



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23,
2024

6:00 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Kevin Voracek at 6:00 p.m. Councilors in attendance included Sara Caron, Peter van Sluis, Tom Spooner and Chuck Thiele. Councilors Adama Doumbouya and Royal Ross were absent. Also in attendance were City Administrator Jessica Kinser, City Clerk Heather Slechta, Community and Economic Development Director David Wanberg, Public Works Director Travis Block, Police Chief John Sherwin, Parks and Recreation Director Paul Peanasky and City Attorney Scott Riggs.

Approve Agenda

Motion by van Sluis, seconded by Thiele to approve the agenda with the addition of 3C. Introduction of Leslie McGillivray-Rivas to Presentations/Introductions and carried unanimously.

Presentations/Introductions

Presentation of Plaques to Mayor Voracek and Council member Sara Caron

Plaques were presented to Mayor Voracek and Councilor Sara Caron thanking them for their years of service to the City of Faribault.

Proclamation for Rich Arendts

Mayor Voracek presented a proclamation to Rich Arendts for his induction to the VNEA Hall of Fame.

Introduction of Leslie McGillivray-Rivas – Planner I

Community and Economic Development Director David Wanberg introduced Leslie McGillivray-Rivas, City Planner I.

Approve minutes of the December 10, 2024 City Council Meeting and the December 10, 2024 Special City Council Meeting – Closed Session

Motion van Sluis, seconded by Caron to Approve minutes of the December 10, 2024 City Council Meeting and the December 10, 2024 Special City Council Meeting - Closed Session and carried unanimously.

Requests to be Heard – None

Consent Agenda

- A. List of Claims for Release
- B. Resolution 2024-257 Approve Hiring Community Services Officer
- C. Resolution 2025-258 Adopt 2025 Snow & Ice Control Guidelines
- D. Resolution 2024-259 Authorize the No Child Left Inside Grant Application
- E. Resolution 2024-260 Approve Minnesota Department of Transportation Aeronautic Equipment Grant Application
- F. Approve Return to Work and Light Duty Policy

Motion by Thiele, seconded by Caron to approve Consent Agenda items A-F and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings – None

Items for Discussion

Ordinance 2024-17 Establishing Regulations Related to Cannabis and Hemp Businesses in the City of Faribault - Second Reading and Approve Ordinance 2024-17 Summary Publication

City Clerk Heather Slechta explained that on December 10, 2024, the City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 2024-17 Establishing Regulations Related to Cannabis and Hemp Businesses in the City of Faribault. Since that time, there have been no comments from the public or changes made to the ordinance.

Motion by van Sluis, seconded by Caron to approve Ordinance 2024-17 Establishing Regulations Related to Cannabis and Hemp Businesses in the City of Faribault - Second Reading

Roll Call:

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

Nay:

Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Caron, seconded by Thiele to approve Ordinance 2024-17 Summary Publication and carried unanimously.

Approve Ordinance 2024-21 Approve a Zoning Map Amendment for 739 Willow St - Second Reading and Approve Ordinance 2024-21 Summary Publication

Leslie McGillivray-Rivas – Planner I, stated that on December 10, 2024, the Faribault City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 2024-21, which proposes a zoning map amendment at 739 Willow St from R-3 to C-1. The City received no comments from the public nor made substantive changes to the ordinance since the first reading.

Motion by Thiele, seconded by van Sluis to Approve Ordinance 2024-21 Approve a Zoning Map Amendment for 739 Willow St - Second Reading

Roll Call:

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

Nay:

Motion carried 5:0

Motion by Caron, seconded van Sluis to approve Ordinance 2024-21 Summary Publication and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-22 Approve a Zoning Text Amendment to Allow Cannabis Businesses in Certain Zoning Districts - Second Reading and Approve Ordinance 2024-22 Summary Publication

Leslie McGillivray-Rivas – Planner I, explained that on December 10, 2024, the Faribault City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 2024-22, which proposes amending the zoning ordinance to include cannabis business uses, definitions, and proximity limitations near schools. The City received no comments from the public nor made substantive changes to the ordinance since the first reading.

Motion by Caron, seconded by van Sluis to approve Ordinance 2024-22 Approve a Zoning Text Amendment to Allow Cannabis Businesses in Certain Zoning Districts - Second Reading

Roll Call:

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

Nay:

Motion carried 5:0

Motion by Caron, seconded by Thiele to Approve Ordinance 2024-22 Summary Publication and carried unanimously.

Bids - None

Boards and Commissions Reports, Announcements and Project Updates

Mayor Voracek stated that it was a pleasure being the Mayor of Faribault, he met people and had a great experience and some not so great experiences. He thanked the staff and the Council. Councilor Caron said thank you.

Adjournment

Motion by Caron, seconded by Thiele to adjourn the City Council meeting and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Heather Slechta

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Heather Slechta
City Clerk