

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ~ JULY 6, 2021; AND
CLOSED CITY COUNCIL MEETING ~ JULY 6, 2021

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, July 6, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers Liljegren, Lundberg, Storlie, Hanson, Gosiak, Council President Hircock, and Mayor Zylka were present. Councilmember Knafla was absent. It was determined there was a quorum.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilmember Storlie, seconded by Councilmember Liljegren to approve the agenda of July 6, 2021, as presented. Ayes: Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilmember Hanson, seconded by Councilmember Storlie to approve the City Council minutes of the special work session meeting of June 21, 2021; the regular meeting of June 21, 2021, as presented. Ayes: Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

4. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Motion was made by Councilmember Gosiak, seconded by Councilmember Storlie to approve the bills totaling \$914,820.28 for check numbers 105021 through 105086. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

a. **Award**

1. **Mid-Century Reconnaissance Architectural Site Survey, Certified Local Government Grant Award, Minnesota Department of Administration** – Motion was made by Mayor Zylka, seconded by Councilmember Lundberg to receive the notification of the Heritage Preservation Commission's grant award of \$17,150 to conduct a Mid-Century Reconnaissance Architectural History Survey through the Minnesota Department of Administration, State Historic Preservation Office. Ayes: Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilmember Storlie, seconded by Mayor Zylka to take the following action on Consent Agenda items a. through d.:

a. Approved to the Minnesota Charitable Gambling Control Board, an Application for Exempt Permit as requested by Morrison County Ducks Unlimited to conduct a raffle at the Little Falls Golf Course on August 20, 2021, and further waived any waiting period; and

b. Received and placed on file the Heritage Preservation Commission minutes of June 2021; and

c. Affirmed no changes to Policy 74, Data Practices; and

d. Approved a Special Event Permit requested by the Camp Ripley Veterans State Trail Committee for a bike ride event to be held on September 25, 2021, from Crow Wing State Park to Lindbergh State Park, contingent upon the approval by the Police Chief and the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

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

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND LETTINGS**

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Residential Recycling, Republic Services** (Postponed from 05/17/21 and June 21, 2021, and continued from June 21, 2021) – Motion was made by Councilmember Hanson, seconded by Councilmember Liljegren to reject staff's recommendation to negotiate a contract with Republic Services, Sauk Rapids, and authorize staff to negotiate with Bob LeMieur Rolloffs Refuse and Recycling, Little Falls. As Councilmember Hanson was not a member of the vote in the negative on this motion at the June 21, 2021, meeting, no vote may be taken. Following additional discussion, motion was made by Councilmember

Gosiak, seconded by Councilmember Storlie to reject all four requests for proposals received on the residential curb side collection and reauthorize the request for proposals following additional criteria being developed and added. Ayes: Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, and Gosiak. Nays: Hanson. Motion carried.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Petition, Water and Sanitary Sewer Extensions, Circle Drive** – Motion was made by Councilmember Liljegren, seconded by Councilmember Storlie to receive a petition requesting the installation of water and sanitary sewer extensions on Circle Drive, instructed staff to verify signatures, and further forward to the Public Works Director/Engineer for review and a recommendation. Ayes: Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

b. **Water Tower Rehabilitation Contract Amendment, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.** – Motion was made by Mayor Zylka, seconded by Councilmember Lundberg to approve the contract amendment with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., St. Paul, totaling \$7,823.06 for the additional work required due to the damage resulting from Viking Industrial Painting, LLC's, abrasive blast cleaning of the west water tower, to be charged to the Project. Ayes: Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

a. Mayor Zylka and Councilmember Gosiak report that they continue to get complaints on blighted properties and there clean up.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. Council President Hircock announced that the Planning Commission will be holding two public hearings on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall to consider a variance request by Christopher and Heather Bell; and a conditional use permit request by Christopher and Elana Harakal.

b. Councilmember Lundberg inquired as to a policy of the City planting trees within the boulevard following a road improvement project.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

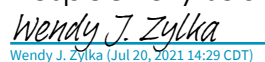
Council President Hircock recessed the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Council President Hircock reopened the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hanson, seconded by Councilmember Lundberg to recess at 7:53 p.m. to the scheduled closed meeting under Minnesota Statute Chapter 13D.05, Subdivision 3(c), to determine the asking price, to develop, to consider offers or counteroffers for real property described as Parcel No. 48.0895.000 and the railroad rights-of-way from Third Avenue Northeast to 183rd Street. Ayes: Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Gosiak, seconded by Councilmember Storlie to reopen the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Ayes: Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Council President Hircock adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy J. Zylka (Jul 20, 2021 14:29 CDT)

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