

**CITY OF HANOVER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2016 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Chris Kauffman called the regular meeting of Tuesday, June 7, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Chris Kauffman, John Vajda, Doug Hammerseng, Ken Warpula, and Jim Zajicek. Also present were City Administrator Brian Hagen, Accountant/Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Lindrud, Public Works Supervisor Scott Vogel, City Attorney Jay Squires and City Engineer Justin Messner. Guests present included Senator Mary Kiffmeyer, Vonnice Waters, Krysta Mitchell, Tim Bienias, Claudia Pingree, Janet McDaniel, Hennepin County Sherriff, and Doug Voerding from the Wright County Journal Press

Approval of Agenda:

Hagen sent out a revised agenda which removed the EDA incentive program until more information could be gathered. Kauffman added Senator Mary Kiffmeyer as item 2a.

MOTION by Warpula to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Senator Mary Kiffmeyer

Senator Kiffmeyer gave an update on the legislative session. The tax cut bill was not approved by Governor Dayton, but the supplemental spending bill was passed. Some items that passed were a bill requiring high school students to take a shortened version of the citizenship exam, and there are also state and federal funds available for broadband grants. Work was also done to get more equitable funding for education. Kiffmeyer has also been working on structure changes need for a balanced budget. The budget cycle would move from a two year to a four year cycle. She further stated that another change would be to limit contract negotiations so that they do not exceed the estimated revenues budget timeline. Vajda thanked Kiffmeyer for her time and invited her to attend Hanover's 125th year celebration on October 8th.

Consent Agenda:

Hagen stated he would like to amend the May 23 Special City Council Meeting minutes to reflect that Krysta Mitchell was advocating for the continued aesthetics of the Crow River Heights neighborhoods in Hanover. Warpula inquired why the May 17 minutes did not reflect everyone who spoke regarding the Public Works facility. Hagen explained that though a number of guests spoke, the message each guest sent to Council was similar in nature to a point where the brief summary captured all opinions.

MOTION by Vajda to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Warpula.

- a. **Approve Minutes of May 17, 2016 City Council Work Session Meeting**
- b. **Approve Minutes of May 23, 2016 Special City Council Meeting**
- c. **Approve Minutes of May 23, 2016 Joint Council/Planning Commission Meeting**
- d. **Approve Claims as Presented:**

➤ Claims	\$ 103,108.32
➤ Payroll	\$ 7,910.23
➤ P/R taxes & Exp	\$ 3,161.09
➤ Other Claims	\$ 2,541.44
➤ Total Claims	<u>\$ 116,801.08</u>

- e. **Res No 06-07-16-69 – Accepting Donation of Kitchen Supplies**
- f. **Res No 06-07-16-73 – Approving Annual Liquor Licenses**

Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Forum:

Vonnie Waters

Waters stated that she came to try and save the trees one last time before Council made their final decision. She explained that she does have one concern regarding the foul balls going into the park or shelter if the ballfield is expanded and if older/stronger kids will now be using the field. She further stated that the trees create shade and character and make Hanover a more pleasing town.

Tim Bienias

Bienias voiced concerns over safety and if the new ballfield will deter families from bringing their kids to play at Settlers Park. He stated when men's baseball uses the field the area is louder and the potential for drinking increases, and inquired if there could be a cap for the softball usage on the field. He also stated that during t-ball many families and children play and sit in the trees near the field. He also feels that a second opinion should be sought out on the soil testing for the potential public works site.

Claudia Pingree

Pingree stated she was not sure what else to say that has not been said already to keep the trees. She explained that she has heard that the debris on the potential public works site goes down farther than 8 feet and it would make a better site for a ballfield than a public works building. She added that the Girl Scouts camp in Settlers Park and they, along with others may not be happy to find out the trees are being removed.

Janet McDaniel

McDaniel inquired if companies have been contracted for the ballfield construction. Kauffman replied that they have not, Miller Trucking & Landscaping did provide a quote to Hanover Athletic Association, but no one has been contracted yet. She then inquired if the City planned to hire an urban forester. Hagen clarified that Hanover Youth Ball and Hanover Athletic Association are managing this project with input from the City. He further explained that Wright Soil and Water will be kept informed and will be asked for assistance to monitor the trees.

Public Hearings

Plug Technologies – Minnesota Investment Fund Grant

Kauffman to open the Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m.

Hagen explained that Plug Technologies came to Hanover in 2013 and worked with the EDA and Council to gain various incentive programs, with one being the MN Investment Fund Grant. A contract was entered into in order to provide funding. Plug Technologies created eight new jobs with low to moderate income levels. Hagen further explained that the Public Hearing is a statutory requirement. Kauffman inquired if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

MOTION by Warpula to close the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m., seconded Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Unfinished Business:

Direction on Moratorium Amendment

Hagen stated that the recent Moratorium ordinance that was passed has held up some of the new home permits because they did not meet the minimum footprint requirement. It has been suggested to amend the moratorium ordinance to reduce the minimum requirement. Kauffman stated that there are currently three existing homes based on the same plan that were allowed to be built and inquired as to how the City can deny the new home when it was approved for past residents. Council discussed that they did

drive through the newer developments and do not feel any of the homes do not fit Hanover or are too small. Vajda stated that the City set the requirements and keeps pushing them back and he does not want them to push back anymore. Hammerseng stated that the City should have standards in place that do not devalue current homes. Council gave direction for Hagen to advertise a Public Hearing for the July 5th Council meeting to consider an amendment.

