

SPECIAL WORK SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING ~ DECEMBER 18, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The special work session City Council meeting of the City of Little Falls was called to order by Council President Hanfler on December 18, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilmembers Hircock, Gosiak, Liljegren, Knafla, Hanson, Council President Hanfler, and Mayor Zylka were present. Councilmember Lundberg was absent. It was determined there was a quorum.

2. **PUBLIC FORUM**

a. Roy Schmidt, 1014 Southeast Fifth Avenue, reviewed his concerns with proactively preventing sewer line backups.

b. Robin Schmidt, 1014 Southeast Fifth Avenue, reviewed her concerns with her house possibly becoming uninsurable due to sewer backup.

c. Robin Hensel, 807 Southeast First Street, reviewed her concerns with the City Council's decisions in the future.

d. Aaron Olson, 601 Southeast Second Street, thanked City staff and Planning Commission for working with him on variance requests.

3. **BILLS DISCUSSION**

None.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION**

None.

5. **COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL ONLY ITEMS**

a. **Zoo Otter Exhibit** – Zoo Director, Marnita VanHoecke, reviewed the proposed otter exhibit at the Pine Grove Zoo and the request from the Friends of Pine Grove Zoo to fund the glass for the exhibit. Following discussions, it was the consensus of the City Council to add this item to the regular agenda for consideration.

b. **Employee Appreciation and Wellness Event** – City Administrator Radermacher reviewed a request to host an employee appreciation and wellness event. It was the consensus of the City Council to set January 20, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Little Falls Country Club as the venue to host an employee appreciation and wellness event.

c. **Garbage and Utility Rates** – City Administrator Radermacher reviewed a request from the garbage haulers for an increase in fees for the additional weight and for operating costs. City Administrator Radermacher further reviewed proposed increases to the water, sewer, recycling and storm water rates as discussed during the budgeting process. This item is on the regular agenda for consideration.

d. **Other**

1. Public Works Director Kimman reviewed two requests: 1] an intern at the Wastewater Treatment facility with the National Joint Powers Alliance reimbursing the City the intern wages; and 2] modeling Supplemental Letter with Short Elliot Hendrickson for Trunk Highway 27 Memorial Bridge grade crossing. Following discussions, it was the consensus of the City Council to add these items to the regular agenda for consideration.

2. Finance Officer Kasella notified the City Council the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust dividend refund has been received.

3. Councilmember Hanson reviewed that he would like to review Ward boundary.

4. **CONSTITUENT COMPLAINTS**

a. Councilmember Hanson received complaints on the lack of snow removal.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Hanfler adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Kasella