

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2023**

Mayor Richard Brainerd convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. with City Council members Jeff Charlesworth, Lilly Melander, Luke Schlegel, and Jane Schneeweis in attendance. City Administrator Scott Neilson, City Attorney Bridget Nason, City Engineer John Sachi, Public Works Director Bob Goebel, and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Administrator Scott Neilson added the following to the Consent Agenda as item 6d. Approve Release of Lot 1, Block 1 and Outlot A, Briarcliff 2nd Addition, Recorded as Development Agreement Document No. 835505, Approve Release of Lot 1, Block 1 and Outlot A, Briarcliff 2nd Addition, Recorded as Development Agreement Document No. 835505, and Approve Release of Lot 1, Block 1 Briarcliff 2nd Addition, Development Agreement Recorded as Document No. 835506.

City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Schlegel seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2023 CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES, THE FEBRUARY 21, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND THE FEBRUARY 28, 2023 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

City Council member Melander moved and City Council member Schlegel seconded the motion to approve the February 21, 2023 Closed Session meeting minutes, the February 21, 2023 City Council meeting minutes and the February 28, 2023 Special City Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution Appointing Jeff Charlesworth to fill existing Council Vacancy.

City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Schlegel seconded the motion to approved Resolution No. 2023-11, a Resolution Appointing Jeff Charlesworth to Fill Existing Council Vacancy. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Attorney Nason administered the Oath of Office to City Council member Jeff Charlesworth. City Council member Charlesworth will fill the remainder of the unexpired term of the office of City Council.

City Council member Schneeweis thanked Jeff for stepping in to fill the vacant council seat.

Mayor Brainerd said he appreciates the time and energy Jeff has put in on the Park Commission and welcomes him to the City Council.

City Council member Charlesworth thanked the Council, his wife and daughter for their support.

4. PRESENTATIONS - None

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jim Podobinski, 570 Warner Avenue South said he would like the Council to do something about the speed of traffic and the condition of the road in his area. He asked if the speed limit can be lowered and if the council would consider stop signs to slow the traffic. He said there have been a couple of accidents and a dog was hit in this area.

Public Works Director Bob Goebel said they recently received radar speed signs. The signs will be installed when the weather improves.

City Engineer John Sachi said Warner Avenue South from 72nd Street to south of O.H. Anderson school is in the Capital Improvement Plan for 2024.

City Council member Schneeweis asked to see any accident data available.

City Council member Charlesworth asked if the speed limit can be lowered to 15 mph.

City Engineer Sachi said yes, it can be lowered to 15 mph if that is what the council chooses to do.

Mayor Brainerd asked staff to bring recommendations to the council for consideration of lowering the speed limit at a future meeting.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

City Council member Schlegel moved and City Council member Charlesworth seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

6a. APPROVAL – Award Contract for Lincolntown Avenue Drainage Improvement Project.

Eight bids were received for the Lincolntown Avenue Drainage Improvement Project. A Contract was awarded to Winberg Companies, LLC in the amount of \$184,477.14.

6b. APPROVAL – Acknowledge Completion of Probationary Period for Full-time Firefighter/Medic.

Fire Chief Fischer requested and received permission to change the status for Brandon Raschick from a probationary to non-probationary full-time Firefighter/Medic.

6c. APPROVAL – Resolution to Enter into a Grant Agreement Between the City of Mahtomedi and the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services for the Improvement of Publicly Owned Infrastructure.

Resolution No. 2023-12 a Resolution to Enter into a Grant Agreement Between the City of Mahtomedi and the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services for the Improvement of Publicly owned Infrastructure was approved. The Grant encourages cities to perform certain improvements to their sanitary sewer system to help alleviate the issue known as

6. CONSENT AGENDA - Continued

inflow/infiltration.

- 6d. APPROVAL - Approve Release of Lot 1, Block 1 and Outlot A, Briarcliff 2nd Addition, Recorded as Development Agreement Document No. 799330, Approve Release of Lot 1, Block 1 and Outlot A, Briarcliff 2nd Addition, Recorded as Development Agreement Document No. 835505, and Approve Release of Lot 1, Block 1 and Outlot A, Briarcliff 2nd Addition, Recorded as Development Agreement Document No. 835506. – added

Release of Lot 1, Block 1, and Outlot A, Briarcliff 2nd Addition, Washington County, Minnesota, from the City of Mahtomedi Development Agreement Recorded as Document No. 799330, Release of Lot 1, Block 1, and Outlot A, Briarcliff 2nd Addition, Washington County, Minnesota, from the City of Mahtomedi Development Agreement Recorded as Document No. 835505 and, Release of Lot 1, Block 1, and Outlot A, Briarcliff 2nd Addition, Washington County, Minnesota, from the City of Mahtomedi Development Agreement Recorded as Document No. 835506 were approved.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

8a. CONSIDER APPROVAL-Bill List

City Council member Schneeweis moved and City Council member Charlesworth seconded the motion to approve the bills as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Scott Neilson reminded the Council of the Board of Review meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. This is the meeting where residents have a chance to appeal the value of their property.

City Administrator Neilson said Metro I-net is requiring completion of security training. He asked the council to watch for the training in their email. The training needs to be completed by March 31.

City Administrator Neilson said the Legislature introduced SF 2047 to committee. This bill is related to the White Bear Lake Area Water Use Court Order. He said quite a few of our local legislators names are on this bill.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council member Melander congratulated the boy's hockey team for making it to State. Their first game is Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

City Council member Schneeweis said she attended a meeting with council members from Dellwood and County Commissioner Miron regarding the Dellwood segment of the Lake Links

Trail. She said there are a lot of issues for this segment of the trail, but all parties are committed to finding a way to get it done. She stated the Citizens Academy through the Washington County Sheriff's Office is starting. The academy is on Tuesday evenings this session, but will be on Thursdays next year. She also reminded the Council of the Rite of Spring event being held on April 22nd from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Wildwood School. City Council member Schneeweis said the most recent newsletter looks great.

City Council member Schlegel said the upcoming Purple Line meeting has been cancelled and rescheduled for April. He said for now it looks like the only federally fundable end point for the line is in Maplewood. He said he will report back to the council after the meeting.

Mayor Brainerd said he and City Administrator Neilson will be meeting with the Mayor and City Administrator from White Bear Lake this week. He thanked everybody for attending the reception for Jud and thanked staff for putting it together. He also stated he will be attending City Day on the Hill at the Capitol Thursday. He said if any of council members would like to go there is still time to register.

City Council member Schlegel asked when the Council will receive the Fire Department Staffing study.

City Administrator Neilson said that he, the Finance Director and Fire Chief reviewed the study and asked the vendor for further information. He said they want to make sure that all options are covered in the study before presenting it to the Council.

11. CLOSED SESSION – None

12. ADJOURNMENT

City Council member Charlesworth moved and City Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:



JERENE ROGERS, CITY CLERK



RICHARD BRAINERD, MAYOR