

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 29, 2010

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Windschitl at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Councilmembers Schulz, Boe, Ford, Businaro, and Mayor Windschitl. Absent: None.

Also Present: Bart Fischer, Assistant City Administrator; and Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator.

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Boe, second by Councilmember Ford to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

5. Visitor

Chaska Police Chief Scott Knight introduced Community Partnership Specialist Officer Julie Janke. Officer Janke was recognized for reviving the Citizen's Police Academy at no cost to the Police Department and she was presented with the Meritorious Conduct Award. Two graduates from the Citizen's Academy were introduced to the Council and they thanked the Chaska Police Department for offering the program.

Chief Knight introduced new Chaska Police Officer Robert Moore to the Council.

Chief Knight presented a flyer (attached) and information about a Sex Offender/Predatory Offender informational meeting at the Chaska Community Center on Monday, April 26th with a free dinner and daycare from 6-7:00 pm and program from 7-9:00 pm. Reservations can be made by calling 952-227-7430.

Libby Fairchild, Chairperson of the Chaska Human Rights Commission, appeared before the Council to present the 2009 Annual Report and information about upcoming events sponsored by the BEACON Council of Eastern Carver County Schools, Carver County Library, Shepherd of the Hill Dialogues, and the Chaska Human Rights Commission.

Nicholas Mason, member of the Chaska Park and Recreation Board, appeared before the Council to extend his appreciation in receiving the new Commissioner's Handbook. He did have concerns however about explanation of the open meeting laws and conflict of interest and felt there could be more information in the handbook. He thanked the City Administrator for addressing some of his concerns. Councilmember Businaro suggested that training is available through the League of Minnesota Cities. The City Administrator said the City is looking into having Planning Commission members and other interested commission members attend training.

Alex Young, Chairperson of the Planning Commission, appeared before the Council to update them on some initiatives of the Commission. He stated they will be setting up some training and goal setting. He discussed setting up biannual meetings with the Council. Mr. Young stated they are working on ways to expedite the process of moving items through the planning and development process, such as through landscape procedures, architectural standards, green initiatives, etc.

Councilmember Ford explained that conservation is an important program through the Chaska Electric Department.

Councilmember Schulz commended the leaders of the City Boards and Commissions.

Neal Shackle, of Hemmingway Drive, Chaska had requested to be placed on the Visitor Agenda, but was able to convey his concerns to the City Administrator prior to the regular Council meeting regarding Clover Ridge Drive and Hemmingway Drive. The City Engineer will follow-up with Mr. Shackle.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Businaro, second by Councilmember Boe, to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2009 City Council meeting, with correction to the spelling of the retired firefighters names.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Businaro requested that the Heritage Preservation Meeting minutes be included in the Council packet. He also inquired whether the Heritage Preservation commission would follow the requirement of the variance process, and the City Administrator said they would.

Councilmember Ford thanked the City Staff and announced he was happy with the language of the Ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember Schulz, second by Councilmember Ford to approve the Consent Agenda Items a through e:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 10-23 approving Solicitor Permit No. SOL.10-08 in the name of Brian Stordahl, of Picture It
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-23 approving Solicitor Permit No. SOL.10-08 in the name of Brian Stordahl, of Picture It, located at 8160 Co Rd 42, #300-307, Savage, Mn. 55372 for the period March 30, 2010 through December 31, 2010.
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 10-24 approving Transient Permit TRA. 10-02 for Jonathan Schulz of Midwest Expansion Group
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-24 approving Transient Permit TRA. 10-02 for Jonathan Schulz of Midwest Expansion Group for the term of April 1 through April 30, 2010 and effective upon publication in the Chaska Herald.
- c. Adopt Resolution No. 10-21 Financing Certain Proposed Projects and Establishing Compliance with Reimbursement Bond Regulations under the Internal Revenue Code

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-21 relating to financing certain proposed projects and establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code.

