

LILYDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 9, 2019

Present – Mayor Warren Peterson; Council Members John Diehl, Lyle Hanzal, William Kleinman and Anita Pampusch; Mary Schultz, City Clerk

Also Present –Mike O’Brien, attorney

The city council meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by Mayor Peterson.

Agenda – Councilmember Diehl requested the topic of transportation be added to the agenda. **Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve the agenda as revised. Motion carried 4-0.**

Public Comments – None

August 12, 2019 City Council Minutes – Councilmember Diehl suggested the third paragraph in the Engineer Report be changed to “Weiss acknowledged the city council’s request for a long-range plan for storm sewer and sanitary sewer and that he was asked to assess the project...” **Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Diehl to approve the August 12, 2019 City Council Minutes with the corrections made. Motion carried 4-0.**

Building Official Report – No report.

Police Report – No report.

Transportation – Councilmember Diehl expressed concern with the City of St. Paul’s plan to reconfigure Ayd Mill Road from four traffic lanes to one lane in each direction and replacing the other two lanes with a bikeway. As an important transportation route for people from the south metro accessing St. Paul businesses, he feels the change could be insufficient to handle the traffic. He suggested the City of Lilydale send a letter to the City of St. Paul stating our concerns and urging the city to be cautious in moving forward with the plan. The city council directed Clerk Schultz to prepare a letter to be signed by Mayor Peterson.

Engineer Report – No report.

Councilmember Kleinman arrived at 4:57 p.m.

Resolution 19-6 Approving Proposed 2020 Budget & Levy – The proposed budget and levy was discussed. Mayor Peterson noted significant increases to police and fire expenses of \$11,928 and 15,685 respectively.

Mayor Peterson stated he feels the city is in a good financial position. The 2018 year end general fund balance was \$527,000. The general fund current balance is \$452,000 and the second half 2019 property taxes will be received in December. The city hall will be paid off in February 2022. The

2021 levy will be the last time we will need to budget \$40,000 for the city hall debt service payment.

Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve Resolution 19-6 approving the proposed 2020 budget in the amount of \$626,415 and a levy in the amount of \$542,590. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to hold a public meeting to discuss the 2020 budget and levy on December 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk's Report – Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve the August financial reports. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Peterson read a letter from the League of Minnesota Cities honoring Representative Rick Hansen as a Legislator of Distinction for 2019. Rep. Hansen was among 34 Minnesota Lawmakers recognized with this honor by the League of Minnesota Cities.

The letter read, in part: League staff and member city officials appreciate your accessibility and your consultation with us on legislation impacting cities. Specifically, the League appreciates you championing legislation to provide \$1 million in grant funding for cities to deal with emerald ash borer. Furthermore, you were consistently aware of city concerns during environmental policy and budget discussions.

It was proposed that a letter of commendation be sent to Rep. Hansen to congratulate him and thank him for his service to the City of Lilydale. In addition, news of Rep. Hansen's honor will be included in the next city newsletter.

Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Pampusch to send a letter of commendation to Rep. Hansen. Motion carried 5-0. Councilmember Diehl will draft the letter.

Attorney Report – Attorney O'Brien announced he will be retiring. His last city council meeting will be November 12, 2019. He noted he has been the city's attorney since 1976.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Final copy reviewed by:

Mary Schultz, City Clerk

Warren Peterson, Mayor

Date