

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

October 13, 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, Theresa Furman, Ronald Lindquist, Joyce Borchardt, and Trent Jensen. Staff members present were Administrator Konrad and City Engineer Messner

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Claims
- Liquor Store Resignations Kennedy and Bell and Resolutions 072-10-13-14 and 073-10-13-14 Authorizing Hires Boettcher and Young
- Tort Liability Acceptance
- Minutes – August 21, 2014 Work Session
- Minutes – August 28, 2014 Work Session
- Minutes – September 4, 2014 Work Session
- Minutes – September 18, 2014 Work Session
- Minutes – September 22, 2014 Regular Session
- Final Pay Request – 2013 Maintenance Project – Knife River - \$37,029.26

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

NONE

COMMITTEE/COMMISSIONS:

6A	PLANNING COMMISSION	NONE
6B	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	NONE
6C	PARK COMMISSION	NONE
6D	WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION	
	D1 Minutes	INFO

STAFF REPORTS:

7A	ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS	
	A1 Speed Study - Oak Street and 410th Street	
	City Engineer Messner indicated a resident had requested a speed study on Oak Street and Mn/DOT will be asked to do a speed study on that section of roadway. Messner indicated that if 85% of	

vehicles are going faster than 30 mph the state may consider an increase of speed.

Blomquist said that it seems like the Highway 95 Speed Study has been outstanding for a while and asked when the results will be provided. Messner indicated he will follow up.

Jensen said that the Parks Commission brought up 410th Street and he is in favor of a study there but he is concerned about a speed study with Oak Street because of the potential to increase the speed.

Furman said that 99% of the homeowners want the speed reduced and she is wondering if the residents know there is the potential to have the speed increased. Messner noted that Hankee has relayed the information to the resident regarding the possibility of an increase. Jensen would like to do an enforcement action in the area rather than risk the potential of an increase in speed.

Furman asked about the speed trailer. Konrad said that a speed trailer would be a good idea but the City does not have one and doesn't have funds to purchase one.

Blomquist is concerned about the fact that there are no sidewalks in that area so that might be something for the residents to consider.

Jensen would like to request a speed study for 410th Street but not for Oak Street.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Borchardt to step up enforcement and not do the speed study on Oak Street.

Borchardt asked staff to explain to the residents the reason why the City is not going ahead with the speed study. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Borchardt to adopt Resolution 074-10-13-14, "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MNDOT) CONDUCT A SPEED STUDY ON 410TH STREET FROM CSAH 30 TO 1000 FEET EAST OF HEMINGWAY AVENUE." All voted AYE. Motion carried.

A2 SWPPP Implementation Plan

Messner reviewed the process and steps involved in the SWPPP process. Under the City's MS4 permit there are a number of new

requirements to meet the obligations of the permit. They submitted a proposal to assist the City staff in meeting those requirements.

Blomquist said she does not feel that the proposal covers the areas for well and septic and the County won't put anything in. She thinks there is a lack of focus on informing those on well and septic. Blomquist said she has the presentation from January of 2012 outlining rural improvements and those do not seem to be addressed in this plan. Messner indicated that there will be website and postings to get the information out there. The only thing the rural residents do not get are the mailers in the utility billings. Blomquist would like to consider a part time person that coordinates the storm water program requirements. Blomquist asked how the City is going to ensure that storm water systems are working. Messner said it would be the same way codes are enforced now. Blomquist would like this not to be on a complaint basis because these systems have to work.

Motion by Blomquist, seconded by Jensen, to authorize WSB to provide professional services for program development associated with the City's MS4 Stormwater Permit in the amount of not to exceed \$15,400. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

A3 Blandin Broadband Grant Letter of Support

Konrad indicated that not all areas of the County have good broadband. The County HRA will be submitting a grant application to the Blandin Broadband program. This group would look at different broadband projects throughout the County to lower costs and provide better services and to help businesses. They have requested a letter of support for their grant application and authorization for Konrad to participate in the steering committee.

Motion by Furman, seconded by Borchardt, to approve a letter of support for the Chisago County HRA's application to the Blandin Broadband grant program and approve Konrad's participation in on the committee. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

7B	ADMINISTRATION	NONE
7C	BUILDING	
	C1 Activity Report	INFO
7D	FINANCE	
	D1 Financial Report	INFO
7E	LEGAL	NONE

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Blomquist said she is concerned about the next Council meeting when there will be information about Tiller and she would hope that the Council would allow everyone to speak even though it is a previous issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

12A Upcoming Agendas

INFO

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

ADJOURNED: at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgitte Konrad, City Administrator
jrl/TOSS