

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

APPROVED

Regular Meeting

April 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, April 23, 2018, City Council Agenda.**

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Hull. To Approve the Monday, April 23, 2018, agenda as presented.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2018**
 - B. **Just and Correct Claims.**
 - C. **Resolution 8949, Authorizing Insurance Policies for the Year January 2018 through December 2018.**
 - D. **Resolution 8948, Approval of a One-Year Extension of a Conditional Use Permit for a Multiple-Family Dwelling for the “Boulevard”.**

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Bergeron. To Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

7. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**
 - A. **State Representative Randy Jessup.**

Representative Randy Jessup thanked the Council for their time and provided an update from the legislature. He noted the legislative session would be four more weeks and noted the focus would be on Minnesota tax reform. He reported the State's goal would be to bring Minnesota tax code into conformance with the new Federal standards. He discussed the bonding projects that were being discussed by the legislature, along with the initiatives that were being pursued to assist with school safety and mental illness. He noted he requested an appropriation of \$250,000 for the Mounds View School District to assist with educating the teachers participating in the Pathways program.

Council Member Bergeron thanked Representative Jessup for the great work he was doing on behalf of the community and the Mounds View School District. He asked if the City's hospitality tax would be impacted by the Minnesota Tax reform. Representative Jessup stated he would investigate this further and would report back to the City Council.

Council Member Meehlhause commented further on the hospitality tax that was collected by the Twin Cities Gateway Visitor's Bureau. He noted each of the cities that participated in this organization. He reported Mounds View uses the dollars it receives to assist with expenses for Festival in the Park.

Mayor Mueller discussed the importance of educating students in the trades and stated she was pleased by all of the great education that was taking place at Mounds View High Schools. She commented on the importance of LGA to the City of Mounds View.

B. Building Safety Month Proclamation.

City Administrator Zikmund read a proclamation in full for the record declaring May to be building safety month in the City of Mounds View.

C. Review the 2017 Annual Audit by Aaron Nielsen, CPA and Principal of MMKR.

Aaron Nielsen, MMKR, reviewed the City's 2017 annual audit in detail with the Council. He stated he was pleased to report that Mounds View had received an unmodified or clean opinion for the year ended December 31, 2017. He shared the findings within the audit noting the City's estimated market value was on the rise. He commented on the balance of the City's governmental and enterprise funds. He thanked the Council for their time and commended the City on their fine financial work.

Mayor Mueller thanked Mr. Nielsen for his thorough financial report and commended Finance Director Beer for his great work on behalf of the City.

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Resolution 8941, Appointing MMKR to Provide Auditing Services for the Years Ended December 31, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Finance Director Beer requested the Council appoint MMKR to provide auditing services for the City for the years ending December 31, 2018, 2019 and 2020. He explained the City was very pleased with the professional services being provided by MMKR and reviewed the proposed rates for the audits for years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Council Member Meehlhause questioned how long the City has been working with MMKR. Finance Director Beer anticipated the City has been working with MMKR for the past 13 or 14 years.

Mayor Mueller stated she was pleased to see the cost for services only increased by 2% per year within the contract.

MOTION/SECOND: Hull/Meehlhause. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8941, Appointing MMKR to Provide Auditing Services for the Years Ended December 31, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

B. Resolution 8951, Authorizing the Issuance of Equipment Certificates by the City of Blaine and Approving a Supplement to the Joint Powers Agreement.

Finance Director Beer requested the Council authorize the issuance of equipment certificates by the City of Blaine and approving a supplement to the Joint Powers Agreement. He explained when the Fire Department purchases large capital equipment one of the member cities issues conduit debt to cover the expense. He indicated once the bond sale has occurred, further information will be provided to the City Council.

Council Member Meehlhause asked when Mounds View would have to make its first payment on the new fire equipment. Finance Director Beer reported this would not occur until 2020.

Mayor Mueller questioned what percentage of the debt Mounds View would be responsible for. Finance Director Beer indicated Mounds View would be responsible for 16.37% of the debt. He commented further on how the City's percentage was determined based on the number of calls Mounds View had for fire calls.