- d. Adopt Resolution No. 10-25 Approving Peddler's Permit for Cari's Ice Cream
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-25 approving Peddler Permit No. PP 10-03 in the name of Jose Garcia of Cari's Ice Cream, located at 655 5th Avenue East, Shakopee, Mn. 55379 for the period March 30, 2010 through December 31, 2010.
- e. Adopt Ordinance No. 839 to Amend Chapter 10.5 (Heritage Preservation) Section 30, 15) of the Code of Ordinances
Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 839, approving language revisions of Section 30, 15) of the Code of Ordinances.

Motion carried.

8. Public Hearing: Adopt Resolution No. 10-22 Approving Property Tax Abatements for Center Companies/West Creek Corporate Campus Project

The City Administrator introduced the item to the Council.

The Assistant Administrator presented the item to the Council.

Councilmember Businaro inquired about the costs of \$335,0000 for grading of the road.

The City Administrator said it was for mass grading on the site. .

Councilmember Businaro asked if there are any legal ramifications to a business not setting wage and job goals.

The Administrator replied that there was not and that the base growth is an allowed goal.

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:20 pm.

No one appeared before the Council.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:21 pm.

Motion by Councilmember Businaro, second by Councilmember Boe, to adopt Resolution No. 10-22 approving property tax abatements and business subsidy criteria for the Center Companies/West Creek Corporate Campus Project.

Motion carried.

9. Bills

Motion by Councilmember Businaro, second by Councilmember Schulz to approve the bills as presented. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Schulz, Boe, Ford, Businaro, and Mayor Windschitl. Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

10. Other Business

Councilmember Schulz:

- Inquired about an update on Carver County discussions regarding road improvements, specifically Lyman Boulevard, and the City Administrator stated the Task Force had met to discuss improvements.
- Asked about a bypass lane on Engler Boulevard for the Points West neighborhood. The City Administrator said he would talk to the City Engineer about possible re-striping of the road(s).

Councilmember Ford:

- Mentioned that Tommy's Malt Shoppe seems to be doing a good business.
- The American Legion Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd at 10:00 am at City Square Park.
- The Library Foundation is having a fundraiser on Saturday, April 3rd at Barnes and Noble in Eden Prairie.
- The Teacher of the Year Awards Reception will be held on April 21st from 3:45 pm to 6:00 pm, with the actual awards event at Oakridge on April 25th at 5:00 pm.
- Mentioned the same informational flyer as the one presented by Libby Fairchild under Visitor Presentation.

Councilmember Boe:

- Stated that the closing of Highway 41 north of First Street brought a number of people downtown.
- Inquired about the street sweeping schedule and placing it on the website, which the Staff will address.
- Asked if the railroad bridge at Victoria Trail will be used for a trail, and the City Administrator said it probably would not be.

Councilmember Businaro:

- Asked for an update on the railroad bed in downtown and turning into part of the trail system, and the City Administrator said the Union Pacific Railroad is looking at selling off certain areas. The City Administrator also explained that the City, through a County Grant, received funds to finish the trail connection by Gedney Pickle Plant.
- Asked for the status of the sign ordinance update. The City Administrator said we should not make changes unless the business community suggests them. The City has contacted the Chamber and also the Downtown Business Council for direct feedback.
- Reminded residents to fill out their census form.

City Administrator:

- Advised that it was likely the April 5th Council meeting would be cancelled.
- The Town Course and Charlie's Grille will open on Wednesday, March 31st.
- The Council/Department Head Retreat is scheduled for May 20th.
- The St. Paul Saints will be playing at Athletic Park on May 8th.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Thanked the City predecessors for having the foresight to put in the flood control project.
- The Cubs Baseball Team lead off party is April 10th from 4-7:00 pm at the Legion.
- The print by Terry Fogharty commissioned by the Chaska Cubs is hanging in the new Twins Stadium.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Businaro, second by Councilmember Ford to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Motion carried.