

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNDS VIEW CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MOUNDS VIEW  
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

**APPROVED**

Regular Meeting

July 23, 2018

Mounds View City Hall

2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, MN 55112

6:30 P.M.

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1. **MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER**
  2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  3. **ROLL CALL:** Bergeron, Gunn, Hull, Meehlhause, Mueller  
  
**NOT PRESENT:** None.
  4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
    - A. **Monday, July 23, 2018, City Council Agenda.**

Council Member Gunn noted Item 7B - Executive Director of CTV had been added to the agenda.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Meehlhause. To Approve the Monday, July 23, 2018, agenda as amended adding Item 7B – Executive Director of CTV Dana Heally.

Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. **Approval of Minutes.**
  - B. **Just and Correct Claims.**

Mayor Mueller requested a change to the minutes on Page 4, Line 27 noting the correct spelling for the woman's name was Jeanette.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Bergeron. To Approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chuck Durand, 2732 Mounds View Boulevard, stated he has owned the Holiday Gas Station in Mounds View for the past 22 years. He explained all three of his children have worked at this gas

station. He commented on the changes the City was proposing to make regarding the legal tobacco age. He encouraged the City not to change the age from 18 to 21. He stated he believed it was not the local government's responsibility to make this change. He explained 18-year-olds are old enough to go to war, be arrested and be married. He suggested the City Council focus their efforts on counterfeit cigarettes and not pursue a change to the smoking age. He recommended local law enforcement teach classes and instruct retailers to ensure minors are not able to purchase cigarettes and that minors better understand how smoking will impact their health.

**7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**A. State Representative Randy Jessup.**

Representative Randy Jessup provided the Council with a recap on the 2018 legislative session. He commented on the bi-partisan pension reform bill that was passed. He updated the Council on the I-35W project. He noted health care costs and health care access was another issue addressed by the legislature. He reported improvements have been made to MNLARS but understood this program was still a frustration for the State. He explained state income tax and distracted driving would be addressed in 2019. He commended the City on their efforts to encourage new construction both residential and commercial. He stated he was pleased to see the investments people were making in this community.

Council Member Meehlhause asked if the income tax bill was brought in alone or as an omnibus bill. Representative Jessup explained the income tax bill was separate. He stated it was his hope the leaders in 2019 would be more willing to work together on this issue.

Council Member Meehlhause thanked Representative Jessup for his work on behalf of the community.

Council Member Bergeron thanked Representative Jessup for his observations and noted the population of Mounds View had increased 9% in the last eight years. He discussed how this growth has created a need for more public transportation. He encouraged Representative Jessup to keep in mind the importance of local governmental control.

Mayor Mueller thanked Representative Jessup for his presentation and noted he was recognized by the League of Minnesota Cities as an Outstanding Legislator during the 2018 session for his willingness to reach across the aisle.

**B. Executive Director of CTV Dana Heally**

Dana Heally, Executive Director of CTV, introduced herself to the City Council. She noted she was in a learning period in her new position and stated she looked forward to meeting with the City Council members at some point in the future.

Council Member Bergeron welcomed Ms. Heally and wished her all the best in her new position.

Council Member Meehlhause stated he was excited to see the new direction CTV would be taking going forward. Ms. Heally explained all programming was being reviewed and new approaches were being considered for the future.

Mayor Mueller indicated she was pleased CTV would have a fresh set of eyes overseeing all programming. She wished Ms. Heally all the best in her new position.

Further discussion ensued regarding Ms. Heally's prior work experience.

**8. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance 947, Second Reading and Summary Publication, Updating and Amending Chapter 400 of the City Code – ROLL CALL VOTE.**

City Administrator Zikmund requested the Council approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 947 which would amend Chapter 400 of the City Code regarding Commissions. He commented on the proposed amendments and recommended approval.

Mayor Mueller asked what the difference was between the work staff was doing on the City Code and the work completed by the Charter Commission. City Administrator Zikmund described the differences between his work and the work done by the Charter Commission.

MOTION/SECOND: Hull/Gunn. To Waive the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance 947, Second Reading and Summary Publication, Updating and Amending Chapter 400 of the City Code.

ROLL CALL: Bergeron/Gunn/Hull/Meehlhause/Mueller.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**B. Ordinance 948, Second Reading and Summary Publication, Amending Chapter 200 of City Code, Contracting Provisions – ROLL CALL VOTE.**

City Administrator Zikmund requested the Council approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 948 which would amend Chapter 200 of the City Code. He commented on the proposed amendments and recommended approval.

Council Member Bergeron commented the proposed amendment would keep the City consistent with State Statute. City Administrator Zikmund reported this was the case.

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Bergeron. To Waive the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance 948, Second Reading and Summary Publication, Amending Chapter 200 of City Code, Contracting Provisions.

ROLL CALL: Bergeron/Gunn/Hull/Meehlhause/Mueller.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**C. Resolution 8988, Adopting Traffic Policy.**

City Administrator Zikmund requested the Council adopt a Traffic Policy. He commented on the policy further noting this document would assist staff in addressing traffic concerns in the City. He noted the application for a traffic/stop sign request has been placed on the City's website.

