

**CITY OF HANOVER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 2016 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Vice Mayor John Vajda called the regular meeting of Tuesday, October 4, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Vice Mayor John Vajda, Councilors Doug Hammerseng, Ken Warpula, and Jim Zajicek. Mayor Chris Kauffman was absent. Also present were City Administrator Brian Hagen, Accountant/Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Lindrud, Public Works Supervisor Scott Vogel, City Attorney Jay Squires, City Engineer Justin Messner, and City Planner Cindy Nash. Guests present included Sara Biren, Michael Kosey, Jude Adams, Halen Adams, Ed Sjolin, Clark Lee, Adam Lange, Tony Wychgram, Abby Peterson, Thomas Jones, MaryAnn Hallstein, Martin Waters, Dave & Nancy Sibley, Dave Pinor, Dan & Suzanne Heinecke, Heather Sandberg, Robin & Mike Reinking, Susan Blood with Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council and Doug Voerding with the Wright County Journal Press.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Warpula added Crow River Dr. NE No Parking Signs as item 7d under New Business.

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

**Consent Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Warpula to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Hammerseng.

**a. Approve Minutes of September 20, 2016 City Council Work Session Meeting**

**b. Approve Claims as Presented:**

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| ➤ Claims          | \$ 103,047.02        |
| ➤ Payroll         | \$ 8,049.47          |
| ➤ P/R taxes & Exp | \$ 3,233.13          |
| ➤ Other Claims    | \$ 1,682.15          |
| ➤ Total Claims    | <u>\$ 116,011.77</u> |

**c. Res No 10-04-16-110 – Accepting Donation from Hanover Lions Club**

**d. Res No 10-04-16-111 – Approving Temporary Snowplow**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Citizen's Forum:**

**Susan Blood – Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council**

Susan Blood gave an annual update from the Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council. She had informational packets for everyone and explained that the NWHHSC has also created a Senior Resource Guide. Blood also requested that information from the NWHHSC be posted on the City website. Vajda inquired if there is currently anyone from Hanover serving as a liaison with the NWHHSC, Blood stated that there are openings for an advisor and a for someone to serve on the senior leadership committee.

**Martin Waters**

Martin Waters requested that the Council wait to remove the Oak Trees until the newly elected Council can take effect so the new leaders can weigh in on the decision. If the decision is final, Waters had several suggestions for the use of the wood. He stated the oak could be used for a band shell, to save slices of the tree to mark the City's history, use the proceeds of any wood that is sold to fund a Veteran's Memorial, or use the wood towards a memorial of a soldier for the Veteran's Memorial.

Waters also inquires on the 5<sup>th</sup> Street washout and where exactly the washout was located and who owned the property. Messner explained that the washout occurred roughly 100 yards east from where the water discharges from the culvert and is on City owned property.

### **Heather Sandberg and Mike Reinking**

Heather Sandberg stated she would like a reduction of the speed limit from 30mph to 25mph on River Road. The road is very narrow and when cars are parked in the street, two cars cannot pass without stopping. She further explained a child was recently hit by a car on the road and would like to see the speed limit enforced. Mike Reinking explained that everyone goes over 30pmh and there are several children in the neighborhood. Sandberg stated she has nearly been hit while biking and two dogs have also been hit and killed. Warpula inquired if there were specific times that the speeding occurs, Sandberg stated that in the morning and evening when people are leaving and coming home from work.

### **Public Hearings:**

**None**

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### **Res No 10-04-16-112 – Ratification of FRA Pension Increase**

Hagen stated that this resolution was tabled at the previous meeting. He explained that the FRA is its own entity with a fund they use to pay retirement benefits. The City will have liability if the fund falls below 100% funded, the pension amount is not directly related to the City's operating budget. He further explained that two years ago the FRA set a target of 105% funded, and with this pension increase the fund is estimated to be at 108% funded.

