



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 15, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Present: Mayor: Randy Gilbert; Council: Sam Rettinger, Sharon Henderson, Ben Goodwin, and Jim Benson

Staff Present: City Administrator: Steve Stahmer; City Attorney: Joel Jamnik; City Engineer: Toby Muse; Finance Director: Terry Post; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

*A motion was made by Benson, seconded by Henderson, to approve the Agenda as presented.
Ayes: all.*

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of April 1, 2008 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of April 1, 2008 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Approve Issuance of a Residential Kennel Permit to Tori Leger, 2165 Grand Avenue
- E. Receive Finance Director's First Quarter 2008 Financial Report
- F. Approve Minutes of March 11, 2008 Joint City Council and Planning Commission Meeting
- G. Adopt Ordinance No. 2008-04 Amending Chapter 8, Article 5: Sign Regulations of the City Code of Ordinances
- H. Approve Contract with Shaughnessy Lawn Care for the 2008 Lawn Service

A motion was made by Rettinger, seconded by Goodwin, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Cindy Borgert, 570-1/2 Brown Road N

Ms. Borgert wished City Clerk Moeller a happy birthday.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Special Assessment Hearing: 2008 Street Improvement Project

Stahmer reported that at the March 6, 2008 City Council meeting, the Council ordered the assessment hearing for the 2008 Street Improvement Project to be held April 15, 2008. Bids and specifications were accepted by the City Council on April 1, 2008, and the City Engineer was directed to advertise the project for bids.

The total proposed assessment amounts to \$247,710. Thus far, only one formal objection had been submitted.

Remaining project milestones include a bid opening on or around May 6, 2008, award of the contract on May 20, with construction to begin in June 2008.

Mayor Gilbert opened the public hearing at 7:06 pm.

Mayor, Council member, and Toby Muse, representing SEH, responded to the following questions posed by residents about the project:

Bob Kvale, 2164 Neilson Avenue, asked whether there would be a vinyl underlay under the new roadway or a gravel sub-base only; whether storm sewer would be installed and drainage improvements made; how many storm sewers would be installed; how driveways would be restored; and how mailboxes would be addressed during the project.

Alex Wikstrom, 134 Inglewood Street, asked if the fence he has on his property would need to be taken and removed temporarily during the project.

Marge Kvale, 2164 Neilson Avenue, asked if water and sewer would be replaced if needed; if the assessment amount would be reduced should the project cost be less than anticipated; and whether it was a certainty that the project would occur.

Mayor Gilbert closed the public hearing at 7:18 pm.

City Attorney Jamnik noted for the record that one written appeal had been received from Steven Schmitt. Having reviewed the appeal, there was no recommendation for any change to the Council's proposed assessment and adoption of the resolution. He indicted the assessment notice mailed to residents addressed the appeals process as well.

Finance Director Post reviewed the different payment options available for payment of the assessments.

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Goodwin, to approve Resolution No. 2008-20 adopting the assessment for the 2008 Street Improvement Project. Ayes: all.

Note: The consultant presenting the Wayzata Boulevard Landscaping plan had not yet arrived to the meeting. Mayor and Council proceeded with Other Business.

OTHER BUSINESS

Orchard Circle – For the benefit of residents on Orchard Circle, Mayor Gilbert stated the City is aware of the issues with the condition of the roadway. The spring season had caused Orchard Circle to explode in a section and will require repair. Council and staff asked that residents take their garbage to the corner until a plan for repair was in place. A work session will be held to discuss both Orchard Circle and another area similarly affected.

Scheduling a Work Session Meeting – Mayor Gilbert said he thought the Council should have another public meeting for the community to see the draft Wayzata Boulevard landscaping plan. Stahmer asked if Council would be available for a work session on Tuesday, April 29 at 5:30 pm.

Agenda items would include a discussion of redevelopment sites in the downtown area; a discussion on charitable gambling and a policy of providing financial support to special events; and a discussion on how to lengthen the life of Orchard Circle and make it navigable. Council members all indicated they would be available at the date and time suggested.

Payment From Mn/DOT – Finance Director Post reported that the previous Friday, the City had received a significant payment from Mn/DOT as a result of the utility Phase 2 agreement that ended in 2006. Most of the funds will go to SEH in payment for outstanding payables.

I and I – Public Works Director Wurzer said that the Department was working on starting I and I related projects. RFP's had been sent out to companies for sewer cleaning and televising in District 4, which would be the primary infiltration zone staff would be working to address this year.

Fire Relief Pancake Breakfast – Mayor Gilbert reminded everyone of the Long Lake Fire Relief Association all you can eat pancake and french toast breakfast being held on Sunday, April 20 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. He encouraged people to come by, meet the Fire Chief, and support the department. Mayor Gilbert also noted he had introduced the new Chief at a recent Orono Council meeting, and was pleased that the Chief was very well received by the Orono Council and staff.

Wayzata Boulevard Landscaping: Presentation, Discussion, Approval of Final Design
Brady Halvorson, landscape architect with SEH, explained why the way the utility lines in the corridor were laid was only recently discovered in detail, largely due to a difference in the type of locates that could be conducted in the varying weather conditions. Mr. Halvorson provided a handout showing the location of utilities and discussed how it would affect the landscaping plan that had been developed. Due to significant changes that would be needed, it was requested that the Council discuss the modified design plan rather than to look at construction documents for final approval at the meeting. Mr. Halvorson handed out a modified design plan for review and discussed how the cost of the project would be affected.

Mayor, Council and staff discussed at length the different options available for landscaping along Wayzata Boulevard east of Martha Lane, due to the utility locations. Options for an entrance sign or wall were also discussed, as well as options for screening the prominent transformer box in the project area.

Mayor Gilbert asked Mr. Halvorson to provide mock-ups of some of the different options discussed for landscaping, the entrance sign, and screening of the transformer box.

Mr. Halvorson indicated he would work with staff to put some ideas together for the Council's review.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the meeting by general consent at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk