers agreement.

Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the Joint Powers Agreement by and between the City of Mendota Heights and Lilydale, Mendota and Sunfish Lake for the Operation of a Municipal Cleanup Day. Motion carried 4-0.

Clerk’s Report – Moved by Councilmember Pampusch and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve the February financial reports as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor’s Report – A discussion on public comments in an open forum was held. Beginning in April time will be designated “Public Comments” on the meeting agenda will follow approval of meeting minutes.

A public hearing of the Planning Commission is scheduled for March 27 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss two zoning items: density in plan unit development and community construction standard and design. Phil Carlson will facilitate the meeting.

The city was notified by the Public Works Department that the motors at the lift station were plugged and had to be shut down. Ms. Schultz will remind residents in an upcoming newsletter that dental floss and wipes can cause this and should not be flushed.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Mayor Peterson adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Final copy reviewed by:

Mary Schultz, City Clerk

Warren Peterson, Mayor

Date