Public Works Site Commitment

Hagen requested Council to commit to a site for the public works facility. He stated that the approved design will not fit on a different lot currently owned by the City, therefore before preparing detailed plans a site commitment would be beneficial. Kauffman gave an overview using past minutes dating back several years stating that the site had been approved on three occasions for public works. He had further detail of the various dates and companies that conducted soil testing and stated that the findings remained consistent, that the soil would need corrections and that concrete and other construction materials were buried below. He stated the City has been studying the land for 17 years and spent around \$100,000 plus Staff time. Hammerseng stated he also read through the minutes and was looking for mentions of toxic and hazardous materials and did not see anything to that effect.

MOTION by Kauffman to approve the Public Works building site on the 5th St NE parcel, seconded by Vajda. **Motion carried 4 to 1.** Voting aye: Kauffman, Hammerseng, Vajda, Zajicek. Voting nay: Warpula.

St. Michael Compost Site Upgrades

Zajicek explained that he visited the City of St. Michael and gained a better understanding of why the new unmanned facility was needed. He stated that some residents were breaking rules and then yelling at staff, which caused staffing difficulties. The new system will have cameras where residents enter the site and at the dump areas, staff will review the tapes if they find items that were dumped that should not have been. Zajicek explained that if a resident borrows out their key fob, they are still the responsible party if someone using their fob dumps items that are prohibited. Council discussed the financial impact; Hagen stated the yearly cost would go up from \$5,000 to approximately \$6,000 plus the cost of key fobs. The cost of the key fobs could be added to Hanover's fee schedule and would only need to be given out to residents who wanted access to the site. Council gave direction that they support the St. Michael compost site upgrade.

Settlers Park Ballfield Redesign Commitment

Kauffman summarized the ongoing discussions with Hanover Youth Ball and the Hanover Athletic Association in regards to the Settlers Park Ballfield redesign. He explained that this project will come at no cost to the City and unfortunately five 150 year old oak trees will need to be removed. Kauffman stated that the newly renovated Historic Bridge required 75 oak trees to be harvested for the deck boards and that sometimes harvesting trees can lead to positive outcomes. Zajicek stated he wants the trees to stay, however in talking with residents, they want to know why the City would spend money on land to build a ballfield when the City has land at Settlers Park, so despite his personal beliefs to keep the trees he has to vote for the greater good of the city. Hammerseng stated he is fortunate to have a home on a lot with many trees, he further stated he was also fortunate to have lived in areas with sports facilities when his children were growing up and felt that people move to Hanover because there are activities for children.

No Motion to rescind/repeal Council's previous action related to the Settlers Park Ballfield redesign approval.

New Business:

None

Reports

Messner

- 5th Street water main extension preconstruction meeting will take place Thursday. The contractor expects work to start the second to the last week in June and should take three to four days.
- Conducted the final walk through on the Historic Bridge, found one small issue with a load bearing timber that the contractor has already corrected.
- Working with Hennepin County on the CSAH 19 sidewalk extension for right away and maintenance agreement. Also spoke with Wright County for the extension to the school on the Wright County side of the bridge. They support it but would like the City to pay for the curb and relocation of the guardrail. Messner is meeting with Xcel on the power pole issue that currently would block the sidewalk extension.
- Hanover Hills open house went well. The residents had questions related to the speeds in the neighborhood and how residents aren't stopping for stop signs.

Vogel

- Stated that they have been cracking filling, the project is taking more material than expected, however the total cost is still less than hiring it out. The project is taking a little longer because of rain delays.

Lindrud

- Conducted the annual park walk through with the Park Board and inspected which parks could house or require new amenities. The Board will discuss these items in the Comp Planning at their next meeting.
- Concert in the Park is Thursday June 16th at 6:30pm.
- Flyers listing all the Park Board events were handed out at Hanover Elementary last Friday.

Hagen

- Working on the purchase agreement with Jim Stewart and with WSB for the drainage and utility easements needed for the lot split.
- The Greenhouse building permit is almost complete.
- Working on the Public Works bonding paper work.
- Election season is getting busy; Hagen will designate election judges at the next meeting.

Zajicek

- Will hand out flyers and put up signs for Concert in the Park
- Inquired if a hidden driveway sign could be installed on Prairie Lane for a resident, people speed around the corner and are unable to see when the resident is backing out of their driveway.
- Inquired if electrical could be set up for Concert in the Park for future events.

Kauffman

- Inquired if Vogel could reach out to Sentence to Serve to paint the Historic Bridge railing. Vogel replied that he would follow up with Marty Waters to see if the Boy Scouts had committed to painting the railings.

Adjournment

MOTION by Warpula to adjourn at 9:22 p.m., seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVED BY:

Chris Kauffman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brian Hagen, City Administrator