



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

6:00 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Kevin Voracek at 6:00 p.m. Councilors Sara Caron, Adama Doumbouya, Royal Ross, Peter van Sluis, Tom Spooner, and Chuck Thiele were in attendance. Also in attendance were City Administrator Tim Murray, City Clerk Heather Slechta, Parks and Recreation Director Paul Peanasky, City Engineer Mark DuChene, Fire Chief Dustin Dienst and Police Chief John Sherwin.

Presentations/Introductions

2023 Police Officer's Memorial Day and Police Week Proclamation

Mayor Voracek presented the Police Officer's Memorial Day and Police Week Proclamation to Police Chief John Sherwin.

Approve minutes of the April 25, 2023 City Council Meeting and the May 2, 2023 Special City Council Meeting

Motion by Ross, seconded by Spooner to approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2023 City Council Meeting and the May 2, 2023 Special City Council Meeting and carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- A. List of Claims for Release
- B. Resolution 2023-091 Approve Street Closures and Use of North Alexander Park for Run Baby Race
- C. Approve LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for Rice County Pheasants Forever Chapter 0821
- D. Resolution 2023-093 Accept Donations Made to the City of Faribault
- E. Resolution 2023-096 Approve Street Closure for DMCS Touch-A-Truck Event and Bike Rodeo
- F. Approve Quote to Replace Flooring at City Hall
- G. Resolution 2023-098 Approve Acquisition of 422 Park Avenue (PID 18.36.2.01.041) and Authorize the Execution of the Purchase Agreement
- H. Resolution 2023-099 Approve Revised 2023 Fees, Charges and Utility Rates
- I. Resolution 2023-100 Approve Hiring Library Technician
- J. Resolution 2023-101 Approve Hiring Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
- K. Resolution 2023-095 Approve Hiring Property Maintenance and Fire Code Inspector
- L. Approve CIP Purchase - Pickup Truck
- M. Resolution 2023-094 Accept Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council Grant
- N. Approve LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for Catholic United Financial Council 13SS Lawrence/Anne

Motion by van Sluis, seconded by Doumbouya to approve Consent Agenda items A-N and carried unanimously.

Requests to be Heard – None

Public Hearings – None

Items for Discussion

Resolution 2023-097 Approve Plans and Specifications and Establish Bid Date for 2023 MSA Street Overlay Improvements - Contract 2023-03

City Engineer Mark DuChene explained that Resolution 2023-097 approves the construction plans and specifications for the proposed 2023 MSA Street Overlay improvements project (Contract 2023-03) by curb and gutter replacement, concrete sidewalk replacement, storm sewer repair, casting adjustment/replacement, pavement milling, bituminous paving, pavement markings, and related improvements on the following streets:

14th Street NW (2nd Avenue NW to Central Avenue)
2nd Avenue NW (4th Street NW to 14th Street NW)

The improvements were formally ordered by the City Council on April 11, 2023, upon the passage of Resolution 2023-075, following the Public Hearing. After the improvements were ordered, the Engineering Department finalized the plans and specifications in preparation of bidding for the improvements.

It is estimated that the total cost of the improvements will be \$1,520,000.00 including engineering fees and contingencies. The City was also awarded \$600,000 from the LRIP for the 2nd Avenue NW portion of the project.

MSA Funds	\$ 861,000.00	56.6%
LRIP Grant	\$ 600,000.00	39.5%
Water Utility Fund	\$ 21,000.00	1.4%
Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund	\$ 38,000.00	2.5%
Total	\$ 1,520,000.00	

The resolution also establishes a bid date of May 31, 2023 for the project. Construction is scheduled to begin in July, after Heritage Days, with substantial completion by the end of August 2023.

Councilor Ross asked what the traffic plans would be during the project, DuChene explained that the roads would remain open to traffic, with one intersection at a time being closed, there would be some interruption in traffic. Mayor Voracek requested that construction signs be placed in smart places to allow for vehicles to reroute themselves prior to getting into the construction zone.

Motion by Ross, seconded by van Sluis to approve Resolution 2023-097 Approve Plans and Specifications and Establish Bid Date for 2023 MSA Street Overlay Improvements - Contract 2023-03 and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2023-8 Amending Chapter 19 of the City Code of Ordinances regarding Mobile Food Units (Food Trucks) (Second Reading) and Approve Summary Publication of Ordinance 2023-8

City Administrator Tim Murray stated that the City Council discussed the development of regulations for mobile food units (food trucks), which were not specifically addressed in our current Code of Ordinances. Food trucks are licensed by the State of Minnesota, but cities do have the authority to regulate them locally as well.

Ordinance 2023-8 amends Chapter 19 - PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, adding a new section that outlines the operation of food trucks was reviewed at the Council Work Session on April 18, 2023 and was approved on first reading on April 25, 2023.

Since its first reading staff was contact by vendors requesting that the 21-day limit to operate in the City be changed to follow state statute that does not allow a vendor to be in the same spot for 21-days. The other change since first reading was to the clarify that licensing is not required "by the City".

Councilor Ross asked if the ordinance should include language stating that you can not be on the same PID for more than 21-days should be added, however, Staff did not think that would be necessary at this time.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Spooner to approve Ordinance 2023-8 Amending Chapter 19 of the City Code of Ordinances regarding Mobile Food Units (Food Trucks) (Second Reading)

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Councilor Caron, Doumbouya, Ross, van Sluis, Spooner, Thiele and Mayor Voracek

Nay:

Motion carried 7:0

Motion by van Sluis, seconded by Thiele to Approve Summary Publication of Ordinance 2023-8 and carried unanimously.

Bids - None

Boards and Commissions Reports, Announcements and Project Updates

Councilor Ross informed the Council that an open house for Carol Pearson, the newly hired Senior Center Director will be on May 19 at 9:30 a.m. at Buckham West.

Mayor Voracek stated that he met a few new Sage employees that moved here from Washington.

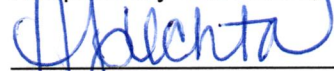
City Administrator Murray informed the Council that there will be a joint Rice County Commissioner/City Council Work Session next week to discuss a tax abatement request.

Adjournment

Motion by Ross, seconded by Doumbouya to adjourn the City Council meeting and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather Slechta
City Clerk