

CITY OF ELKO NEW MARKET
SCOTT COUNTY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
601 MAIN STREET
ELKO NEW MARKET, MINNESOTA 55054
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crawford at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Crawford, Councilmembers: Berg, Julius and Timmons

Members Absent: Councilmember Stern

Also Present: City Administrator Terry, Assistant City Administrator Nagel, City Attorney Poehler, Engineer Revering, Public Works Superintendent Schweich and City Clerk Green

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Crawford led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ADOPT/APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION by Councilmember Berg, second by Councilmember Timmons to approve the agenda as presented. **APIF, MOTION CARRIED**

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On behalf of the Minnesota NHL Alumni, Brad Maxwell donated an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the City of Elko New Market.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott County Commissioner Tom Wolf gave the Council a brief update on current discussions being held at Scott County, including I-35 improvements.

Kate Timmerman, President of the Chamber of Commerce, gave the Council an update on Chamber activities including the upcoming town hall meetings being held at Firehouse Grille.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Councilmember Julius, second by Councilmember Berg to approve the Consent Agenda.

- a. Approve Minutes from January 11, 2016 Special City Council Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes from January 14, 2016 City Council Meeting
- c. Approve Payment of Claims and Electronic Transfer of Funds
- d. Approve Resolution 16-02 Appointing Community and Civic Events Committee
- e. Approve Resolution 16-03 Approving Application for Funding from the Scott County CDA EDI Grant Program for City Branding Research and Development
- f. Approve Resolution 16-04 Approving Outdoor Concerts and Events Permit for Boy Scouts Troop 325

APIF, MOTION CARRIED

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Appeal – Administrative Appeals Board Determination

The City Council considered the appeal of the Administrative Appeals Board's determination for property address of 3179 Aaron Drive. The Council indicated a desire to consider appeal criteria that would provide relief to utility customers who are in good standing in the event that they have excessive water usage resulting from unintentional use or leaking fixture. The Council directed Staff and the Administrative Appeals Board to develop sample criteria for consideration by the City Council at the next Council Meeting on February 11, 2016.

MOTION by Councilmember Timmons, second by Councilmember Julius to continue the appeal by the owner of 3179 Aaron Drive to the February 11, 2016 City Council Meeting. **APIF, MOTION CARRIED**

9. REPORTS

a. ADMINISTRATION

Reappointment of Commissioners

Staff requested the Council provide direction on the reappointment of current commissioners whose terms will expire at the end of March. All commissioners have requested to be reappointed. Council directed Staff to prepare appropriate action items to reappoint the current commissioners Council for review and action.

City Participation in Solar Gardens

Assistant City Administrator Nagel and the City Council discussed the feasibility of the City's participation in Community Solar Gardens. Green Steps intern Paul Carroll assisted in the preparation of the solar garden memorandum. Council directed Staff to wait but continue to research, evaluate potential savings, and benefit from the likely advancements in solar technology and consider decision on investing in solar sometime before the year 2018 with an SPE, Nonprofit or with Xcel Energy.

b. PUBLIC WORKS

None

c. POLICE DEPARTMENT

None

d. FIRE DEPARTMENT

None

e. ENGINEERING

None

f. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

None

g. PARKS DEPARTMENT

Parks minutes included in Council Packet.

h. OTHER COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

- i. SCALE
None
- ii. RTF
None
- iii. TED
None
- iv. MVTA
Councilmember Timmons gave the Council a brief update of the last MVTA Meeting which included a discussion on I-35 Improvements/Solutions, Red and Orange Lines.
- v. I35 SOLUTIONS ALLIANCE
None
- vi. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Presented at Public Comment
- vii. Community & Civic Events Committee (CCEC)
City Clerk Green discussed the upcoming Annual Egg Hunt.

10. DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL

Mayor Crawford gave the Council a brief update on the recent Regional Mayor's Conference.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilmember Julius, second by Councilmember Timmons to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. **APIF, MOTION CARRIED**