

# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BRANCH IN THE COUNTY OF CHISAGO AND IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

## REGULAR SESSION

June 23, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The North Branch City Council met in regular session and Mayor Lindquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers present were Kathy Blomquist, Ronald Lindquist, and Trent Jensen. Councilmembers Theresa Furman and Joyce Borchardt were absent. Staff members present were City Finance Director Hill, City Engineer Messner, Planner Roberts and the City Attorney Helmers.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

- Claims
- Resolution 040-06-23-14 – Fireworks Permit – Hollywood Pyrotechnics & Contract
- Ordinance No. 209-14 – Eliminating Primary Elections
- Remove from Probation – LS Cashier Bell
- Resolution 43-06-23-14 – Declare Cost to be Assessed – 410<sup>th</sup> Street Project
- Resolution 44-06-23-14 – Call for Assessment Hearing – 410<sup>th</sup> Street Project
- Transient Merchant License – Ron Rollins
- Minutes – May 12, 2014 Regular Session
- Minutes – May 27, 2014 Regular Session
- Resolution 043-06-23-14 – Rain Garden Project – Award Contract to Landscape Directions
- Pay Request 1 – Concrete Blvd Project – Knife Lake - \$142,996.09

Motion by Blomquist, seconded by Jensen, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

NONE

### COMMITTEE/COMMISSIONS:

#### **6A PLANNING COMMISSION**

##### **A1 Minutes**

**INFO**

##### **A2 Larry Beach Preliminary Plat & Variance**

Planner Roberts outlined the proposed Preliminary Plat & variances for a new 20 lot subdivision on the south side of 392<sup>nd</sup> Street. The variances are required for lot depth of Lot 20; lot width for Lot 8 and length of the cul-de-sac.

Jensen asked for a timeline on the property to the east developing and what the home values will be. Planner Roberts indicated that this developer does not control the property to the east and as far as values go it is proposed for \$175,000 to \$200,000. Blomquist said she listened to the Planning Commission and the neighbors had mentioned this land was used as a dumping ground for raw sewage and she is wondering if that is covered in the conditions or if there is some record of the last time sewage was dumped on this site. City Engineer Messner explained that if septage was placed the only concern would be whether it has increased nitrates in the ground water and when the wells are dug they will determine acceptable level of nitrates in the water. City Engineer Messner could research to see the last time septage was spread on the property. Blomquist asked if there is any kind of a waiting period after sewage is spread. City Engineer Messner said he would need to look into it with the MPCA. Larry Beach, 4731 400<sup>th</sup> Street, addressed the Council and said the last time treated sewage was spread on the property was three years ago. The requirements are all done through the MPCA.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Blomquist, to approve Resolution No. 042-06-23-14, "A RESOLUTION THREE VARIANCES AND A 20 LOT PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE 30 ACRE PROPERTY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 392<sup>ND</sup> STREET, WEST OF FLINK AVENUE." All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**A3 A&C Automotive Conditional Use Permit**

Planner Roberts outlined the proposed conditional use permit for 6339 Main Street. The applicant is proposing to display used vehicles that are for sale. Blomquist asked if these vehicles will be sold until the lease is up. Andy Schrobrel said he has a business on Forest Boulevard and it is possible that the building will be torn down. He then said he is not the owner of the property so he does not know why he has to get the permit. Blomquist commented that a conditional use permit does not have an end date where an interim use permit does. Blomquist would like to have a condition that the permit ends when the lease is expired.

Motion by Blomquist, seconded by Jensen, to approve Resolution No. 041-06-23-14, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR OUTDOOR DISPLAY AND STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE PROPERTY AT 6339 MAIN STREET." All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**A4 Ordinance & Summary Ordinance – Interim Use**

Lindquist suggested tabling this to allow for a full Council to consider it and to allow the City Attorney time to research language for allowing more flexibility in uses in the ordinance.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Blomquist to table to the next meeting. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

<b>6B</b>	<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>6C</b>	<b>PARK COMMISSION</b>	
	<b>C1 Minutes</b>	<b>INFO</b>
<b>6D</b>	<b>WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION</b>	<b>NONE</b>

STAFF REPORTS:

<b>7A</b>	<b>ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>7B</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>7C</b>	<b>BUILDING</b>	
	<b>C1 Activity Report</b>	<b>INFO</b>
<b>7D</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>	
	<b>D1 Funding Request – Senior Center</b>	

Barb Nelson, Chisago County Board on Aging, asked for a contract for services of \$4,600 and was given \$1,500 at a previous meeting. She then said that they looked for funding from other sources and got some. They also are considering doing a round up program with the Water & Light Commission. Their kitchen was renewed and had no issues when inspected. Ms. Nelson asked for \$1,000 toward operating costs and she then asked for the City to budget \$3,000 for next year.

Lindquist said the townships and the County should get on board here. Lindquist said that the City already gave \$1,500 that was budgeted and he is hard pressed to give any more. Ms. Nelson indicated that several townships have given money to the Senior Center. Blomquist said she feels the need to reward hardworking volunteers that are trying to get a program back on its feet and she would like to budget for this. Blomquist would like to put this on the work session for discussion and she would like to spend \$1,000 out of the proposed IT/website/communications fund.

Motion by Blomquist, that the City give \$1,000 to the Chisago Senior Center and the money come from the budget for the communications position not yet hired. The motion died for lack of a second.

Lindquist would like to have the full Council discuss this. Council added this item to the July work session.

Hill said that the idea of a roundup with a public utility could be a legal issue for the City. Lindquist suggested the Senior Center send out a letter to the members of the Chamber soliciting funds.

**7E LEGAL**

**NONE**

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS:

**8A Day with Public Safety**

Saturday, July 12, 2014 is the Day with Public Safety.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**NONE**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**NONE**

NEW BUSINESS:

**NONE**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

**12A Upcoming Agendas**

**INFO**

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Blomquist to adjourn. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

ADJOURNED: at 7:56 p.m. by Mayor Lindquist.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgitte Konrad, City Administrator  
jrl/TOSS