

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, 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 Theresa Furman, Kirsten Hagen-Kennedy, Joyce Borchardt, and Robert Canada. Councilmember Kathy Blomquist was absent. Staff members present were City Administrator Konrad, Finance Director Hill and City Attorney Helmers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laurie Warner talked about walking paths in the area and said they are not seeing the continued care and maintenance, which, long-term, can lead to increased costs for the City. She then said she would provide photos to staff for review.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Claims
- Minutes – May 7, 2015 Work Session
- Transient Merchant License – TNT Fireworks at Shopko

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

NONE

COMMITTEE/COMMISSIONS:

7a PLANNING COMMISSION NONE

7b ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NONE

7c PARK COMMISSION NONE

7d WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

i. Meeting Update

Furman provided an update on the meeting and the request for a large transformer from a company. She then outlined the other items discussed at the meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

8a ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS NONE

8b ADMINISTRATION NONE

8c BUILDING NONE

8d FINANCE

i. **Call for Hearing TIF Budget Amendment**

Motion by Canada, seconded by Furman, to set a public hearing on TIF Budget Amendment and approve the TIF pooling option presented by Staff. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

ii. **Sewer Rate Study Quotes**

Motion by Canada, seconded by Furman, to accept the sewer rate study proposal submitted by Dave Berg Consulting, LLC. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Canada, seconded by Furman, to discuss the stormwater rate study. Furman asked if there is enough money to be able to do this study. Hill indicated there is cash there but cash flow is barely positive on a yearly basis. Hagen-Kennedy said she is fine with the sewer study but does not feel the need to spend the \$3,000 on the stormwater study. Motion was withdrawn. No action taken.

8e LEGAL NONE

8f PUBLIC SAFETY NONE

8g OTHER NONE

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

a. **Upcoming Agendas** INFO

b. **Hagen-Kennedy – Fact Finding Report Release**

Hagen-Kennedy said she would like the document made available to the public. She then asked the Council to discuss.

Furman said she would rather follow the City Attorney's recommendation so she is not comfortable releasing the document at this point. Furman then asked when the statute of limitation ends for a possible claim. City Attorney Helmers said that there may be a Section 1983 claim, which is a federal claim, which is what usually is done when there is a first amendment claim and that would have a two-year statute of limitations but there are a number

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of other claims that could be brought and the general statute of limitations is six years. Borchardt stated that since the City has been put on notice that legal action may be pending she would not be comfortable releasing the document. Canada agreed with Borchardt.

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

ADJOURNED: at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgitte Konrad, City Administrator
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