**MOTION** by Vajda to approve Res No 10-04-16-112, seconded by Zajicek. **Motion carried.** Voting aye: Vajda, Hammerseng, Zajicek. Abstaining: Warpula.

#### **Public Works Facility - Building Color**

Hagen explained that a color is required for the site plan approval for the public works building. Hammerseng inquired if the City has a color scheme for City buildings. Hagen stated there is not one, the Fire Hall is red and grey and City Hall is brick. Council agreed that Staff can choose the color of the public works building. Warpula requested that it match the Fire Hall.

#### **Ordinance 2016-07 – Building Orientation**

Nash stated that the Ordinance before Council requires a home to face the street. She explained there was a significant amount of public comments at the public hearing. The comments were in favor of the ordinance. Hammerseng explained that there was open and candid discussion on the pros and cons of adding or changing how the Ordinance would affect current and future building in the City. He further explained the goal was to support both new and existing homeowners. Nash also explained that homes in the RA zone could have the home face in any direction.

**MOTION** by Vajda to approve Ordinance 2016-07, seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **New Business:**

#### **Ordinance 2016-08 – Floodplain**

Nash explained that FEMA has new flood insurance maps for Hennepin County and also the Wright County portion of Hanover. The City needs to update the flood plain ordinance. Nash explained the maps were updated with better data than was used a few decades ago. Some homeowners who previously did not need flood insurance, may now need it. Nash and Messner explained that a letter is being sent out to the residents effected by the City.

**MOTION** by Vajda to approve Ordinance 2016-08, seconded by Hammerseng. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **City Speed Limit**

Hagen stated there have been concerns throughout the City about speeding. Hagen explained per State Statute the lowest the speed limit can be set is 25mph and in talking with the Sheriff's department they recommended to lower it City wide to eliminate any confusion of which areas are 25mph and which are 30mph. Discussion took place over the enforcement of the speed limit. Hagen noted he can request stricter guidelines on issuing tickets to people. Discussion also took place on increasing the hours of service from the Sheriff's office. Hammerseng recommended that Staff investigate lowering the speed limit to 25mph City wide and the costs associated with adding the new signage. Vajda also recommended seeking public input on the change from the entire City.

### **Park Board Recommendation on Tree Removal Timeframe**

Lindrud stated that the Park Board made a motion to recommend the oak trees in Settlers Park not be removed until the ground has frozen. She explained one of the members had done some research and that is the best time to do construction to minimize any damage to the remaining oak trees. Zajicek added that the recommendation was made with existing timeline in mind. Stating that if the project can be completed this fall, then the trees should not be delayed in being removed.

### **Crow River Road Northeast No Parking Sign**

Warpula explained that people are parking on both sides of Crow River Drive NE. This limits accessibility for both the residents who live there and emergency response abilities. He inquired if one side could be designated as No Parking. Adam Lange also stated there is no way an emergency vehicle would be able to make it down the road. Hagen inquired if No Parking signs should also be placed on the inside of the curve on River Road. Vajda requested that a letter be sent to the homes effected to solicit there input before going forward.

### **Reports**

#### **Vogel**

- Installed bollards and began painting the wood railings on the Historic Bridge.

#### **Lindrud**

- Park Board set the dates for next year's events, with the expectation of the Bike Rodeo. It was suggested that the Bike Rodeo take place in the spring, before parents buy new helmets for their children. Mat Boie is working on the scheduling to avoid holding the event the same time as St. Michael hold their bike rodeo.

#### **Hagen**

- Hagen noted that the Public Works site plan is near complete and staff anticipates bringing bid results for the soil corrections to the November 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting.

#### **Zajicek**

- Welcomed Colleen Williams to the Park Board, she brought good concerns with her to the meeting to discuss.

#### **Vajda**

- Encouraged the audience to bring concerns to City Hall at any time.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Vajda to adjourn at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Warpula. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVED BY:

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John Vajda, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brian Hagen, City Administrator