Council Member Gunn stated she approved of the formal process that was being proposed.

Council Member Bergeron noted an error within the numbering in the Resolution. City Administrator Zikmund stated he would correct this error.

Mayor Mueller commented on several other grammatical errors in the Resolution. She requested the second bullet point of Item 3 on Page 2 that states residents would have to pay for the installation of signs be removed from the Resolution. She believed that residents should not be responsible for this expense due to the fact they already pay property taxes. City Administrator Zikmund commented the way the language reads, the cost for the signs would be covered by the City, but all other traffic calming measures would be the responsibility of the resident.

Council Member Bergeron agreed the cost for signs should be covered by the City. He discussed how the expense of signs and the socio-economic status of different neighborhoods could hinder some residents from pursuing traffic signs.

Council Member Meehlhause supported the bullet point on Page 3 being redrafted.

MOTION/SECOND: Mueller/Bergeron. To Amend Resolution 8988, Removing the Second Bullet Point of Item 3 on Page 2 that states residents would have to pay for the installation of signs and direct staff to redraft this item.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Meehlhause. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8988, Adopting Traffic Policy as amended.

Council Member Meehlhause thanked staff for his efforts on the Traffic Policy.

Mayor Mueller asked if the residents along Groveland Road would have to follow the City's new policy in order to have a stop sign considered. City Administrator Zikmund reported this would be the case.

Mayor Mueller questioned if staff would have to redo the research and findings for Groveland Road. City Administrator Zikmund reported staff would have to redo the research.

Council Member Bergeron stated he was pleased to see the City would have a proactive process

in place for residents to address traffic concerns in their neighborhoods.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**9. REPORTS**

**A. Reports of Mayor and Council.**

Council Member Gunn invited the public to attend Cones with Cops on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at McDonalds from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She noted the rock wall would be at this event.

Council Member Gunn stated on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> the Police Department would be hosting a pre-National Night Out party at City Hall Park from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. She encouraged residents to register their National Night Out/Night to Unite parties with the City. It was noted National Night Out would be on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Gunn commented on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> the Police Department would be hosting a Street Hockey with a Cop event at the Mounds View Mobile Home Park from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Council Member Gunn invited all residents to attend the Street Dance celebrating Mounds View's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. She stated Jonah and the Whales would be playing from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost for this event was \$5 per person.

Council Member Gunn encouraged all residents to attend Festival in the Park on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. She commented on all of the events that were scheduled for Festival in the Park.

Mayor Mueller stated on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf would be hosting an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 3:00 p.m. She explained she was delighted to have this organization in the City of Mounds View.

Council Member Bergeron stated he was scheduled to attend a seminar at Bethel Seminary called Faith and Urban Development two weeks ago. Due to unfortunate weather, he was unable to attend but has been supplied with a video and reading materials from the event. He commented on the points that were made during the seminar that addressed needs versus wants.

Council Member Meehlhause reported he attended a Twin Cities Gateway board meeting last week with City Administrator Zikmund. He explained the Gateway's website continues to see increased activity, which was very positive and noted hotel revenues were on the rise. He suggested the directors of Twin Cities Gateway be invited to attend a future Council meeting.

Council Member Meehlhause stated he would be attending an NYFS Board meeting on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. He commented on an opportunity NYFS youth would have to assist with Festival in the Park games.

Mayor Mueller invited the public to attend story time on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at the corner of Groveland Road and Ardan Road at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Mueller stated the next Festival in the Park committee meeting would be held on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. She reported this would be one of the final planning meetings prior to Festival in the Park.

Mayor Mueller commented on a recent issue of the *Sun Focus* and commended the Mounds View Theater Community for their recent production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. She encouraged the public to take in a performance Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Mueller thanked Police Chief Harder for inviting her to attend the active shooter training that was hosted by the Mounds View Police Department. She discussed the agencies that were in attendance and commented on the emergency personnel training that occurred during this event. She thanked all of the police officers and first responders that participated in this valuable training.

**B. Reports of Staff.**

City Administrator Zikmund presented the Council with a wooden plaque that a Mounds View resident, Roger Estwick, created from an Ash tree. He explained this plaque was made to celebrate Mounds View's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He encouraged the Council to invite the artist to attend a future meeting in order to offer him a proper thank you. The Council supported this recommendation.

City Administrator Zikmund commented on a situation staff was dealing with regarding an unlicensed tree trimmer. He encouraged residents to use only licensed tree trimmers.

City Administrator Zikmund reviewed the upcoming worksession agenda with the Council.

Bob King, 7408 Silver Lake Road, explained he was a member of the Mounds View Police Foundation. He thanked the public for their support at recent events and noted the funds raised at their events would assist the Police Department in sponsoring future outreach events.

**C. Reports of City Attorney.**

There was nothing additional to report.

- 10. Next Council Work Session: Monday, August 6, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.  
Next Council Meeting: Monday, August 13, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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