

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

APPROVED

Regular Meeting
August 27, 2018
Mounds View City Hall
2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, MN 55112
6:36 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, August 27, 2018, City Council Agenda.**

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Hull. To Approve the Monday, August 27, 2018, agenda as presented.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Mueller asked to remove Item 5E.

- A. **Approval of Minutes: August 13, 2018.**
- B. **Just and Correct Claims.**
- C. **Resolution 9001, Approving Severance for Brian Sawyer, Police Officer.**
- D. **Resolution 9004, Abatement of City Code Violations, 7941 Edgewood Drive.**
- E. ~~**Resolution 9008, Temporary Suspension of Resolution 5396, 5501, 5557 and 7583.**~~

MOTION/SECOND: Bergeron/Meehlhause. To Approve the Consent Agenda as presented removing Item 5E.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

- E. **Resolution 9008, Temporary Suspension of Resolution 5396, 5501, 5557 and 7583.**

Mayor Mueller stated she asked to pull this item for further discussion. She explained the Council had discussed eliminating the live streaming of some City meetings, but noted the meetings would still be broadcast later or available for web streaming. She indicated the City was running into personnel issues and a temporary suspension of these Ordinances would remove the requirement to live stream all meetings. She commented this was also a budget decision that would reduce City costs. She reported the entire City Council supported the proposed Resolution suspensions.

MOTION/SECOND: Mueller/Gunn. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9008, Temporary Suspension of Resolution 5396, 5501, 5557 and 7583.

Council Member Bergeron reported this was an experimentation period that would run from September 1 through December 31. It was noted this was not a permanent change.

Council Member Meehlhause indicated the Council meetings would continue to be shown live, along with the Planning Commission meetings. However, he explained the Park Recreation and Forestry Commission, Charter Commission, and EDC would be broadcast later and would not be shown live. Finance Director Beer noted the proposed change would allow staff to spend more time on other productions.

Mayor Mueller stated it was her hope the public would provide the City with feedback regarding the temporary suspension and if this was impacting the community in a positive or negative manner.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 1 (Mueller)

Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Proclamation for National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day.

Mayor Mueller read a proclamation in full for the record declaring October 15, 2018 to be National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in the City of Mounds View.

B. Presentation by Mounds View Police Foundation.

Katrina Joseph, Mounds View Police Foundation, discussed the work being completed by the Mounds View Police Foundation. She explained the group has six voting members that serve, along with Police Chief Harder. She thanked the City Council for their support over the years. She reported the mission of the Mounds View Police Foundation was to raise and grant funds to the Mounds View Police Department to assist in its continuing education of police officers, training of police officers, and community policing, outreach and education, to include the

purchase of special equipment not otherwise available to the Police Department. She provided further comment on the fundraising efforts that have occurred during the past year. She reported the Foundation was currently raising funds for a bite suit for the department's K-9 officer. She reviewed the events that have been sponsored by the Foundation in 2018 and stated she was extremely proud of the New Americans Academy and explained the City of Blaine was looking to create a similar program.

Council Member Gunn stated on September 16th the Lions will be putting on a Waffle Breakfast at the Community Center and a portion of the funds raised will be going to the Mounds View Police Foundation.

Council Member Meehlhause commented on a recent success story that he heard at an NYFS board meeting and commended the Mounds View Police Department for their efforts within the Diversion Program. He also thanked the members in the Diversion Program for their assistance at Festival in the Park.

- C. Festival in the Park Car Show Awards.**
 - a. Steve Johnson – Class 800 2nd Place – Shelby GT.**
 - b. Jim Underhill – Bolton & Menk Award Sponsor – 1972 Olds Cutlass Convertible.**

Mayor Mueller presented Steve Johnson with an award for his Shelby GT and thanked him for participating in Festival in the Park. She then presented resident Don Elofson, accepting on behalf of Jim Underhill, with the Bolton & Menk Award for his 1972 Olds Cutlass Convertible. A round of applause was presented by all in attendance.

- D. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to CG Hill & Sons, Inc. for Assisting with Park Clean Up after Festival in the Park.**

Mayor Mueller explained staff would be presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to representatives from CG Hill & Sons, Inc. for assisting with cleanup efforts after Festival in the Park. She reported the City thanks CG Hill & Sons for their efforts on behalf of the community.

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing: Consideration of Resolution 8990, Approving a Chicken/Duck License for Rebecca O'Donnell at 8145 Red Oak Drive.**

City Administrator Zikmund requested the Council approve a chicken/duck license for Rebecca O'Donnell at 8145 Red Oak Drive. He explained Ms. O'Donnell would like to free roam their chickens and noted staff had inspected their fencing. Staff provided further comment on the request and recommended approval.

