

OAK GROVE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 10, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Oak Grove City Council was called to order by Mayor Rolf at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 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
Chuck Schwartz, City Engineer

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Rolf opened the Public Forum. He called for anyone wishing to speak to Council. Hearing none, he closed the Public Forum.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rolf acknowledged the ultimate sacrifice of Minneapolis Police Officer Jamal Mitchell on May 30, 2024 and honored him by calling for a moment of silence for all to reflect on the life of a fallen hero.

After the moment of silence, Mayor Rolf provided some statistics. He stated that on day 161 of the year 2024, 65 officers have died in the line of duty in the United States. Of those 65 officer deaths, 24 of them were from gun fire. That is one law enforcement every 2.5 days.

Mayor Rolf provided the statistics and commented that he is tired of the lack of leadership in this State. He read a post he shared on May 30, 2024 in response to Governor Walz comments on KSTP. After reading the post, he stated that he is sick and tired of the leadership in this state not supporting Law Enforcement Officers and instead supporting criminals.

3. SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA

Administrator Wickham updated that a presentation from Juanita Reed-Boniface who is representing the Lake George Improvement District has been added to the agenda under item 7(A) and Resolution 24-067 item 7(A)(a).

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED. SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0.

4. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 13, 2024

Mayor Rolf pointed out a correction to wording he would like made regarding road improvements. Administrator Wickham also noted that a correction needed to be made to the vote under the update to the personnel handbook. The minutes did not reflect the abstention of a Council member on that vote.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE THE MAY 13, 2024 MINUTES WITH THE CORRECTIONS. SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST. MOTION CARRIED (5-0).

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMISSION MINUTES

- A. Planning Commission Minutes – May 16, 2024
- B. Parks Commission Minutes – May 15, 2024

Mayor Rolf and Council Members acknowledged the presented commission minutes.

6. SHERIFF'S REPORT MAY 2024

Lieutenant Knotz provided an update to Council that included 295 Calls for service. In those stats, there were 2 thefts, 31 medical calls, 8 personal injury calls, 3 DUIs and 158 traffic stops.

Mayor Rolf inquired of Lieutenant Knotz about the contract negotiations and the accident that occurred at Flamingo and County Road 22.

Lieutenant Knotz gave the public information available to him regarding the accident.

7. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Lake George Improvement District – Juanita Reed-Boniface
 - a. Resolution 24-067 Authorizing the Payment for Treatment of Invasive Species by Lake George Restoration, Inc on Lake George in 2024.

Ms. Reed-Boniface updated the Council on the work that the Lake George Improvement District has been doing and made the annual request for \$3,000 towards the treatment plan for Lake George. She also invited Council to attend the LGID's annual meeting on August 20, 2024.

Mayor Rolf inquired about what Anoka County contributes towards the treatment. Ms. Reed-Boniface stated that the County does not contribute financially.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-067 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$3,000 FOR THE TREATMENT OF INVASIVE SPECIES ON LAKE GEORGE. SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE. MOTION CARRIED (5-0).

8. 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 24-063 Liquor License Renewals
- C. Quarter 1 – Financial Report
- D. Accept Resolution 24-064 – Donation of Bench – Cloverleaf 4H

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRAY JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL. MOTION CARRIED. (5-0).

9. CITY ENGINEER

- A. Pay Request #1 – North Valley
- B. Engineer Updates

Engineer Chuck Schwartz presented the pay application and Resolution 24-065 to North Valley for 2024 Road Improvement Projects in the amount of \$291,325.76.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-065 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO NORTH VALLEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$291,325.76. SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRAY JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED (5-0).

Council Member Tradewell asked if there was a plan to do additional roads if there is money left in the budget. Mr. Schwartz stated that right now the plan is to save that money for the Zion Parkway project slated for 2025.

Mr. Schwartz updated Council on the upcoming project of the EPA to replace lead water service lines. He stated that he didn't believe that due to the age of the system that lead would be present in the lines in Oak Grove.

10. PARKS

- A. Eagle Scout Project
- B. Pickleball Court – Resolution 24-066
- C. Lake George Parkway Park

Eagle Scout Micha Miller was present to give an overview on his proposal to make new signs for the disc golf course and to plant trees around the pickleball court as his Eagle Scout project. A resolution for the approval will need to be drafted.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE THE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PROPOSAL. SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRAY JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED (5-0).

Administrator Wickham presented a request from the Parks Commission to construct a pickleball court at Oak Grove Preserve Park using Park Dedication Funds. Mayor Rolf stated that he is supportive of this request but feels that putting a pickleball court at City Hall Park would be more centrally located.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-066 TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PICKLEBALL COURT AT OAK GROVE PRESERVE PARK. SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST. MOTION CARRIED (5-0).

The City Council directed the Parks Commission to look at the site and make a recommendation of making that area a park. The site formally served as a public access to the lake and for the Fire Department. The Commission agreed the property should be designated as a park, property lines surveyed, park boundary signs installed with a split rail fence.

A resolution will be drafted and brought back to Council for a formal approval.

11. PLANNING

A. Code Enforcement Discussion

The Council continued a discussion regarding the Code Enforcement process. Rum River Consultants provided a memo regarding their code compliance efforts and to provide status updates on current actions.

In the 12 months that Rum River Consultants has been providing code enforcement services there have been 76 total cases. There are currently 41 open cases, 27 resolved cases, and 8 cases that are currently with the prosecuting attorney's office.

Chris Peterka – 20231 Eidelweiss St NW, Oak Grove

Mr. Peterka addressed the Council regarding the current code enforcement process and his experience with a troubled property in his neighborhood.

The Council discussed changing the code enforcement process to include a more active role for Councilors in taking and reviewing complaints along with monthly updates.

12. MAYOR/COUNCIL REQUESTS/UPDATES

Council member Bray Johnson discussed the Town Hall that was held at Oak Grove City Hall by Senator Lucero.

She also suggested a permit process to go along with the code enforcement process for people that had old/classic cars.

Council member West thanked the audience for attending and participating in the discussion regarding code enforcement.

Mayor Rolf requested to change the order of the agenda/public forum/announcements portions of the meetings.

He stated that he received an email from a resident regarding trail connections. Administrator Wickham will forward the email to the City Council.

Mayor Rolf also discussed having a review of service providers that the City contracts with. Looking at their contracts vs the cost of hiring employees.

13. CLOSED SESSION – 8:27pm

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subd. 3 (c) (3), the City Council met in a closed session to determine the asking price for real property to be sold by the City of Oak Grove: PIDs: 04-33-24-22-0019 and 04-33-24-22-0018.

Closed Session ended at 8:38pm

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The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6:00pm

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRAY JOHNSON. SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE. MOTION CARRIED. (4-1 WEST) MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:39PM.