



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF STACY IN THE COUNTY OF CHISAGO
AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA PURSUANT TO DUE
CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF**

**SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2015, 7:00p.m.
STACY CITY HALL**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Utecht at 7:00pm.

Roll Call

Present: Jim Ness, Mark Utecht, Samantha Denney, Chuck Lucia, and Tony Olivolo

Absent: None

Others Present: Ted Alliegro, Craig Moline, Steve Thorp, Mark Bigelbach, Lynda Schmidt, Jessica Ryan, Andrew Ryan, Samantha Ryan, Piper Ryan, and Quinlyn Ryan

Purpose of the Special Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss:

1. Officially Recognize an action by a Stacy Citizen
2. North Branch Hockey Arena Project
3. Establish Authorized Users for the Stacy Sports Grill Bank Accounts

Recognition of Quinlyn Ryan

The St. Paul Pioneer Press did an article on Quinlyn Ryan (noticed by Council Member Denney). The article said that "Instead of focusing on what he wanted to receive for his 7th birthday, Quinlyn Ryan of Stacy, Minn., mostly thought about what he wanted to give away.

To summarize, Quinlyn decided to give away his birthday presents to children that don't have toys; he donated the toys to the children's unit at Fairview Lakes Medical Center in Wyoming.

Mayor Utecht presented Quinlyn with the Outstanding Citizen Award; everyone clapped.

North Branch Hockey Association – Stacy Sports Complex

Members from the North Branch Hockey Association (NBAHA); Craig Moline, Steve Thorp, and Mark Bigelbach were present to request the city's support in applying for a grant from Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC).

Introduction

The NBAHA would like to apply for a grant of \$250,000 from MASC for the Stacy Sports Complex; the total project cost is anticipated to be \$2,700,000. They have received a commitment from a credit union to pay 75% of the project costs; they need to make up the difference the \$250,000 would help accomplish this.



Discussion

Attorney Alliegro said that with the way the documents are currently prepared it sounds like it is the city who is requesting the grant; he does not want to mislead MASC. The documents can be revised to clearly state that this is a NBAHA project and they are responsible.

Several items brought up by the council:

- There hasn't been enough time to review the documents presented.
- If the city were to pass the resolution, what is the worst scenario for the city?
- Desire to follow the city attorney's opinion
- Why is this being brought to the council at the last minute?
- Desire to get the project complete
- Liability of the city

Mayor Utecht would like to take a consensus from the council if Mr. Alliegro rewrites the resolution to make it clear that the city is administering the grant funds but the project is wholly owned by the NBAHA and responsible for it; also changing the grant application to state City of Stacy on behalf of NBAHA and changing primary contact information to Sharon Payne.

The consensus:

Member Denney – No, has questions

Member Olivolo – No, needs further information

Member Lucia – On the fence, wants the project to be complete but apprehensive.

Member Ness – No, there hasn't been enough time to review the documents.

Mayor Utecht – Yes, if we apply for the grant doesn't mean we have to accept the grant.

Motion

Motion by Olivolo for the city attorney to redraft the resolution to make it clear that we are applying on behalf of NBAH and we will administer the grant program as long as NBAH is 100% responsible for build, operation, and fiscal responsibility; specifically put a period in on the resolution, therefore number 2 after life of the facility (striking which is estimated to be 40 years). The application form will be corrected to state the City of Stacy on behalf of NBAHA, and primary contact to Sharon Payne. In the letter describing fundraising specifically state that all fund raising will be done by NBAHA and the city is supporting NBAHA to build, operate, and maintain the facility; and authorize the Mayor to sign. Second by Utecht. Denney, Olivolo, Lucia, and Utecht voted yes. Ness voted no. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried 4 to 1.

Motion by Ness to add Melissa Archer as an authorized user of the Stacy Sports Grill Bank Accounts. Second by Utecht. Ness, Utecht, Denney, Lucia, and Olivolo voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Authorized Users for the Stacy Sports Grill Account

Adjourn at 8:20pm

Motion by Lucia to adjourn. Second by Denney. Lucia, Denney, Ness, Utecht, and Olivolo voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Sharon MT Payne