

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ~ FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Little Falls was called to order by Council President Hircock on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilmembers Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Storlie, Hanson, Gosiak, and Council President Hircock were present. Mayor Zylka was absent. It was determined there was a quorum.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilmember Gosiak, seconded by Councilmember Knafla to approve the agenda of February 18, 2020, as presented. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilmember Storlie, seconded by Councilmember Liljegren to approve the City Council minutes of the special work session meeting of February 3, 2020; and the regular meeting of February 3, 2020, as presented. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Motion was made by Councilmember Storlie, seconded by Councilmember Lundberg to approve the bills totaling \$1,764,189.60 for check numbers 102077 through 102166. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**5. AWARDS, DONATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilmember Hanson, seconded by Councilmember Gosiak to take the following action on Consent Agenda items a. through f.:

- a. Received and placed on file the Animal Control report for January 2020; and
- b. Received and placed on file the Economic Development Authority minutes of January 2020; and
- c. Received and placed on file the Heritage Preservation Commission minutes of February 2020; and
- d. Approved On Sale and On Sale Sunday Liquor Licenses as requested by Sandra Ahrendt, Little Fiesta Lopez, LLC, dba Little Fiesta, 310 Northeast Twelfth Street, contingent upon the appropriate paperwork, insurance and fees being provided, and approval is granted by the Police Chief and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division; and
- e. Received and placed on file the Recycling report for November 2019; and
- f. Received and placed on file the Wastewater report for January 2020.

Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND LETTINGS**

**a. Public Hearing**

1. **Surface and/or Utility Improvements, Sunrise 3, Resolution 2020-15, Order in Public Improvement 386** – Council President Hircock opened a scheduled public hearing at 7:35 p.m. to consider ordering in surface and/or utility improvements to the proposed Sunrise Addition 3. Public Works Director/Engineer Kimman presented the affidavit of publication, reviewed the proposed improvements, and presented a letter from the J & M Developers. There being no comments, Council President Hircock closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. Councilmember Storlie then introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 2020-15, a Resolution Ordering in Surface and/or Utility Improvements for Public Improvement 386, [i.e. Sunrise Addition 3]. Councilmember Lundberg seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: Zylka [absent]. Council President Hircock then declared said Resolution 2020-15 to have received the majority vote of the City Council to have been duly passed, approved and adopted.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Mayor's Appointment, James Birchem, Planning Commission** – Motion was made by Councilmember Knafla, seconded by Councilmember Gosiak to approve Mayor Zylka's appointment of James Birchem to the Planning Commission with his term expiring January 31, 2023. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

b. **Ordinance No. 22, Seventh Series, Sale of Property, Yetzer Holdings, LLC** – Councilmember Gosiak introduced Ordinance No. 22, Seventh Series, an Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Sale of Property legally described as: Lots 1 through 8 inclusive, Block 32, and Lot 1, Block 33, and the vacated part of Tenth Avenue Northwest lying between Lot 1, Block 32 and Block 33, all in Rhodes Addition; and the vacated portion of Third Street Northwest lying East of the centerline of said Third Street Northwest and lying South of the North line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW1/4 NE1/4) of Section 18, Township 129, Range 29, and lying North of the North line of Ninth Avenue Northwest including that part of the vacated Tenth Avenue Northwest lying within this description, all in Rhode's Addition, to Yetzer Holdings, LLC, for the sum of \$12,000.

c. **Resolution 2020-13, Orderly Annexation Agreement, Belle Prairie Township** – Councilmember Lundberg introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 2020-13, a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Orderly Annexation Agreement with Belle Prairie Township for 17502 Heron Road and the South 50 feet of the east one acres of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter [SW1/4 NW1/4] and the South 50 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter [SE1/4 NW1/4], Section 36, Township 41, Range 32. Councilmember Liljegren seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Liljegren, Lundberg, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, Gosiak, and Knafla. Nays: Zylka [absent]. Council President Hircock then declared said Resolution 2020-13 to have received the majority vote of the City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved and adopted.

d. **Resolution 2020-14, Amend Fee Schedule, Advertising Benches** – Councilmember Hanson introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 2020-14, a Resolution Amending the Fee Schedule by Amending the Advertising Benches. Councilmember Knafla seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Lundberg, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, Gosiak, Knafla, and Liljegren. Nays: Zylka [absent]. Council President Hircock then declared said Resolution 2020-14 to have received the majority vote of the City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved and adopted.

e. **Resolution 2020-16, Accept Feasibility Report and Call for Public Hearing, Eighth Avenue Southwest** – Councilmember Gosiak introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 2020-16, a Resolution Accepting the Feasibility Report and Calling for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Surface and/or Utility Improvements on Eighth Avenue Southwest between Eighth and Ninth Streets Southwest, Public Improvement 383. Councilmember Storlie seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, Gosiak, Knafla, Liljegren, and Lundberg. Nays: Zylka [absent]. Council President Hircock then declared said Resolution 2020-16 to have received the majority vote of the City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved and adopted.

f. **Resolution 2020-17, Accept Feasibility Report and Call for Public Hearing, Non-Petitioned Projects, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Avenues Southwest** – Councilmember Storlie introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 2020-17, a Resolution Accepting the Feasibility Report and Calling for a Public Hearing on the Non-Petitioned Proposed Surface and/or Utility Improvements on Sixth Avenue Southwest between Seventh and Ninth Streets Southwest; and on Seventh Avenue Southwest between Eighth and Ninth Streets Southwest; and on Eighth Avenue Southwest between Seventh and Eighth Street Southwest, Public Improvement 383. Councilmember Knafla seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Storlie, Hanson, Gosiak, Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, and Hircock. Nays: Zylka [absent]. Council President Hircock then declared said Resolution 2020-17 to have received the majority vote of the City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved and adopted.

g. **Recommendation of Interview Committee, Appoint Marcus Fruechte, Park Maintenance Worker** – Motion was made by Councilmember Gosiak, seconded by Councilmember Storlie to accept the recommendation of the Interview Committee and appoint Marcus Fruechte to the Park Maintenance Worker position at Step 1 for the

appropriate Pay Grade per the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49, Labor Agreement, contingent upon satisfactory completing a background investigation, agility test, medical examination, drug/alcohol testing, effective as soon as he is able to start. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

h. **License Agreement, Mala Mills, LLC, Access to Block 3, Yoerg's Subdivision** – Motion was made by Councilmember Gosiak, seconded by Councilmember Hanson to authorize the execution of a License Agreement between the City of Little Falls, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Little Falls, and Mala Mills, LLC, for the use of a portion of Block 3, Yoerg's Subdivision. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

10. **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS ON CITY AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, BUREAUS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. Councilmember Lundberg announced that the Park, Recreation and Tree Board meeting is at 12:00 noon on February 21, 2020, in the Conference Room at City Hall.

b. Councilmember Storlie reviewed an OurTown 56345 meeting he attended.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Hircock adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Wendy J. Zylka