

LILYDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 14, 2018

Present - Mayor Warren Peterson; Council Members, John Diehl, Lyle Hanzal, Bill Kleinman and Anita Pampusch and Kathy Mutch, administrative assistant

Also Present – Tom Egan, Dakota County Commissioner; Mike O’Brien, attorney; Tom Lehmann and Dan Burns, attorneys, Eckberg Lammers; Police Chief Kelly McCarthy and Captain Wayne Wegener, Mendota Heights Police Department; Fire Chief Dave Dreelan; Jeff Weiss, Barr Engineering; Betsy Pitschka and Kay Frye, The Colony Town House Association

The city council meeting was called to order at 4:30 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. (John Diehl absent)

Public Comments – None.

Dakota County Update – Dakota County Commissioner Tom Egan, District 3, provided an overview of Dakota County projects and initiatives, including:

- Big River Regional Trail that connects to Lilydale Regional Trail and St. Paul will be connecting with the trailhead on Highway 13 and St. Peter’s Church. The trail will eventually travel down into Burnsville.
- The underpass in Mendota Heights/Highway 110 will eventually connect to Lebanon Hills.
- Dakota County has the lowest tax levy in the state
- Dakota County continues to be debt free since 2016 and has not incurred any debt in the last few years
- Noted tremendous use of the trail system -100,000-150,000 ridership a year.
- County Transit Board is disbanding. Funds were previously limited to transit initiatives through a joint powers agreement can now be used to fund any transportation project in Dakota County. 100% of the ½ cent sales tax goes directly toward Dakota County.
- Dakota County is one of the counties seeking a reformation in the makeup of the Metropolitan Council. Met Council is the only planning organization in the metro area that does not have elected officials.
- Dakota County is working with schools, including District 197, to provide a birth to 8 program; students developing and achieving grade level reading by third grade.
- SMART shelter (safety and mental health response training center). Training center for first responders to receive training to work with people in mental health area.
- Improved customer service. Working on a digital presence through social media such as Twitter and Facebook and an on-line payment portal.

City Council Minutes –Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Diehl to approve the April 9, 2018 City Council Minutes with a revision under Public Comments: “Mayor Peterson updated council members on the status of Moose Country/River Bluffs Center. ‘The sale is going forward. Mayor Peterson noted to Mr. Schaefer’s attorney that some of the leases had not been terminated’.” Motion carried 5-0.

Civil Attorney Report – No report. Tom Lehmann reported he has been appointed a judge in Anoka County. Dan Burns, Eckberg Lammers will be taking over the municipal legal services. Eckberg Lammers has a prosecution department to handle any needed criminal legal services.

Criminal Attorney Report – No report.

Building Official Report – Mike Andrejka reported he issued 3 permits and closed 5, including the Pool and Yacht Club in April.

Police Report – Chief McCarthy introduced Captain Wayne Wegener. Captain Wegener was hired by Mendota Heights in April. Captain Wegener brings sixteen years of law enforcement experience. He previously served as captain with the Lino Lakes Police Department.

Fire Report – Chief Dreelan provided an update on the Mendota Heights Fire Department and fire station. A facilities study was approved by the city of Mendota Heights and conducted in 2015. The current fire station is over 30 years old, does not effectively hold the trucks, have adequate office space for staff and does not meet current health and safety standards. The station does not have space for Health East vehicles that are stationed at the facility. After review of five plans, ranging from a basic facelift versus a tear down and rebuild, the plan chosen would remodel the existing station. This plan allows the staff to remain at the current location without having to set up a temporary location.

Chief Dreelan shared a tentative timeline with the process beginning in June with public comments at the Mendota Heights city council meeting. In August the construction documents will be prepared and could go out for bid in November and possible awarding the contract in January 2019. The construction cost is estimated at \$5.5 million.

Engineer Report - Jeff Weiss noted approval of the Surface Water Management Plan was postponed last month to allow time for review and to prepare draft responses to the additional comments he received. The comments received were minor and he noted clarification was requested on some items. The final Surface Water Management Plan now requires council approval. The Plan included changes from the draft plan as noted in his responses in his memorandum dated May 10, 2018.

Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve the final Surface Water Management Plan, as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Stormwater Management Ordinance – Mr. Weiss explained the current ordinance on erosion control and stormwater management was adopted by Lilydale in 1998. The policies included in the city’s past and current Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) have stayed up-to-date through the

rules and standards adopted by other jurisdictions such as the State of Minnesota, Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization (LMRWMO), the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District and the Metropolitan Council.

The Surface Water Management Plan includes a review of the city's stormwater management ordinance in 2019. Due to the possible re-development of the River Bluffs Center, and to assure the appropriate regulations are in place, Weiss recommended review of the ordinance prior to the June 2018 council meeting. He proposed referring the ordinance to the Planning Commission and proposed starting by review of a model ordinance to establish criteria or standards.

Councilmember Diehl acknowledged the Planning Commission could review but were currently busy working on the 2040 Lilydale Comprehensive Plan. He suggested Mr. Weiss go through and identify what the city would need and meet with a subcommittee of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Tom Sutton also serves with LMRWMO. Councilmember Hanzal stated he was willing to participate as he is an alternate to LMRWMO.

Attorney Mike O'Brien concurred protocol would have the Planning Commission involved since it affects land use and ultimately there will need to be a public hearing.

Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to refer Ordinance 903.09 Erosion Control-Stormwater Runoff to the Planning Commission. A subcommittee of the Planning Commission will work with the city engineer, Jeff Weiss, to review sample ordinance language and create a new erosion control ordinance. The subcommittee will report back to the Planning Commission with a recommendation. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk's Report – Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the April financial reports as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor's Report – John Diehl acknowledged Lilydale is well-served by Representative Rick Hansen. Through his efforts \$150,000 to Lilydale is included in the tax bill by the property tax committee.

Adjournment – There being no further business, Mayor Peterson adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Final copy reviewed by:

Mary Schultz, City Clerk

Warren Peterson, Mayor

Date