

**OAK GROVE COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, July 8, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Oak Grove City Council was called to order by Mayor Rolf at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 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  
                             Joe Sathe, City Attorney

**1. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council member Wylie announced that all 5 members of the City Council attended the public dedication of the Remember Them Memorial in the Cedar Creek Conservation Area of Oak Grove on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Council member West stated that the Council was given a plaque.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

**3. SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0.**

**4. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 24, 2024**

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPROVE THE JUNE 24, 2024 MINUTES. SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRAY JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED (5-0).**

**5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

A. Planning Commission – June 20, 2024

Mayor Rolf acknowledged the receipt of the Planning Commission minutes for June 20, 2024.

**6. SHERIFF’S REPORT**

Lt. Knotz was present to provide the monthly update to the City Council. His report included the stats for the month of June. There were 254 calls for service including 29 medical calls, 180 traffic stops, 17 animal calls and 2 DUIs.

He also spoke regarding two upcoming events. The August 2, 2024 Night to Unite and the August 2nd 2024 “CAST” event.

He stated that anyone wishing to have ACSO staff appear at their neighborhood get together on August 6th to register online by July 29, 2024.

He discussed the “CAST” fishing event on Lake George for community children.

**7. 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. Toikka Wood Working IUP Renewal – Resolution 24-071
- C. Express Signs IUP Renewal – Resolution 24-072
- D. Rimbey Kennel IUP Renewal – Resolution 24-073
- E. Royalties Towing IUP Application – Resolution 24-074
- F. Herman IUP Renewal – Resolution 24-076
- G. Innovative Garage Flooring Site Plan Review

Mayor Rolf pulled item (D) from the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A, B, C, E, F, G. SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE. MOTION CARRIED. (5-0).**

Mayor Rolf inquired regarding the wording of Resolution 24-073 regarding the complaints portion language.

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR ROLF TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM D – RESOLUTION 24-073 RIMBEY KENNEL IUP RENEWAL. SECOND BY COUNCIL WEST. MOTION CARRIED. (5-0).**

**8. CITY ENGINEER**

- A. Pay App #2 2024 Street Improvement Projects
- B. Engineer Updates

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPROVE PAY APP #2 FOR 2024 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – RESOLUTION 24-078. SECOND BY COUNCIL WYLIE. MOTION CARRIED. (5-0).**

Engineer Chuck Schwartz updated Council on the detour on Highway 65. It will go from June 24, 2024 to July 17, 2024. Northbound Highway 65 will need to turn to Constance Blvd to County Road 9. Southbound will start at 227<sup>th</sup>.

The County is starting design on a new segment of County Road 22 from River Bridge to County Road 9. Adding a third center lane and turn lanes. The project will shift traffic to the North portion on Saturday, July 13.

He further updated the Council regarding the positive feedback received regarding the roundabout and the Viking Blvd improvement project.

Options for temporary trail signs were presented to the Council to receive their feedback.

Jerry Tri – 20321 Arrowhead St. NW

Mr. Tri addressed Council regarding some water concerns regarding the detours in the area and the communication difference between the signage in Oak Grove vs East Bethel.

**9. PARKS**

A. Park Dedication Fees

The Park Commission is proposing the Park Dedication Fees be increased from \$2,300 to \$2,700. Administrator Wickham stated that if the Council would like to move forward the staff would prepare the necessary ordinance amendments. Staff were guided to bring back formal action.

**10. PLANNING**

A. Code Enforcement Update

Administrator Wickham provided a memo from Rum River Consultants with a breakdown of active enforcement cases. It was discussed that moving forward these would be presented to Council at the first meeting of each month. A highlight of the memo included 42 open cases, 28 resolved cases and 7 cases that are currently with the attorney's office.

**11. CITY ATTORNEY**

A. City Attorney Updates

City Attorney, Joe Sathe, was present but did not have any specific updates for Council. Mr. Sathe stated that he was in receipt of the title work for the sale of the Ponds property and that he was working on an extension for the wastewater/sewer agreement with the City of St. Francis that included the removal of the premium pay language.

**12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

- A. Consider Resolution 24-070 Renewing the general permit allowing the operation of all-terrain vehicles and golf carts on City streets
- B. Service Providers Discussion
- C. Administrator Updates

Administrator Wickham introduced Resolution 24-070 explaining that this permit was obtained every three years and was up for renewal.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPROVE THE PERMIT – RESOLUTION 24-070 FOR THREE YEARS. SECOND BY COUNCIL WYLIE. MOTION CARRIED. (5-0).**

Administrator Wickham led a discussion regarding the service providers contracted by the City. He indicated that the contract with Rum River Consultants for building and inspection services is the largest. He would like to discuss this topic at a work session.

Council member Wylie stated that he'd like to see what it would look like to have that service brought back in-house as it was in the past.

Council member West stated that he was in favor of holding the work session.

Administrator Wickham updated the Council that the summer newsletter will be going out very shortly.

He briefly updated the members about the complaints on a group home in the City that is now with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office.

He stated that a Public Works employee will be retiring in September.

Council member Bray Johnson inquired about the cost of soccer goals and nets for a resident that would like to donate the cost to purchase new ones. Soccer goals are approximately \$4,000 and the nets around \$300 for a set of two.

**13. MAYOR/COUNCIL REQUESTS/UPDATES**

Council member Bray Johnson spoke regarding the newly designated park on Lake George and speaking with the neighbors to the property. She stated that she witnessed the issue the neighbors have brought up about the pontoon that is anchored in front of the new park.

She also mentioned that the Primary on August 13<sup>th</sup> is coming up and that early voting has started.

There was a brief discussion about the State flag at City Hall.

Council member Wylie inquired about a "meet the candidates" forum for the upcoming City Council election in November. The Council discussed having this forum earlier in the season

and who would moderate it. The Council did request that the information be provided in the newsletter.

*The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 29, 2024, at 6:00pm*

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRAY JOHNSON. SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL. MOTION CARRIED. (4-1 WEST) MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10PM.**