

LILYDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 2024

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

Also Present: Kori Land, LeVander, Gillen & Miller; Julie Seykora and Orlando Ponce

Agenda: Mayor Diehl added two items to the agenda under Other Business: (1) Northern Dakota County Cable Commission (NDC4) representative appointment, and (2) an information only presentation on a request from the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization (LMRWMO). **Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Cornell to approve the agenda as revised. Motion carried 5-0.**

March 11, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes – Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the March 11, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

March 28, 2024 City Council Special Meeting #1 Minutes – Moved by Mayor Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Kleinberg to approve the March 28, 2024 City Council Special Meeting #1 Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

March 28, 2024 City Council Special Meeting #2 Minutes – Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinberg to approve the March 28, 2024 City Council Special Meeting #2 Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments – None

Open Items – None

Building Official Report – Six permits were issued and six closed in the month of March.

Police Report – City Administrator Tollefson reported there were 61 incidents and two fire calls in the month of March.

City Attorney Report – Attorney Land stated her report would be during the closed session.

Clerk's Report – The financial reports for March were presented. **Moved by Councilmember Kleinman and seconded by Councilmember Kleinberg to approve the March 2024 financial reports. Motion carried 5-0.**

Resolution No. 2024-06, A Resolution Supporting Retention of City Zoning Authority – Mayor Diehl presented a substitute resolution from what was included in the council meeting packet on the city's stance regarding proposed state legislation. This legislation would preempt local zoning authority and limit public participation. The revised resolution was drafted following the March 28, 2024 special meeting with Michael Healy, Planning Manager, City of South St. Paul. **Moved by Councilmember Kleinman and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to adopt Resolution 2024-06, A Resolution Supporting Retention of City Zoning Authority and Authorize Mayor Diehl and City Administrator Tollefson to send the revised version to the appropriate legislators. Motion carried 5-0.**

Community Clean-Up Event – Mary Kleinberg proposed a second annual Lilydale clean-up event to raise awareness and reduce the use of plastics. This year Earth Day is April 22 and Arbor Day is April 26.

Consensus was to hold the event from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26. Flyers will be distributed publicizing the clean-up day. Councilmember Hanzal stated Pool & Yacht was also holding a clean-up day in April and suggested connecting with Pool & Yacht next year to coordinate efforts. Mary Kleinberg agreed and suggested coordinated efforts should begin earlier in the year. Councilmember Cornell proposed recognition be given to volunteers and thanking volunteers for their time.

Carolyn Francis Event Update – Mayor Diehl reported on his recent communications with Terry Wallace. Terry Wallace, Ms. Francis’ art dealer, plans on bringing the painting Ms. Francis asked to be gifted to the city along with approximately 40 smaller paintings. Mayor Diehl, Karyn Diehl and Mary Tollefson are organizing the art show, scheduled for May 19-20, 2024 at I Nonni. Ms. Francis’ art work will be on display throughout the restaurant and wine room. An article publicizing the event will be printed in the Pioneer Press. Councilmember Cornell suggested also posting information on Northern Dakota County Cable Commission’s website.

Mayor Diehl shared there is no budget for this event. Attorney Land stated the council can appropriate funds to provide the city administrator with a budget and give her the authority to spend these funds.

Moved by Councilmember Cornell and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to recognize and approve the city’s involvement in the Carolyn Francis Art Show to be held at I Nonni on May 19-20, 2024, with devotion of staff volunteer time as needed. The city may appropriate funds once the expenses are known, not to exceed \$750.

Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to amend the resolution to “appropriate funds up to \$750”. Motion, as amended, carried 5-0.

Mayor’s Report – A letter from the Association of Realtors was received requesting the city acknowledge fair housing month. The city would not be acting on this request.

City Administrator Tollefson successfully completed her master’s program and has been recognized as the MPA scholar in her class. The council extended congratulations.

Northern Dakota County Cable Commission Appointment – Julie Seykora has agreed to serve as a lay representative on the NDC4 Cable Commission for the remainder of the year. Councilmember Cornell will email the meeting dates to Ms. Seykora.

Moved by Mayor Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to nominate and recommend Julie Seykora as a lay representative to the NDC4 Cable Commission for the remainder of the year 2024. Motion carried 5-0.

Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization – Councilmember Kleinberg explained a request to all LMRWMO member cities to support an investigative study of PCB and other contaminants of concerns for LMRWMO lakes. The plan prioritized the lakes into two groups and would provide a report summarizing the results and next steps for each waterbody. The project would help residents of the member cities understand the extent of contaminants of concern in the water bodies. A contribution of \$8,500 from each city was requested. Cities received checks from the Monsanto settlement and combining the funds would help cover the funding. In his letter Joe Barten indicated he would be willing to come and talk to or present to the city council.

Closed Session – Moved by Mayor Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Cornell to close the meeting at 5:45 p.m. pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05(c) to develop an offer for the sale of real property that is generally located to the northeast and southeast of 1132 and 1128 Sibley Memorial Highway identified by Dakota County Parcel ID: 24-13500-00-100 and Parcel ID: 24-0370-09-010. Motion carried 5-0.

Reopen Meeting – Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinberg to reopen the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Mayor Diehl reported the council discussed the sale of real property identified as Dakota County Parcel ID: 24-13500-00-100 AND Parcel ID: 24-03700-09-010. Attorney Land and City Administrator Tollefson will meet with the interested person.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Tollefson, City Clerk