

LILYDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 10, 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; Jennifer Koehler, Barr Engineering; Dara Filosa, Pool & Yacht Club; Julie Seykora and Brian Bebel

Agenda: Mayor Diehl proposed placing the Pool & Yacht Club application for a temporary on-sale liquor license item to follow Approval of the May 13, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes on the agenda. **Moved by Mayor Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve the agenda as revised. Motion carried 5-0.**

May 13, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes – Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Cornell to approve the May 13, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Pool & Yacht Club Application – Dara Filosa, Pool & Yacht Club Manager, explained the request for a temporary liquor license to sell liquor in their parking lot during the annual car show in July. This event is for Pool & Yacht Club members and runs July 25-27, 2024.

Moved by Councilmember Cornell and seconded by Councilmember Kleinberg to approve the Pool & Yacht Club Application for a 1 Day to 4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for July 25-27, 2024. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments – Brian Bebel detailed his desire to improve the portion of land before Stonebridge’s call box to better serve as a wildlife habitat and be responsible for the labor and funding. Mayor Diehl asked him to confer with the city administrator on what would be involved to get this started. Councilmember Kleinberg also recommended Mr. Bebel attend a Stonebridge Homeowners’ Association meeting.

Public Hearing – Mayor Diehl opened the Public Hearing to Amend the Resolution enabling the Creation of an Economic Development Authority (EDA) located within the City of Lilydale to add Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA). Mayor Diehl asked members of the public for comments. No one offered testimony. **Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried 5-0. The Public Hearing closed at 4:47 p.m.**

Resolution 2024-08, Amending the Enabling Resolution (Res.02-04) of the Lilydale EDA to Add HRA Powers – Moved by Councilmember Kleinman and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve Resolution 2024-08, Amending the Enabling Resolution (Res.02-04) of the Lilydale EDA to Add HRA Powers. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Items – Mayor Diehl reported that in the legislative session that just ended no capital improvement legislation was approved; accordingly state financial assistance for the grinder project was not funded.

Mayor Diehl asked city administrator Tollefson to check if the Met Council land use advisory council position remains open. If so, details on the position will be given to members of the Planning Commission.

Building Official Report – Three permits were issued and eight closed in the month of May.

Police Report – Captain Wegener clarified the Mendota Heights Police Department was not notified by Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) prior to the closing of Highway 13. The closure is between Wachtler and Sylvandale Road and was caused by a slope failure. The initial report indicates this closure will remain through August or until MnDOT determines what went wrong and what repairs are needed.

In response to a citizen’s concern about traffic speed on Lexington Ave., police monitored traffic speed. Data from the traffic counter positioned on Lexington Ave. from April 12-19 noted an average speed of 31.6 miles per hour (MPH). Captain Wegener explained this did not disclose a significant area of concern.

A public safety planning session will be scheduled after Labor Day and would be a work session and not part of a regular council meeting.

City Attorney Report – No report.

Engineer’s Report – Jennifer Koehler reported the sanitary lift station pumps have been clogged by rags/sheets again; twice in the last month. She encouraged the council to continue to educate residents and Lilydale Senior Living about what should and should not go into the sanitary sewer system.

Bryan Oakley notified Koehler that the grinder is installed but needs a component on the control panel prior to start up. The expected start-up date is now June 25.

A draft of the Bluff Runoff Management Plan is currently being reviewed internally by Barr staff. After Barr’s review it will be sent to the city administrator and MnDOT representatives for review and comment. Following both reviews a meeting/workshop will be scheduled to discuss the draft plan.

Councilmember Hanzal noted that a fence along the Big Rivers Regional Trail (BRRT) is missing. Ms. Koehler was uncertain why the fence was missing. Dakota County manages the BRRT and Koehler offered to contact Dakota County on why the fencing was removed.

Councilmember Hanzal also inquired about some sink holes on the Mullarky Trail. Barr recently received some utility requests for the Bruno property and, although Koehler was uncertain of where the holes were in relation to the utility work, she would follow up.

May Financial Report – The financial reports for May were presented. Deposits were primarily first quarter sewer and stormwater payments, permits and Northern Dakota County Cable Commission franchise fee. Disbursements included membership renewals for the city administrator and routine payments. Councilmember Hanzal requested credit card detail on the disbursement report. A footnote will be added to next month’s report.

Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Cornell to approve the May 2024 financial reports. Motion carried 5-0.

Lilydale Art Show– City administrator Tollefson summarized the two-day event, the budget and expenses incurred. The expense was primarily for the design and printing of the posters; \$550 of the \$750 budget was spent. Mayor Diehl shared his thoughts that, even though it was not well attended, it was a positive community event. Mayor Diehl stated Mr. Wallace honored his promise to Ms. Francis to promote her work as an artist in the community where she grew up. Ms. Tollefson was recognized for her hard work in promoting the event.

History Committee – Councilmember Kleinman reported the committee met with Vicki Albu to specifically talk about funding opportunities and upcoming dates to submit applications. Ms. Albu provided a list of anticipated charges for the project. Councilmember Kleinman acknowledged additional funds would be needed to retain her assistance.

With no objection, Mayor Diehl suggested referring this matter to the Finance Committee for review of the budget and to look at other sources for funding, including the conduit bond fee.

Resolution No. 2024-09, Accepting Donation of Carolyn Francis Paintings – Moved by Councilmember Kleinman and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve Resolution No. 2024-09, Accepting Donation of Carolyn Francis Paintings. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Diehl reported:

- He will be attending a mayors meeting on Tuesday to talk about issues that cities may have.
- Our liaison to Xcel Energy, Kirstin Sversland, Xcel community relations manager, is no longer with the utility company.
- A franchise tax levied by the city of Mendota Heights appeared on some billing to Lilydale residents. Xcel has corrected its records to show Lilydale addresses, the tax has been removed, and corrected bills were issued.
- DARTS provides social services for older adults in and around Dakota County and has requested cities to adopt a resolution recognizing its 50th anniversary. It will be included on next month's agenda.
- Met Council census data shows 606 housing units in Lilydale, 93% occupied, and a total population of 822.
- Dakota County Veterans Services and Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon are hosting an open house on June 14, Flag Day, recognizing Minnesota veterans.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Tollefson, City Clerk