Mayor Mueller opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Rebecca O'Donnell, 8145 Red Oak Drive, thanked the Council for their consideration and stated

she recently moved to Mounds View from Columbia Heights. She noted she had chickens at her house in Columbia Heights for three years. She reported she was a responsible chicken owner and would properly manage her coop. She indicated she had not received any complaints from her previous neighbors. She stated she would be installing a privacy fence which would ensure the chickens were not a problem for her neighbors.

Mayor Mueller commented on Ms. O'Donnell's coop and asked when she would have her fence constructed. Ms. O'Donnell reported the fence would be installed this fall.

Hearing no further public input, Mayor Mueller closed the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Council Member Meehlhause asked if the applicant had applied for a building permit for the fence. City Administrator Zikmund stated she was still working through the fence issues with staff.

MOTION/SECOND: Hull/Gunn. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8990, Approving a Chicken/Duck License for Rebecca O'Donnell, 8145 Red Oak Drive.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

B. Public Hearing: Consideration of Resolution 8993, Approving a Residential Dog Kennel License for Jennifer Jensen, 8395 Sunnyside Road.

City Administrator Zikmund requested the Council approve a residential dog kennel license for Jennifer Jensen at 8395 Sunnyside Road. He reported Ms. Jensen would like to have three dogs on their property and noted she would not be breeding. Staff provided further comment and recommended approval of the request.

Mayor Mueller opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Cheryl Bormhorst, 8405 Sunnyside Road, stated she has lived next to the Jensen's for the past 14 years. She explained Jensen's were very responsible pet owners and she offered her support to the residential dog kennel license.

Jennifer Jensen, 8395 Sunnyside Road, thanked the Council for their consideration. She explained she had two dogs and one was getting quite old. She discussed the dog rescuing she had done in the past and explained her goal was to bring a dog into nursing homes for therapy training. She reported that she would not be breeding and would not have an outdoor kennel building.

Hearing no further public input, Mayor Mueller closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Meehlhause. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8993, Approving a Residential Dog Kennel License for Jennifer Jensen, 8395 Sunnyside Road.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

- C. Public Hearing: To Receive Public Input and Pass Upon Resolution 9005, Adopting a Special Assessment Levy for Unpaid Administrative Offense Charges and Unpaid Rental License Fees.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- D. Public Hearing: To Receive Public Input and Pass Upon Resolution 9005, Adopting a Special Assessment Levy for Unpaid Administrative Offense Charges and Unpaid Rental License Fees.**

Finance Director Beer requested the Council receive public input and adopt a Special Assessment Levy for unpaid administrative offense charges and unpaid rental license fees. He reported the City became aware of a rental house that was for sale. He explained this rental home had outstanding fees and staff would like to have these fees taken care of before the home sold.

Mayor Mueller opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Hearing no public input, Mayor Mueller closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION/SECOND: Hull/Meehlhause. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9005, Adopting a Special Assessment Levy for Unpaid Administrative Offense Charges and Unpaid Rental License Fees.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

- E. Resolution 9003, Approving the Development Review of Central Sandblasting located at 2299 County Road H.**

Community Development Director Sevald requested the Council approve the Development Review of Central Sandblasting located at 2299 County Road H. He explained this type of review was required for any type of non-single-family residential construction project. He discussed the addition being proposed by Central Sandblasting and commented on the City's parking requirements. He reported the Planning Commission reviewed this request at their August 15th meeting and recommended approval of the request.

Council Member Meehlhause asked if the Planning Commission offered unanimous approval of this request. Community Development Director Sevald reported this was the case.

Council Member Bergeron questioned how many shifts would be operating out of this space. Lucas Herbst, Central Sandblasting, explained he had 30 to 32 employees and noted his business would have two shifts. He indicated the day shift workers left the site around 2:30 p.m. and the evening shift workers began at 3:00 p.m. He stated he was a third-generation business owner that has been in Mounds View for the past 50 years.

Mayor Mueller questioned if the addition would be completed before or after the existing building would be demolished. Mr. Herbst reported he would be completing the addition prior to demolishing the existing building so as not to interrupt operations or his employees. He stated it would help his business grow into the future being located under one roof.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Meehlhause. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9003, Approving the Development Review of Central Sandblasting located at 2299 County Road H.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

F. Resolution 9006, Approving the Contract for EAB Tree Injection Program.

Public Works Director Peterson requested the Council approve a contract for an EAB tree injection program. He stated the City was working with the Department of Agriculture to pursue Ash tree injections for both public and private trees. He noted a mailing would be sent to residents regarding the EAB tree injection program. He further discussed the program and recommended approval of the contract with Rainbow Tree Care.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Meehlhause. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9006, Approving the Contract for EAB Tree Injection Program.

