

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council Meeting was duly held in the City Council chambers at 7:00 p.m. on the 9th day of February 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henke. The following members were present: Mayor Doug Henke, Council Members Dan Rehtzigel, Molly Ryan, Mary Bailey, and Tom Gard.

Also, present: Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht, Police Chief Lee Sjolander, Engineer Derek Olinger, Attorney Scott Riggs, Public Works Director Wayne Ehrich, Michelle Vlasak reporter for Kenyon Leader, Scott Quamme, and Todd Greseth

The Oath of Office was read by Mary Bailey.
The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Scott Quamme stated that he would like to write a letter on behalf of VFW Post 141 requesting to loan a static display for the Veteran's Park from the National VFW organization. Quamme was seeking support from the City for this request. Administrator Vahlsing stated that he and Mayor Henke would sign a letter of support.

County Commissioner Todd Greseth was present to see if the City had any concerns for him since he was newly elected to this position.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Gard second by Henke to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Henke second by Ryan to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes payment of check numbers, 71892 through 71984; 3655E through 3678E; and additional checks 71985 through 71996. Motion carried 5-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS/RECOGNITIONS/PROLAMATIONS

School Bus Driver Appreciation Day Proclamation

Mayor Henke read the "School Bus Driver Appreciation Day" proclamation.

Motion by Ryan second by Rehtzigel to adopt the School Bus Driver Appreciation Day Proclamation. Motion carried 5-0-0.

ENGINEERING

Red Wing Avenue Project Update

Engineer Olinger stated that Bolton & Menk have been working on the "as-built drawings" for the Red Wing Avenue project. These plans will be given to Public Works and KMU when the project is completed.

FEMA Flood Repairs

Engineer Olinger reviewed the FEMA flood repairs project. Bolton & Menk's survey crew recently completed the topographic survey for the design. When the design is finished and the necessary permits are obtained, the project will be sent out for quotes. Construction will be completed this summer.

LEGAL

Review Draft Amendments to Ordinance Section 845.01 Regulation of Trees

Attorney Riggs stated that he ran into some issues with this ordinance, so it will take some more time to complete.

Lot Split Application - 618 County 13 Blvd. (PID 66.700.0080) – River Country Cooperative

Resolution 2021-04: Approving Minor Subdivision of City of Kenyon Property

Administrator Vahlsing stated that River Country Co-op was seeking approval to split off a .52-acre parcel from their larger parcel 66.700.0080 located at 618 County 13 Blvd. They have a purchase agreement for Parcel A of the split. The planning commission approved a variance for this non-conforming lot sizes in December.

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Gard to adopt Resolution 2021-04 approving the minor subdivision of City of Kenyon Property. Motion carried 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

City of Kenyon Strategic Plan Update

Administrator Vahlsing presented a revised Strategic Plan based on feedback from the annual EDA meeting in January. Two steps were added to Section D concerning possible future parks and trails.

NEW BUSINESS

Pay Equity Compliance Report

Administrator Vahlsing noted that all Cities and Counties are required to submit Pay Equity reports every three years to the Department of Administration. The report showed the City was in compliance with the Pay Equity requirements. The State will determine final compliance.

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Ryan to approve the Pay Equity Report. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Metronet Proposed Installation of Citywide Fiber/Internet System.

Administrator Vahlsing stated that Metronet was interested in constructing a City-wide fiber optic system that would provide internet, phone and video services. Their proposal is in the preliminary stages. At this time, the City will return the draft agreement back to Metronet for their response.

Vaccination/Dispensing Site Cooperative Agreement with Goodhue County Sheriff's

Department/Emergency Management

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the Goodhue County Emergency Management Office requested authorization to use the Kenyon Fire Hall as a COVID-19 public vaccination site. Vaccinations would be conducted on Fridays starting in February. The County would be responsible for clean-up and disposal of waste after each use of the Fire Hall.

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Gard to approve Goodhue County Emergency Management office's request to use the Fire Hall as a COVID-19 vaccination site. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Kenyon PD Eyewitness Identification Procedure

Chief Sjolander requested Council approval of the Eyewitness Identification procedure that is required for Police Departments by the State of Minnesota.

Motion by Bailey second by Henke to approve the Kenyon PD Eyewitness Identification procedure.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

KMU Meeting: Tuesday, February 16th @ 2:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 9th @ 7 p.m.

Board of Appeal & Equalization: Thursday, April 15th @ 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL AND STAFF GENERAL COMMENTS

Administrator Vahlsing welcomed Mary Bailey to the Council.

Councilman Rehtzigel welcomed Mary.

Councilman Ryan stated that she is enrolled in the Institute of Elected Leaders through the State of MN and it is very informative.

Chief Sjolander stated that these are tough times in public safety. If you see his co-workers, give them your encouragement.

Councilman Bailey stated she is happy to be here and will hopefully learn a lot.

Motion by Ryan second by Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.
Motion carried 5-0-0.

Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant

Douglas Henke, Mayor