

**DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, March 9, 2020
7:00 p.m. Dundas City Hall**

Present: Mayor Glenn Switzer; Councilors Larry Fowler, Grant Modory, Chad Pribyl

Absent: Councilor John Cruz

Staff Present: City Attorney Paula Callies, City Engineer John Powell, Administrator/Clerk Jenelle Teppen, Deputy Clerk Linda Ripka

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Switzer called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION/FORUM

Josh Ramaker, Rice County Public Health T21

Ramaker shared new Federal Tobacco 21 Law stating illegal to sell cigarettes, cigars and e-cigarettes to anyone under 21 and until the State and localities passes policies, it is not enforceable. He reviewed Northfield T21 compliancy along with fines to licensees and licensee training. Ramaker reviewed Vaping and E-cigarettes in Rice County noting students for eleventh graders raking 12 to 25% in surrounding school districts. He also shared stats marijuana and flavored tobacco use high on those students who use tobacco. Ramaker stated education is the key to getting to students and parents.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Fowler, second by Pribyl, to approve agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Pribyl, second by Fowler, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Regular Minutes of February 24, 2020;

Call for Public Hearing March 19, 2020, regarding Preliminary Plat with Waiver of Full Requirements from 116 Depot Street North;

Call for Public Hearing for March 19, 2020, regarding Ordinance Amendment request from 208 County Road 1 East;

New ATV Application submitted by Steven Kvernmo;

Consider RFP for 2020-21 Lawn Mowing and Rough Cut Mowing;

Professional Contractors* Payment No. 6 City Hall Project - \$312,628.85;

Swenke Ims Pay Voucher No. 3 - \$17,760.00;

Disbursements - \$408,665.21. MCU

OLD BUSINESS – No old business before Council

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider Proposed Vacation of Utility Easement No. 1 in the City of Northfield

Open Public: Mayor Switzer opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. to consider a proposed Vacation of Utility Easement No. 1 in the City of Northfield as submitted by

Staff Presentation – Attorney Callies stated matter was presented to City by the property owner and gave the history starting in 1967 with eminent domain concerning the easement. She stated later the City release the agreement but in order to proceed with sale of property they need release of easement.

Applicant Comment – No comment received.

Public Comment – No public comment received.

Closed Public Hearing: Mayor Switzer closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2020-08 A Resolution Approving Vacation of Utility Easement No. 1 in the City of Northfield, Rice County, Minnesota

Motion by Fowler, second by Modory, to approve Resolution 2020-08. MCU

Resolution 2020-09 A Resolution Approving Modified Third Amendment to the Northfield Rural Fire Protection District Joint Powers Agreement and Approval of Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement

Motion by Modory, second by Switzer, to approve Resolution 2020-09. Administrator Teppen reviewed amended items as relate to timing of budget materials. Chair of NAFRS Elizabeth Haase reviewed the four items addressed in the amendment. **MCU**

Resolution 2020-10 A Resolution Supporting Legislation Authorizing Infrastructure Development Fees

Motion by Modory, second by Pribyl, to approve Resolution 2020-10. Administrator Teppen reviewed the Resolution to allow cities to collect fees from developers to help pay for any future investments. Attorney Callies stated as an example the need for legislative action to not to rely on property taxes to pay for development-related infrastructure. **MCU**

Resolution 2020-11 A Resolution in Support of MnDOT’s Request for State General Funds for a Corridor Study of Regional Passenger Rail Service Connecting South Central Minnesota and The Twin Cities on Existing Rail Line Through Northfield

Motion by Fowler, second by Pribyl, to approve Resolution 2020-11. Administrator Teppen explained it is a pathway to Faribault. Council discussed effect on Dundas. **MCU**

Resolution 2020-12 A Resolution Approving a Nuisance Violation at 210 County Road 1 East and Ordering Abatement

Motion by Fowler, second by Modory, to approve Resolution 2020-12. Administrator Teppen reviewed three pictures taken on this date on what remains concerning piles of debris. Attorney Callies stated the resolution allows fining to the property. **MCU**

Resolution 2020-13 A Resolution Approving a Nuisance Violation at 207 Spring Wheat Drive and Ordering Abatement

Motion by Mdory, second by Pribyl, to approve Resolution 2020-13. Administrator Teppen reviewed current pictures on what remains on property along with noting no response has been received from the owner. Councilor Modory concern on time line on material for projects. **MCU**

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Appointing Sarah Hubacher as a Full-Time Police Officer

Motion by Fowler, second by Switzer, to approve hiring of Sarah Hubacher as a full-time police officer pending required medical screening. Administrator Teppen stated position was posted, interviews were held and this candidate was recommended. She indicated employee has passed background check. **MCU**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

City Engineer – John Powell

Powell stated had a preconstruction meeting last week with Kwik Trip and DNR has completed the ground water well on County Road One.

Mayor, Councilors and Committees

Councilor Pribyl indicated ice rink is closed for the season and stated wasn’t used much this year.

WORK SESSION

Bridgewater Heights II Concept Plan for Multi-Family Units

Mark Guenther of Fenway Land Company presented another phase to the Bridgewater Height development noting after researching current housing needs, the single-family dwelling is what the marking is showing. He stated what is being proposed is two-car garages and three-car garages with narrower setbacks for low maintenance. He stated the Concept Plan designed as public streets and not an HOA with potential of 59 single family dwellings, slab on grade except four homes are walkouts. Engineer Powell suggested having the roadway constructed with a round-a-bout and discuss a park area. He stated City should look at completing the unpaved road outlet as only have one entrance coming into the area off on County Road One. Council discussed completing Highland Parkway road to 115th Street E.

ADJOURN

Motion by Pribyl, second by Fowler, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. MCU

Submitted by:

Attest:

Jenelle Teppen, Administrator/Clerk

Glenn Switzer, Mayor