Council Member Meehlhause requested the City be very clear that this was an opportunity for residents to receive a better rate for EAB treatment and was not a required program. Public Works Director Peterson reviewed a sample flyer that would be sent to residents.

Council Member Bergeron asked when the best time was to complete the EAB injections. Public Works Director Peterson reported the spring was the best time for this. He noted the flyers would be sent out prior to spring.

Council Member Meehlhause thanked Public Works Director Peterson for his efforts on this program.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

G. Resolution 9007, Approving the Tree Removal's Contract.

Public Works Director Peterson requested the Council approve a tree removal contract. He reviewed the cost per tree for various trunk diameters and noted the low bid for tree removal and trimming services was submitted by Upper Cut Tree Services. Staff recommended the tree removal contract be awarded to Upper Cut Tree Services.

Mayor Mueller asked who diagnosed the trees for removal. Public Works Director Peterson reported the Public Works Department marks the trees slated for removal.

Mayor Mueller questioned who was responsible for restoration work. Public Works Director Peterson indicated this was the responsibility of the homeowner. He provided further comment on how the diseased trees would be disposed of.

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Hull. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9007, Approving the Tree Removal's Contract.

Mayor Mueller requested staff ensure that Upper Cut Tree Services and Rainbow Tree Care be licensed with the City of Mounds View.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

H. Resolution 9009, Authorization to Purchase 3 Ford Police Interceptors and Set Up Costs.

Police Chief Harder requested the Council authorize the purchase of three Ford Police Interceptors and setup costs. He explained two of the vehicles were scheduled to be replaced in 2019 and the third was being requested to replace a squad that was recently totaled. He stated the department would take delivery of these vehicles in early 2019. He reviewed the setup costs and noted a great deal of equipment would be harvested from the squad that was totaled.

Council Member Meehlhause asked how much the City would have to pay for the squad that was totaled. Finance Director Beer estimated the City would receive \$24,000 in insurance compensation out of the \$30,000 replacement cost.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Meehlhause. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9009, Authorization to Purchase 3 Ford Police Interceptors and Set Up Costs.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

9. REPORTS

A. Reports of Mayor and Council.

Council Member Bergeron stated he enjoyed his time at Festival in the Park on Saturday, August 18th and thanked the community for showing up at this event. He commented that on Saturday, August 25th he attended Ghana Fest and thanked Police Chief Harder for having the rock wall available at this event.

Council Member Meehlhause reported he attended the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, August 21st. He stated he was very pleased by the turnout for this event.

Council Member Meehlhause indicated on Wednesday, August 29th he would be attending a picnic being sponsored by the NYFS Board of Directors for their staff.

Council Member Gunn commented the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf space was very nice and she was pleased this group had moved into Mounds View. She encouraged residents to drop off school supplies and snacks for the upcoming school year, or to consider making a monetary donation.

Mayor Mueller thanked all of the volunteers that made Festival in the Park possible. She also thanked all who contributed to the event including the Mounds View Police Foundation, the Lions Club, Merwyn's, Troop #267, and all of the members of the Festival in the Park Committee. She then reviewed the list of winners from the Festival in the Park Car Show.

B. Reports of Staff.

Finance Director Beer reported he recently attended a Ramsey County Finance Directors meeting and noted residential properties were expected to rise by 11% in 2019. He explained Mounds View had a new assessor with the County which may have assisted in driving this large increase.

Public Works Director Peterson commented on the progress being made on the splash pad. He noted last Thursday the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission discussed a Veteran's memorial and band shell at City Hall. He explained the Commission would like to bring in Veteran's to assist with this project.

Council Member Bergeron suggested this memorial be for Veteran's and first responders.

Council consensus was to direct staff to gather feedback from the public for a memorial.

City Administrator Zikmund reviewed his weekly report with the Council. He asked how the Council wanted to proceed with the upcoming candidate forum. The Council supported the forum being held as this would serve as an opportunity for the public to meet the candidates.

City Administrator Zikmund stated he would be meeting with Fire Chief Smith next week to discuss some concerns that have occurred.

City Administrator Zikmund reviewed the Tuesday, September 4th worksession agenda with the Council.

C. Reports of City Attorney.

City Attorney Riggs reviewed his monthly report with the Council.

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| 10. Next Council Work Session: | Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. |
| Next EDA Meeting: | Monday, September 10, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. |
| Next Council Meeting: | Monday, September 10, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. |

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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