

**- MINUTES -**  
**CHASKA CITY COUNCIL**  
**February 26, 2018**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Councilmembers Boe, Geisler, Rohe, Schulz, and Mayor Windschitl.

Councilmember absent: None.

Also Present: Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator; Nate Kabat, Assistant City Administrator; and, Luke Melchert, City Attorney.

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Rohe, second by Councilmember Boe, to adopt the agenda.

Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

**A. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon – Mark Muhlenkort**

Mark Muhlenkort reported Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR) is a community-based organization that relies on organizations in the community to support service members. This past year they helped with short term financial donations, helped find a home for a homeless service member, connected veterans and a veteran's spouse with the Veteran's Service Office, replaced a broken air conditioning unit, and served at the Bloomington Armory. They have a partnership with Carver County Veteran's Service Office, The Goodman Group, Love INC, Folds of Honor of Minnesota, and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon-Norwood/Young America. He spoke of their recent banquet and thanked those that helped out. He noted on the third Wednesday of the month they have \$3.00 burgers and dessert at the VFW. Their committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Chaska Community Center. If people would like more information, they can email him at [info@btyrofchaska.org](mailto:info@btyrofchaska.org) or call 952/856-0739. In cooperation with the Charlson Meadows Renewal Center and the Arts Consortium of Carver County, they are planning a 2018 Veterans Day weekend event where they will use the art of writing and a visual arts workshop to help veterans put their stories to paper. This free event is only open to Carver County service veterans and more details will come soon. Charlson Meadows plans to open in the spring after renovations are completed.

Other volunteers for BYTR introduced themselves. They spoke of the Charlson Meadows facility and encouraged people to check it out online. Mr. Muhlenkort stated he will provide more information as it becomes available.

The Council thanked BTYR for the work they do with veterans.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Geisler, second by Councilmember Boe to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2018 City Council meeting.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Boe referred to item 7(c) and noted that it is not a forgiveness but is a deferment that is paid in full.

City Administrator Podhradsky explained a deferment continues to accrue but is not due on a regular schedule until the house sells.

Motion by Councilmember Rohe, second by Councilmember Boe to approve Consent Agenda items A through D:

- A. Accept the Public Improvements in Brickyard 13<sup>th</sup> Addition  
Motion to accept the public improvements in Brickyards 13<sup>th</sup> Addition as municipal facilities and release the financial surety in its entirety
- B. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-17 Approving Transient Permit TRA.18-01 in the name of Jennifer Buse of Minnesota Garden  
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-17 Approving Transient Permit for Jennifer Buse of Minnesota Gardens
- C. Approve Application for Deferment of Special Assessment  
Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute the Application for Deferment of a Special Assessment for Connie Carlson who resides at 1458 Eastlake Drive.
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-18 Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Chaska on Behalf of Its City Attorney and Police Department  
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-18 Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Chaska on Behalf of Its City Attorney and Police Department

Motion carried.

8. Res 2018-16 Requesting Support for Corridors of Commerce Funding for Highway 41 Improvements in Downtown Chaska

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council.

Assistant City Administrator Kabat presented the item to the Council.

Mayor Windschitl inquired if there is regional trail money available for the underpass under Highway 41. He also noted it is owned by the Carver County Rail Authority and inquired if they own other trails.

Assistant City Administrator Kabat responded it will be part of the Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation funding application and they can request up to \$7,000,000. Carver County may have a hand in ownership of other regional trails. The section that was recently paved between Chaska and downtown Carver is on the regional Carver County Rail Authority property. They do also own a corridor that would allow them to connect to the Minnesota River Bluffs regional trail.

Councilmember Boe commented the area that was damaged by the floods east of Highway 101 is currently owned by the Hennepin County Rail Authority and they may sell it to the Carver County Rail authority. They are making progress towards fixing that section.

City Administrator Podhradsky noted they wanted to make sure the Council was updated on the funding. The funding will not expire before they get to the project. They realize it takes a few years to pull together all the funding and of the \$12,000,000, they have about half of it.

Assistant City Administrator Kabat stated it helped to get the Highway Freight Program dollars of \$4,000,000 last November. It carries over into this request and makes it a stronger application.

Councilmember Boe thanked Assistant City Administrator Kabat for sharing the details on the financing.

