

The City Council participated in this meeting via an electronic meeting and the City Council meeting will be conducted under Minnesota Statutes section 13D.021.

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Julius at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Julius, Councilmembers: Timmerman, Berg, Seepersaud and Novak

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Terry, Police Chief Juell, City Attorney Poehler, Assistant City Administrator Nagel, Community Development Specialist Christianson, City Planner Sevening and City Engineer Revering

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

a. ADOPT/APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA

b. Add 6h. – Adopt Resolution 20-25 Approving Paid Time Off Policy in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

c. Add 6i. – Approve Elko New Market PRO Agreement with Assistant City Administrator

d. Delete 6g – Award Police Department Addition Project and Alternates to Greystone Construction and Approve Construction Agreement

MOTION by Councilmember Timmerman, second by Councilmember Seepersaud to approve the amended agenda.

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

None.

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5) CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Councilmember Timmerman, second by Councilmember Berg to approve Consent Agenda.

a. Approve March 12, 2020 Minutes of the City Council Meeting

b. Approve Payment of Claims and Electronic Transfer of Funds

c. Adopt Resolution 20-22 Approving Police Officer Declaration To Be Included In The Public Employees Police And Fire Plan

d. Adopt Resolution 20-23 Appointing Planning Commissioners

e. Adopt Resolution 20-24 Approving Amended 2020 Budget

- f. Approve Architectural Services Phase 2 Change Order #1 of Police Department Construction Project
- g. ~~Award Police Department Addition Project and Alternates to Greystone Construction and Approve Construction Agreement~~
- h. Adopt Resolution 20-25 Approving Paid Time Off Policy in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic
- i. Approve Elko New Market PRO Agreement with Assistant City Administrator

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6) PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7) GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

8) REPORTS

a) Administration

City Administrator/Clerk Terry updated Council on the following:

- April 9, 2020 City Council meeting will be held as a virtual meeting.
- A special City Council Meeting will be held next week to consider contract with Greystone for the Police Department Addition.
- COVID-19 updates regarding Police Department.
- SafeWise, a residential security company, ranked the City of Elko New Market as the fourth safest city in MN.

b) Public Works

None.

c) Police Department

Police Chief Juell updated Council on the following:

- A meeting was held with area Chief of Police and Administrators to discuss procedures for COVID-19.
- Officers are disinfecting touch points every day.
- New Protocols in place for traffic stops.
- Disinfect squad cars at beginning and ending of shifts.
- No other departments have people off due to COVID-19.
- Sheriff's office will step up and handle emergency calls if needed.

d) Fire Department

None.

e) Engineering

None.

f) Community Development
Interchange Utility Project

Community Development Specialist Christianson updated Council on progress regarding the potential project to extend municipal sanitary sewer and water to the I-35/CSAH 2 interchange area. A meeting with the City, Scott County staff and Scott County CDA staff was held and interest in moving this project forward was favorable. However, the CDA representatives expressed a desire to reduce financial responsibility to the CDA and asked the City to commit to additional money to the project. Staff is looking for Council direction for additional funding from the following:

- Use existing utility account reserves
- Raise utility rates
- Raise taxes
- Utilize other reserves

The Council did not want to raise utility rates or taxes but wants this project to move forward. Another option brought forward was to have the City waive the annual payments for utility development fees the CDA pays for the Market Village senior housing.

g) Parks Department

Assistant City Administrator Nagel stated per Governor's order playgrounds will be closed. Public Works will be placing closed signs on playground equipment tomorrow.

h) Community & Civic Events Committee (CCEC)

Meeting was cancelled.

i) Other Committee and Board Reports

Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency (SCALE)

All meetings were cancelled. Mayor Julius updated Council that the Committee is working through who actually is Chair of SCALE at this time, since no meetings have been held to hold the election, but term of Chair has expired.

Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA)

Meeting was cancelled.

I35 Solutions Alliance

Next meeting will be in May.

Chamber of Commerce

Mayor is talking with Josh Malwitz from Chamber and keeping open lines of communication for local businesses. The City is looking into areas of concern for businesses and how the City might be able to help.

City Administrator/Clerk Terry advised the Council that Community Development Specialist Christianson is doing an excellent job forwarding all information received regarding small business loans etc. to Chamber members.

9) DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL

None.

10) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilmember Timmerman, second by Councilmember Novak to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Lynda Jirak, Deputy Clerk