

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Julius at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Julius, Councilmembers Schuenke, Berg and Timmerman

Members Absent: Councilmember Novak

Also Present: City Administrator/Clerk Terry, Senior Planner Christianson, Police Chief Juell, City Attorney Poehler, Deputy Clerk Jirak, City Engineer Revering, Scott County Commissioner Wolf, Jodi Lucast, Bill Mercer, Janelle Kuznia, Veda Kanitz, Larry Schofield

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

City Administrator/Clerk Terry explained the meeting protocol for participating in the City Council meetings virtually (online) using the Zoom virtual meeting application.

3) ADOPT/APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION by Councilmember Schuenke, second by Councilmember Timmerman to approve the agenda.

APIF, MOTION CARRIED

4) CEREMONIAL OATH OF OFFICE

City Administrator/Clerk Terry administered a Ceremonial Oath of Office to re-elected Mayor Julius.

5) PRESENTATION, PROCLAMATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (PP&A)

None.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Mercer, Executive Director of Scott County Historical Society, introduced himself to the Council and updated the Council on projects the Historical Society is working on to coordinate efforts with surrounding community historical groups.

Veda Kanitz, 9830 247th Street E, Lakeville, mentioned that the map of future wells, indicated on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan – Water System, was alarming due to the close proximity of the new proposed wells to each other and the impact of the drawdown this could create with the aquifer and the Vermillion River. City Engineer Revering commented that the map of the new wells was only a proposal, at this time there are no wells specifically proposed, planned, under contract or even under design. Research and studies would be required before any new wells would be designed and locations determined.

7) CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Councilmember Schuenke, second by Councilmember Novak to approve the Consent Agenda.

- a. Approve December 15, 2022 Minutes of the City Council Meeting

- b. Approve December 20, 2022 Minutes of the City Council Meeting
- c. Approve January 12, 2023 Minutes of the City Council Meeting
- d. Approve January 19, 2023 Minutes of the City Council Meeting
- e. Approve Payment of Claims and Electronic Transfer of Funds
- f. Authorize Hire of Planner I Position
- g. Approve Police Officer Retention Pay Adjustment
- h. Approve Woodcrest 2022 Hookups Final Pay Request and Accept Improvements
- i. Adopt Ordinance No. 264 Amending Title 9-3A-11 of City Code Concerning Salt Storage

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8) GENERAL BUSINESS

Senior Water Rate Program Eligibility

City Administrator/Clerk Terry updated the Council on how the senior utility discount program was established, the intent of the program and an inquiry received to reduce the eligibility age for the program to 62. Terry explained to Council how the reduction in fees impacts the Water and Sanitary Sewer Fund balances currently with the eligibility age starting at 65 compared to the projected eligibility age of 62. After Council discussion, Council agreed to lowering the Senior Water Rate Program Eligibility age to 62.

MOTION by Mayor Julius, second by Councilmember Timmerman to approve lowering the eligibility age of the Senior Water Rate Program to 62.

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9) PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

10) REPORTS

a) Administration

Direction Regarding Appointment of Commissioners

City Administrator/Clerk Terry reviewed the upcoming term expirations for Park and Planning Commissioners and the resignation of Park Commissioner Dornseif. Terry indicated that Commissioners Sutton, Vernon and Pipo will seek reappointment for their respective positions. After Council discussion, Council directed Staff to post for the Commissioners positions and invite Commissioners Sutton, Vernon and Pipo to apply for reappointment.

b) Public Works

No report.

c) Police Department

Police Chief Juell updated Council on the hiring process of the new candidate, resignation of Officer Brentan Carkhuff, the successful candy drive partnering with Eagle View Elementary School and the morale of the department.

d) Engineering

No report.

e) Community Development
No report.

f) Parks Department
No report.

Councilmember Berg thanked Commissioners Wolf and Weckman Brekke for the letter of support on behalf of Scott County to the MN Board of Aging regarding the intrastate funding revamp taking place.

g) Community & Civic Events Committee (CCEC)
No report.

h) Other Committee and Board Reports

i) Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency (SCALE)
No report.

1. Executive Committee
No report.

2. Service Delivery Committee
City Administrator/Clerk Terry updated Council on the Service Delivery Committee Meeting.

ii) I35 Solutions Alliance
Councilmember Schuenke updated Council that the next I35 Solutions Alliance Meeting will be held on February 9, 2023 and the City's presentation on the I35 Interchange has been moved to the March 9, 2023 meeting. Schuenke continued that these meetings have not had public attendance in the past, however, public is invited noting there is little capacity for the public and no Public Comment will be taken at the meeting.

11) DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL

Councilmember Berg updated Council that a bill is being presented in the House and Senate that could potentially modify the Open Meeting Law. Berg updated that he was asked to sit on the interview panel for the Superintendent position at New Prague Area Schools.

Councilmember Schuenke thanked Staff that worked on the minutes from the Public Hearings on December 15, 2022 and December 20, 2022.

12) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilmember Timmerman, second by Councilmember Schuenke to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Lynda Jirak, Deputy Clerk