

LILYDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 12, 2020

Present – Mayor Warren Peterson and Councilmembers John Diehl, Lyle Hanzal, Bill Kleinman and Anita Pampusch; Mary Schultz, City Clerk and Kathy Mutch, administrative assistant

Also Present – Bridget Nason, city attorney (via phone); Police Captain Wayne Wagener, Mendota Heights Police Department; Jim Langseth and Bryan Oakley, Barr Engineering; and Ed Iago, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

The city council meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Peterson.

Agenda – Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Pampusch to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments – No comments.

Public Hearing – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4 Permit) – Jim Langseth facilitated the annual public hearing to review the city’s stormwater pollution prevention program. The program assures municipalities are implementing best practices to reduce and minimize pollution of stormwater. Langseth noted he is waiting for a new “general” permit application that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency creates every five years or so. The new “general” permit was due in 2018 and he believes it remains in development.

Langseth provided a handout from the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services reporting daily water flow from May 11- July 20, 2020. During that period there were two 2” rainfall events, neither which came close to our allowed peak. In comparison, a July 15, 2019 rainfall of 1.10” came very close to hitting the peak. Prior to 2014 Lilydale routinely exceed our allowed peak. He noted the efforts by the city and property owners has significantly reduced the amount of inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system.

At an earlier meeting the council authorized Barr to review and update the relevant ordinances. Work on creating a regulatory mechanism through the ordinances has begun. Langseth asked for input and/or comments on storm water issues. No comments were made by community members. The hearing closed at 4:54 p.m.

September 14, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes – Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 city council meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Engineer Report – Brian Oakley reviewed progress during the past month on the Lilydale lift station project. He explained the format of his October 10th memorandum will be his template to update the council throughout the project. The site survey has been completed and he expects to receive files on the completed survey and begin on some design work. The geotechnical work is planned but not yet scheduled. The work requires a variance from the Minnesota Department of Health due to drilling beneath the power lines. The next step is to prepare some general arrangement drawings and have further discussion with Dakota County, Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Council Environment Services. He pointed out the schedule as outlined in his memo would be the fastest the work could be completed.

Police Report – Captain Wagener reported 61 calls in the city of Lilydale. He noted thefts of election signs and indicated motor vehicle thefts are a metro-wide concern at this time.

Building Official Report – Building report showed 11 building permits were issued and 5 closed in September.

Attorney Report – No report.

Resolution 2020-15 - Ed Iago, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon business liaison, reported representatives from the cities of Lilydale, Mendota, West St. Paul and Mendota Heights met in 2019 to consider forming one Beyond the Yellow Ribbon network in order to expand the area of support to veterans and their families. An action plan was compiled and an application was submitted to the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs. The action plan was approved in September 2020 and the partnership will now be known as the “Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Network”. Mr. Iago reported he is attending each city’s council meeting to ask for support and approval of the new designation.

A formal proclamation is scheduled for November 11 at the VFW in Mendota with more information to follow.

Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve Resolution 2020-15 Supporting the Designation of the Northern Dakota County Chapter of the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Veterans and Service Family Network. Motion carried 5-0.

State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Agreement – The cooperative purchasing venture is a joint powers agreement and the agreement gives cities an opportunity to purchase goods and services under contracts set up by the State of Minnesota. There is no cost for membership and the program. **Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve membership in the Cooperative purchasing Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor Peterson will execute the cooperative agreement on behalf of the city of Lilydale.

Clerk’s Report – Clerk Schultz presented the financial reports for September 2020. The deposits included several permits, funds from Dakota County for the recycling grant and a gambling contribution. Disbursements were routine including mayor’s association, general dues and some virtual training classes.

Mayor Peterson asked the council to consider closing the Bluff Restoration Project fund with a balance of \$620.09. Funds were given to Great River Greening, a non-profit organization, for bluff restoration a few years ago. Mayor Peterson inquired if the council could give the remaining funds to Great River Greening and asked if a resolution by the city council would be needed. Attorney Nason confirmed a resolution could be made to donate the funds.

Councilmember Diehl questioned if the city was allowed to make such a charitable donation and asked for additional information on who would receive the funds. City administrator Schultz was directed to confirm Great River Greening is a 501c3 entity.

Moved by Mayor Peterson and seconded by Councilmember Pampusch to give the funds to Great River Greening, a nonprofit organization. If Great River Greening is holding funds in anticipation of work that has not been done, Great River Greening may retain the funds and is given permission to use the funds for other good work. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the September 2020 financial reports as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

CARES Project – Councilmember Diehl updated the council on his efforts to set up a COVID-19 testing event for Lilydale residents. Attorney Nason confirmed expenses related to the testing would be an appropriate expense under the CARES Act. Dakota County Health Department has testing set up and Diehl is looking into their willingness to assist with such an event in Lilydale. He has also reached out to Fairview and Health East

and is waiting to hear back from both companies. Councilmember Diehl asked for approval to continue his efforts to set up testing and use CARES funds understanding expenses related to testing need to be submitted to Dakota County by mid-November to qualify for reimbursement.

Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve going forward to set up screening/testing and to use CARES funds for the project. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor's Report – The Dakota County Historical Society is looking for a trustee. The DCCHS is an organization promotes the history and cultural diversity of Dakota County. Mayor Peterson proposed the opportunity to serve on the Dakota County Historical Society board be included in an upcoming newsletter. Mayor Peterson read an excerpt from a publication of the Dakota County Historical Society written by Dave Byrne, Lilydale local historian.

Adjournment – **Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Final copy reviewed by:

Mary Schultz, City Clerk

Warren Peterson, Mayor

Date