

**REGULAR ANDOVER CITY COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 4, 2020
MINUTES**

The Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Andover City Council was called to order by Mayor Julie Trude, February 4, 2020, 7:06 p.m., at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, Minnesota.

Councilmembers present: Mike Knight, Valerie Holthus and Jamie Barthel

Councilmember absent: Sheri Bukkila

Also present: Director of Public Works/City Engineer, David Berkowitz
City Attorney, Scott Baumgartner
Others

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESIDENT FORUM

Dan Anderson, Crooked Lake Area Association Board Member, came forward and presented information about the Association. Mr. Anderson thanked the Council for the support they have given the Association. The Association sees the lake as a resource for the City and the County. Their goal is to keep the lake healthy, clean, and improve water quality. Mr. Anderson stated Crooked Lake is one of the cleanest lakes in the metro. They have had successful treatment and prevention efforts. The Association has a great partnership with the MNDNR for support and funding. Mr. Anderson stated the Association has two general meetings a year and the next meeting is on February 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Legacy Academy. Mr. Anderson gave each Councilmember a copy of their newsletter. Mr. Anderson explained the lake has an ice carousel of 101 feet. Mayor Trude stated she is impressed with the information in the newsletter and the work the Association has done to maintain the health of the lake.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Barthel, Seconded by Knight, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 14, 2020 Special Meeting: Correct as written.

Motion by Holthus, Seconded by Barthel, to approve the January 14, 2020 Special meeting

minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

January 16, 2020 Special Meeting: Correct as written.

Motion by Barthel, Seconded by Knight, to approve the January 16, 2020 Special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

January 21, 2020, Regular Meeting: Correct as amended.

Mayor Trude requested a change to page 9 line 31 and 32 adding the line: “All Councilmembers affirmed the position of not contributing funds to the Highway 10 expansion.”

Motion by Holthus, Seconded by Barthel, to approve the January 21, 2020 Regular meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Item 2 Approve Payment of Claims
- Item 3 Approve Request to Waive Tournament Fee for The Heroes Tourney/Tribute to MN Troops
- Item 4 Approve Resolution Revoking MSAS 139/Veterans Memorial Blvd. NW (formerly Tower Drive east of north/south section of Tower Drive) (See Resolution R011-20)
- Item 5 Approve Resolution Designating MSAS 137/Veterans Memorial Blvd. NW (formerly Tower Drive east of north/south section of Tower Drive) (See Resolution R012-20)
- Item 6 Approve Plans & Specs/Order Ad for Bids/19-19, Hills of Bunker Lk. West Park Trail Reconstruction/18-33, Kelsey Round Lake Park Trail Expansion/18-34, Andover Station North Trail Construction (See Resolution R013-20)
- Item 7 Adopt Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the Presidential Nomination Primary (See Resolution R014-20)
- Item 8 Appoint Chairperson/Vice Chairperson to Open Space Advisory Commission (OSAC)

Motion by Knight, Seconded by Barthel, to approve of the Consent Agenda as read. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER CITY CODE AMENDMENT/TITLE 5, CHAPTER 1D HONEY BEES

The City Council is requested to consider amending the Honey bee ordinance (Code 5-1D), which would allow beekeeping on lots smaller than 2 acres given certain criteria is met. The code would be amended to not require fences for all beekeeping operations in the City.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Berkowitz stated this item was tabled at the January 21, 2020 City Council meeting to address fencing standards. Mr. Berkowitz reviewed the changes to the ordinance to allow beekeeping on properties less than 2 acres but at least 125 feet from a neighboring property. Mr. Berkowitz explained the recommendation was to eliminate the need

for fencing around the beehive.

Councilmember Knight asked how the City would word it. Mr. Berkowitz stated the line indicating a fence would be struck out.

Motion by Knight, Seconded by Holthus, to Approve Ordinance 501 Amending City Code Title 5, Police Regulations, Chapter 1: Animal Control, Article D: Honey bees (*Apis Mellifera*)

Further discussion:

Councilmember Barthel asked if the requirement for shrubbery around the hives would remain. Mr. Berkowitz stated the requirement of shrubbery around the hive is still in effect, so the bees fly higher and enter the hive from above rather than the side.

Councilmember Barthel asked how neighbors will be notified if a hive is going in near them, before or after the license is issued. Mr. Berkowitz stated the neighbors would be notified when the application is in the review process and there would be a waiting period prior to the license being issued giving neighbors an opportunity to weigh in.

The motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION MEETING

The staff report requested the City Council to schedule the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting for April 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Holthus, Seconded by Barthel, to schedule the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting for April 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Trude stated a follow up meeting would happen prior to a Council meeting if necessary, on a date to be determined.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Staff updated the Council on the administration and city department activities, legislative updates, updates on development/CIP projects, and meeting reminders/community events.

(Administrative Staff Report) Mr. Berkowitz stated the City is looking for election judges to cover the Presidential Primary on March 3, 2020. Interested individuals should contact the City Clerk or visit the City website.

(Public Works/Engineering Department Report) Mr. Berkowitz stated the Public Works building is making progress now that the concrete floor is poured, and occupancy is expected in late March. Mr. Berkowitz reported on the progress of the Community Center project, trail

projects, development projects, and street projects.

MAYOR/COUNCIL INPUT

(Fire Chief Streich’s Retirement) Mayor Trude reported the City had a wonderful send off for Fire Chief Streich last Friday. Mayor Trude welcomed Chief Jones and stated Chief Jones has worked with Chief Streich for the past month.

(State of the Cities Anoka Area Chamber) Mayor Trude announced the State of the Cities event on February 11th at 11:00 a.m. sponsored by the Anoka Area Chamber at the Bunker Event Center.

(Metro North Chamber Legislative Breakfast) Mayor Trude stated there was a legislative breakfast with the Metro North Chamber at the Courtyards of Andover. The topics were about road construction with Highway 10 planned to have multiple years of construction and detours. Mayor Trude also announced Highway 65 has as much traffic as 35W and will see construction over the next several years.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Holthus, Seconded by Barthel, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Kunza, Recording Secretary

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