

LILYDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 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; Captain Wayne Wegener, Joe Barten, Administrator, Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization (LMRWMO); Warren Peterson, former Mayor; and Julie Seykora

Agenda: Mayor Diehl revised the agenda order and placed the LMRWMO request for funding to follow Approval of the April 8, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes. **Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinberg to approve the agenda as revised. Motion carried 5-0.**

Presentation of City Ordinance Book – Mayor Diehl presented Warren Peterson, former Mayor of Lilydale, with a bound city ordinance book. The council extended its gratitude to Mayor Peterson for leadership and beginning review and update of the city’s ordinances.

April 8, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes – **Moved by Councilmember Kleinman and seconded by Councilmember Cornell to approve the April 8, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.**

Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization (LMRMO) Request for Funding – Joe Barten provided a presentation on a request for funding to investigate and study PCB and other contaminants in LMRWMO waterbodies that are emerging human health concerns. Seven cities have been asked to support this study and a request has also been made to Dakota County.

Moved by Councilmember Kleinberg and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to appropriate \$8,500 of the Monsanto Company settlement in support of the study of PCB and other contaminants of concern and establish priorities. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Cornell asked if Mr. Barten would be reporting back on progress to cities. Mr. Barten expects there will be a final report. He agreed to report as there is notable progress. Councilmember Kleinberg added she too would keep the council updated.

Public Comments – None

Open Items – Councilmember Cornell asked about the Earth Day/clean-up event. Councilmember Kleinberg reported it was a small, but dedicated group. The group paired up and focused on specific areas. Looking ahead to next year coordination will begin earlier in the year with Councilmember Kleinberg managing.

A report by Mayor Diehl on the status of funding for the grinder would be given during his Mayor’s Report.

Building Official Report – One permit was issued and two closed in the month of April.

Police Report – The first 2024 quarterly report given by Captain Wegener noted 254 calls to the city and 58 cases opened. Captain Wegener spoke about traffic enforcement and the tools the Police Department

has to address speeding concerns. The Mendota Heights police department is part of a 4-year pilot camera program. Currently 24 other states issue citations through cameras.

City Attorney Report – No report.

Clerk's Report – The financial reports for April were presented. Deposits were primarily first quarter sewer and stormwater payments and permits. **Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the April 2024 financial reports. Motion carried 5-0.**

History Committee – Councilmember Kleinman reported the committee next meets on May 21 with Patrick Nunnally for the first part of the project and will focus on Indian lore and Indian artifacts. The grant writing group will meet with Vicki Albu, a grant writing consultant and talk about feedback from the Historical Society board on why a grant request was not approved.

Lilydale Art Show Update – Mayor Diehl reminded council on the times for the Art Show at I Nonni, Sunday, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Monday, 12:00-6:00 p.m. Arrangements have been made to use portable walls to display the art work.

Resolution No. 2024-07, Approving the Transfer of Real Property – Attorney Land explained notice of a special meeting is necessary to add the powers of a housing and redevelopment authority to the Economic Development Authority (EDA). An offer to purchase two vacant properties owned by the city has been extended to an interested buyer. The next steps with the EDA will be discussed at the June 10 meeting. The council agreed to hold the special meeting prior to the June 10 council meeting, and set the meeting for 4:00 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Kleinman and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to adopt Resolution 2024-07, Approving the Transfer of Real Property to the Lilydale Economic Development Authority. Motion carried 5-0.

Closed Session – Moved by Mayor Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to close the meeting at 6:01 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 Cornell and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to reopen the meeting at 6:36 p.m. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Diehl reported:

- An Earth Day follow-up was given earlier by Councilmember Kleinberg.
- Legislation regarding land use is still being looked at as part of a housing bill. It includes city regulation of aesthetics such as fake stucco. Lilydale has such a restriction.
- His request for funding of the sanitary sewer grinder is a long shot. It appears there may not be a bonding bill this year. Senator Klein and Representative Clardy are supportive of a capital improvement bill.
- Met Council has a land use advisory council and asked if anyone on the city council was interested in being appointed. The appointment will be shared with members of the Planning Commission.

- City mayors are holding their quarterly meeting in Lilydale in June.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Tollefson, City Clerk