Mayor Mueller commented the requested bonds were being sold to assist with purchasing additional fire equipment for the SBM Fire Department. Finance Director Beer reported this was the case noting the request was for a ladder truck.

Council Member Meehlhause discussed the value and importance of the SBM Fire Department to the City of Mounds View.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Meehlhause. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8951, Authorizing the Issuance of Equipment Certificates by the City of Blaine and Approving a Supplement to the Joint Powers Agreement.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

9. REPORTS

A. Reports of Mayor and Council.

Council Member Gunn stated she attended the Getting to Know the Sound of Music at Pinewood Elementary School last Saturday afternoon along with Council Member Bergeron and Council Member Meehlhause.

Council Member Gunn commented she attended Bowling with a Cop last Sunday with Council Member Meehlhause and Mayor Mueller. She thanked the Mounds View Police Officers and the members of the Mounds View Police Foundation for their assistance with this event.

Council Member Bergeron discussed the fine theater program that was in place at Pinewood Elementary School. He stated last Thursday he attended the North Suburban Cable Commission appreciation dinner along with the Mayor.

Council Member Meehlhause commented the musical at Pinewood Elementary School was fantastic. He reviewed his upcoming meeting schedule noting he would be attending an NYFS meeting on Thursday. He stated next Tuesday he would be attending the Rotary Luncheon along with the Mayor and City Administrator Zikmund. Council Member Meehlhause reported he would be attending the NYFS Leadership Luncheon on Wednesday, May 2nd.

Mayor Mueller thanked the Council and staff for attending the recent Council Retreat at Random Park. She noted the Council took a detailed look at its long-term finances and was working to address the levy reduction fund.

Mayor Mueller explained the Festival in the Park Committee met on Tuesday, April 17th. She indicated this group was planning a street dance for Friday, August 17th along with the Festival events for Saturday, August 18th. She encouraged any resident interested in volunteering for this event to attend the next Festival in the Park Committee meeting which would be held on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Mueller stated she attended the CTV Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, April 18th along with Council Member Bergeron. She reported she attended an LMC Safety and Loss Control Workshop in Brooklyn Park on Thursday, April 19th. She commented further on the sessions she attended at this event.

Mayor Mueller indicated she had a great time at the Bowling with a Cop event held on Sunday, April 22nd. She reported she would be attending the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Conference in Duluth, Minnesota with City Administrator Zikmund and Police Chief Harder Tuesday of this week. She commented on the sessions she would be attending at this conference.

Mayor Mueller reported the 60th Anniversary Committee would be meeting on May 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Mueller stated on Wednesday, June 6th an Open House would be held at the new Public Works Facility from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Mueller invited the public to attend the Town Hall meeting which would be held on Monday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

B. Reports of Staff.

Finance Director Beer stated the Finance Department was working on the 5-year financial plan and 2019 budget. He encouraged the Council to attend the employee appreciation luncheon which would be held on Wednesday, June 6th at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center.

City Administrator Zikmund discussed the items that would be addressed at the Town Hall meeting and noted old street signs would be sold at the upcoming Town Hall meeting.

City Administrator Zikmund provided the Council with an update on the Tires N More property.

City Administrator Zikmund explained Chapters 100, 200 and 300 of the City Code had now been updated by City staff.

City Administrator Zikmund reviewed the items that would be addressed by the Council at their Monday, May 7th worksession meeting.

City Administrator Zikmund discussed a project Police Chief Harder was working on and noted he had secured \$19,000 worth of workout equipment for \$1,000. He requested feedback from the Council on how to proceed. There was Council consensus to support the Chief's efforts and allow for the purchase of the workout equipment.

Mayor Mueller congratulated Jacob Martin for passing his Fire Inspector 1 exam.

C. Reports of City Attorney.

There was nothing additional to report.

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| 10. Next Council Work Session: | Monday, May 7, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. |
| Next Council Meeting: | Monday, May 14, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. |
| Town Hall Meeting: | Monday, April 30, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. |

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Transcribed by:

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