

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

September 8, 2015

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers present were Kathy Blomquist, Theresa Furman, Kirsten Hagen-Kennedy, Joyce Borchardt, and Robert Canada. Staff members present were City Administrator Konrad, Liquor Store Manager Dahlberg, Finance Director Hill and City Attorney Helmers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John VonLange of 6530 Elm Street addressed Council and spoke concerning Councilmember Blomquist's comments regarding a change of direction for the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. VonLange also raised concerns about taxes as Council works to set the budget for 2016.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Claims
- Resolution No. 055-09-08-15 – Temporary Liquor License NBML
- Minutes – August 6, 2015 Work Session Minutes

Motion by Canada, seconded by Furman, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

NONE

COMMITTEE/COMMISSIONS:

7A PLANNING COMMISSION

NONE

7B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

i. Meeting Update

Hagen-Kennedy provided a meeting update on the ECRDC meeting and Blomquist provided an updated on EDA.

7C PARK COMMISSION

NONE

7D WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

i. Meeting Update

Furman provided a meeting update.

STAFF REPORTS:

8A	ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS	NONE
8B	ADMINISTRATION	NONE
8C	BUILDING	NONE
8D	FINANCE	NONE
8E	LEGAL	NONE
8F	PUBLIC SAFETY	
8G	OTHER	

i. Liquor Store Point of Sale System Purchase

Liquor Store Manager Dahleberg provided an overview of the proposed liquor store point of sale system purchase.

Motion by Hagen-Kennedy, seconded by Furman, to approve Resolution No. 057-09-08-15, "A RESOLUTION AWARDDING QUOTE FOR LIQUOR STORE POINT OF SALE SYSTEM TO DAILEY DATA AND ASSOCIATES."

Canada asked how the system is being supported. Dahlberg explained how the system is supported.

After discussion, all voted AYE. Motion carried.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: **NONE**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **NONE**

NEW BUSINESS: **NONE**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

a. Upcoming Agendas **INFO**

b. Hagen-Kennedy – Proclamations – ACT on Alzheimer’s Day & World Suicide Prevention Day

Konrad read proclamations for ACT on Alzheimer’s Day and World Suicide Prevention Day.

c. Blomquist – Rushline Update

Blomquist provided an update on the Rushline corridor bus. There is a meeting on September 22, 2015 in Forest Lake if anyone is interested in learning more about the possible transportation modes that are being considered.

d. Blomquist – Transportation Update

Blomquist would like to ask County Engineer Triplett to come to a meeting with the Council and Transportation Committee to discuss the intersection of Highway 95 and Grand Avenue. Council agreed and asked that he give a comprehensive update on all transportation plans.

e. Blomquist – Affidavit Preparation

Blomquist said that there has been talk of legal action regarding the censure so she is proposing that the Council direct the City Attorney to draft Affidavits of the Mayor and Blomquist to sign saying that they will not sue the City with regard to the censure action. She hoped then that the Council would waive the privilege and Fact Finding Report would then be released.

The City Attorney Helmers said he could draft Affidavits at the direction of the Council. City Attorney Helmers indicated that his only concern would be the non-binding nature of the affidavit but rather a statement of current intent.

Blomquist asked if there is a legally binding document. City Attorney Helmers indicated there is a waiver of claims contract but he said to be valid there needs to be offer and acceptance and some kind of consideration.

Furman said that this is the third time this has come up and there have been two sessions with mediators regarding the matter.

Motion by Furman, seconded by Canada, to prevent reintroduction of this issue for 16 months. Members voted: Ayes – 3, Nays – 2 (Blomquist/Hagen-Kennedy). Motion carried.

Motion by Furman, seconded by Canada to adjourn. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

ADJOURNED: at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgitte Konrad, City Administrator
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