

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

November 10, 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 Theresa Furman, Ronald Lindquist, Joyce Borchardt, and Trent Jensen. Councilmember Kathy Blomquist was absent. Staff members present were Administrator Konrad, Finance Director Hill, GIS Specialist Sondrol and Fire Chief Grote.

Boy Scout Dylan Zollinger explained his Eagle Scout project where he repainted fire hydrants. Council thanked him for his efforts and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Mayor Lindquist thanked the Veteran's for their service.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Claims
- Ordinance No. 220-14 & Summary Ordinance No. 220-14S – Adopting the 2015 Fee Schedule
- Police Reserve Policy
- Resolution No. 084-11-10-14 – Fire Fighter Hires – Mechels, Wanless, Frilseth & Lind
- Resolution No. 083-11-10-14 – Approving Budget Transfers
- Minutes – October 13, 2014 Regular Session
- ~~Minutes – October 16, 2014 Work Session~~
- Remove from Probation – Asst. Liquor Store Manager Piper
- Status Change – R. Young Liquor Clerk 1 to Liquor Clerk 2

Furman asked that Item 4G be removed from the Consent Agenda so that she could abstain from voting.

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

Motion by Borchardt, seconded by Jensen, to adopt the October 16, 2014 regular session minutes. Members voted: AYE-4; NAY-0; ABSTAIN-1 (Furman). Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

NONE

COMMITTEE/COMMISSIONS:

6A PLANNING COMMISSION NONE

6B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NONE

6C PARK COMMISSION
C1 Minutes INFO

C2 Wildridge Park Skating Rink
Sondrol explained that the Homeowner's Association and the Lions have contributed funds toward the warming house and lighting.

Jensen asked if there was any discussion on how to fund this going forward. Sondrol indicated that everyone just wants to see if something like this is feasible for this year and then meet to discuss going forward.

Borchardt asked where the lights come in. Sondrol indicated the cost is \$2,500 for the lights including power and electrician noting that all materials may be able to be obtained and remain under budget.

Motion by Furman, seconded by Jensen to approve \$500 toward Wildridge Skating Rink. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

6D WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION
D1 Minutes INFO
Furman indicated she would like Water & Light meetings to be available to the public on cable.

STAFF REPORTS:

7A ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS NONE

7B ADMINISTRATION
B1 Resolution – Canvassing Election Results
Motion by Borchardt, seconded by Furman to adopt Resolution No. 085-11-10-14, "A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE 2014 CITY GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS AND DESIGNATING THE AWARD OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL SEATS." All voted AYE. Motion carried.

7C BUILDING
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7D FINANCE
D1 Financial Report

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7E LEGAL

NONE

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fire Chief Grote provided a donation to the City for \$25,000 from their charitable gambling fund toward the fire department equipment fund. Council thanked the Fire Department for the donation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Borchardt would like to ask legislators to take forward a request to increase the number of Water & Light Commissioners during the next legislative session.

Motion by Borchardt, seconded by Furman, to request our legislators move the special legislation forward to request that the number of Water & Light Commissioners be increased to five members. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

12A Upcoming Agendas

INFO

Lindquist noted that the Forest Lake City Council passed a motion to cut \$1,000,000 out of the budget before the final levy is set. Hill indicated that they are starting much higher than North Branch with the preliminary budget.

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

ADJOURNED: at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgitte Konrad, City Administrator
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