Motion by Councilmember Geisler, second by Councilmember Schulz to adopt Resolution No. 2018-16 Requesting Support for Corridors of Commerce Funding for Highway 41 Improvements in Downtown Chaska.

Motion carried.

#### 9. Bills

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

#### 10. Other Business

A. City Administrator's Biweekly Report – Received

B. Final Minutes of the January 25, 2018 Human Rights Commission

Councilmember Geisler

- Thanked Public Works for their work in clearing the roads after two snow storms. She reminded residents to dig out fire hydrants in their neighborhoods and not to shovel their snow out into the streets.
- Announced on Monday, March 5 there will be a dedication of the new pumper fire truck at 6:00 pm.
- Recognized Sheriff Olson's retirement at the end of this year and thanked him for his service.
- Recognized the USA Curling Team for bringing home gold from the Olympics. Mayor Windschitl noted 13 of the 36 United States gold medals received were from Minnesota and 13 of 24 Minnesotans who went to the Olympics have won gold medals.
- Announced the upcoming Barbecue Bash will take place on Friday, May 4 at the Hazeltine Golf Club beginning at 5:30 pm. Tickets will go on sale March 5 and can be purchased online.

Councilmember Rohe

- Requested an update on the Ridgeview Hospice Center. City Administrator Podhradsky responded the Social Service Department is starting to go through the planning process.
- Commented they held the Carver County Transportation Summit and had about 60 people attend. Dunn Brothers donated the coffee and they had rolls from Red Bench Bakery. It was held at the Event Center and it is always good to bring others into it to see what the City accomplished.
- Inquired about Council pay. City Administrator Podhradsky stated they will have to discuss it before the upcoming election, but it would not go into effect until after. Councilmember Boe recalled they approved that it went along with whatever increase staff received. City Administrator Podhradsky noted he will look into if they took formal action on it. City Attorney Melchert stated they may need to take action on it each year.
- Stated he will be late to the meeting on March 19 because they are going to recognize Mayor Nancy Tyra-Lukens and present her with an award. Councilmember Boe noted she has been very involved with Southwest Transit over the years. Councilmember Rohe stated she will be missed.

Councilmember Boe

- Commented staff has done very well with snow removal.

City Administrator Podhradsky

- Commented they will be discussing the St. Peter tornado tomorrow from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Fire Station, and he invited the Council to attend. Mayor Windschitl explained this meeting is an emergency management tabletop drill where they go over all the roles and responsibilities of people if there was some sort of a disaster. Councilmember Rohe pointed out City Administrator Podhradsky's dad was a County Administrator for Nicollet County for 26 years.
- Announced the Urban Land Institute will have three specialists along with Gordon Hughes to discuss the future of the community on Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm at The Lodge.

Mayor Windschitl

- Commented Chanhassen and Chaska High Schools are ranked in the top 4% by the Washington Post and Chaska High School is ranked in the top 3% in the nation by U.S. News. Each high school offers over 50 student organization activities and students can earn college credit in 23 advance placement courses. City Administrator Podhradsky stated a lot of people move to Minnesota for education.
- Commented the four curling athletes that were here during the Ryder Cup were the four that won gold in curling at the Olympics. Councilmember Schulz stated six games in they were only up two wins/four losses, but they ended up winning gold. Sweden is the number one team in the world, and they were chasing the United States the entire game. Councilmember Geisler noted they had a great strategy and it was fun to watch. Councilmember Boe noted he got to play against each of them and they spoke highly of Chaska's Curling Center. Councilmember Rohe inquired if they could do a

proclamation for the Olympic Curling Team. City Administrator Podhradsky stated they could invited them to the Curling Club and have a celebration.

- Commented it is so sad to hear of another school shooting. The high school hockey team from that Florida school is coming to Minnesota to participate in a tournament. City Administrator Podhradsky noted the demographics of that community are similar to Chaska and it is a place no one would ever suspect something like this could happen. Councilmember Rohe noted a business associate of his has his kids in that school and their neighbor girl was killed in the shooting.
- Noted Chaska is the 11<sup>th</sup> safest City in the State of Minnesota.
- Noted the next City Council meeting will be on March 5 at 7:00 pm.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Rohe, second by Councilmember Boe to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Motion carried.