

**OAK GROVE COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting Minutes Monday,  
March 25, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Oak Grove City Council was called to order by Mayor Rolf at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024. Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll call taken.

Present: Weston Rolf, Mayor  
Angie Bray Johnson, Council Member  
Paul Tradewell, Council Member  
John West, Council Member  
Mike Wylie, Council Member

Also Present: Loren Wickham, City Administrator  
Billi Larson, City Clerk  
Rob Engler, Fire Chief

**1. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no one present for the public forum.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Rolf stated that the City Council will host an open house on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-7:00pm for residents to provide feedback on the proposed new City Hall/Fire Station project.

The Mayor gave an update that he had lunch with Sheriff Wise and that it went well. He also mentioned that he met with Karsten Anderson from ISD-15.

**3. SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Council member West added and an update on the Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization (URRWMO) under the Mayor/Council section of the agenda.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION. MOTION CARRIED. (5-0)**

**4. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING MARCH 11, 2024**

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED. (5-0)**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Vacation in part of drainage and utility easement – Walker  
Resolution 24-044

Mayor Rolf opened the public hearing at 6:05pm.

After three calls for public comment, hearing none, Mayor Rolf closed the public hearing at 6:05pm.

The Council had a brief discussion regarding the request. Council member West asked if there was any down sides for the city if this gets approved. There is no impact to the city or other residents with this request.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE THE VACATION RESOLUTION 24-044. MOTION CARRIED. (5-0)**

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

*The Consent Agenda contains several items, which are acted upon by the Council in one motion. Upon request by any one Councilmember, City staff, or the public a consent agenda item may be removed and put on the regular agenda for discussion and consideration.*

- a. Claims and Accounts
- b. Resolution 24-045 Approval of Tobacco License – Capl Retail, LLC (Speedway)
- c. Resolution 24-046 Waiver of Statutory Tort Liability Limits
- d. Resolution 24-047 Purchase of Diamond Drum Mulcher for Public Works

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRAY JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED. (5-0)**

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 24-038 Oak Grove Conservation, LLC – Minor Subdivision
- B. Resolution 24-040 MNDOT Detour Agreement

Administrator Wickham stated that Resolution 24-038 was on the agenda for the March 11, 2024 meeting and it was tabled. There is no additional information provided and the applicant has requested this continue to be tabled until further notice.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRAY TRADEWELL TO TABLE RESOLUTION 24-038. MOTION CARRIED. (5-0)**

Administrator Wickham updated the Council regarding Resolution 24-040 MNDOT Detour Agreement. He stated that Chuck Schwartz has recommended accepting the cash payment and working with the County on the detour.

Mayor Rolf requested that staff give feedback to MnDOT about the proposal. It was decided to table this item to discuss further.

## 8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Lake George Parkway Access Issues

Administrator Wickham updated Council regarding an ongoing complaint from a resident on Lake George. He indicated that there were four options to get to a solution:

Vacate that property, enact a local surface water ordinance, designate it as a park, or continue what the City has been doing which is to lock the gate in the summer and open it up in the winter to all for snowmobile traffic. The Council requested to add park boundary signs to identify property lines. It was decided to send the issue to the Parks Commission for their feedback.

- B. Administrator Updates

Administrator Wickham stated that the Parks Commission vacancy will remain open for a little longer to complete the newly implemented interview process for commission positions. He is hopeful to have a recommendation to Council by the second meeting in April.

Council member Wylie asked how many applications were received and Administrator Wickham stated that four applications were received.

Council member Tradewell stated that he thinks that when a position is open that the City be specific about the amount of time the posting is open so there is no confusion on the part of applicants or citizens.

Mayor Rolf asked if the Council should decide who would sit on the interview panel for Commission spots. There was a consensus that the previous process was not liked by the members. It was discussed that the Council liaison for the commission would sit in along with a current member of the commission as well as Administrator Wickham.

Administrator Wickham updated Council on the April 27<sup>th</sup> spring recycle day and that a vendor will be running that event. Council member Wylie asked if the shredder will be there and it was confirmed that it will be.

An open house will take place on March 26<sup>th</sup> to gain community feedback regarding the proposed Fire Hall/City Hall project.

**9. MAYOR/COUNCIL REQUESTS/UPDATES**

Council Member West gave an update on the Upper Rum River Watershed District. They are updating the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). The six cities within the URRWMO are looking to make some administrative changes.

Council member Bray Johnson gave an update on a house and senate file. The missing middle housing bill. She explained that if passed, it would take away some of the authority of the Council. Council member West stated that it would force cities into city water/sewer and higher lot density.

Council member Bray Johnson spoke on the jail and the possibility that they want to move it out of Anoka and that she would be attending the County Board meeting the following day.

Council member Tradewell thanked Fire Chief Engler for taking him on a ride in the new fire truck. He also thanked Public Works Supervisor Matt Anderson for the tour of the treatment plant.

Mayor Rolf asked Administrator Wickham about the RFP for the Ponds.

Fire Chief Engler was invited to give an update. He stated that OGD would be participating in an active shooter drill at St. Francis Middle School the following day. The HeartSafe program will be held from 5-7pm. There will be an egg hunt on March 30<sup>th</sup> at Station 2. He updated council that there were 47 calls for the month of February.

***The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.***

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRAY JOHNSON, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED. (4-1 WEST). The meeting was adjourned at 6:48p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Billi Larson  
City Clerk