



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

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2019, 7:00p.m.
STACY CITY HALL**

Call to Order

The Stacy City Council met in regular session and was called to order by Mayor M. Utecht at 7:00p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Chuck Lucia, Mark Utecht, Tony Olivolo, Dennis Thieling, and Mark Ness

Absent: None

Others Present: Amy Schutt, Dan Boyum, Clarence Genz, Steve Kveton, Ben Montzka, Jim Ness, Tim Sawatzky, and Matt Silver

Additions to the Agenda

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1. Resolution Declaring Council Vacancy
2. Sports Grill Event Maps
3. New Stacy Sign

Motion by Ness to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Olivolo. Members Ness, Olivolo, Lucia, Thieling, and Utecht voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Public Comment

Jim Ness: Mr. Ness would like the trees that are hanging over the sidewalk on the westside of County Road 30 addressed.

Ben Montzka: Mr. Montzka thanked the council for signing the interim ARMER agreement; he then said according to county staff, that the county is covering about 75% of the cost and the local governments 25%. Mayor Utecht said that no matter how they are paid for the residents of Chisago County are paying for the radios. Mr. Montzka then talked about the bridge over the freeway and the need for its replacement.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Ness to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Lucia. Members Ness, Olivolo, Lucia, Thieling and Utecht voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Staff Reports

City Attorney

Amy Schutt

Attorney Schutt informed the council that this will be her last meeting; she has accepted a position with the City of Minneapolis. James Monge from Campbell Knutson will be our new attorney.

City Engineer
Dan Boyum

County Road 19

The county will be working on County Road 19 in 2020. The council had previously discussed their desire to have sidewalk installed on the southside of Stacy Trail; the council will need to decide if they want this work included in the bid package the county will be preparing, or to contract the work themselves. They have time to decide.

2019 Seal Coat Project

The council approved that Mr. Boyum and Tanner Jones ask for quotes and if under budget then award the job and get the work done.

Forterra Service

Mr. Boyum presented the proposed layout for sewer and water connection to Forterra.

Traffic Concern – 312th Street

The traffic on 312th Street and the entrance/exit from Dollar General were discussed. A citizen expressed concern regarding safety. Mr. Boyum will contact the property owner and Dollar General.

Maintenance

Mayor Utecht had met with Mr. Jones last week; he said that the department will be asking to have a replacement for the F550 included in the budget as repairs to that vehicle have been about \$6,000 over the last year.

Liquor Operations

Event Maps

Motion by Ness to approve the event maps as presented. Second by Thieling. Ness, Thieling, Olivolo, Utecht, and Lucia voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Ability to Terminate Employment

This item handled out of order by motion of Utecht. Second by Ness and carried.

Can we allow managers to terminate employment within the first 30 days of employment?

Attorney Schutt said that the city does not have any statutory authority to delegate the hiring or firing of employees. The managers can suspend an employee pending action by the city council.

The council should also be ratifying the hire of new employees; this item can be added to the consent agenda. No interview by the council needs to occur.

The council could change the Personnel Policy to create a shortened period for termination during the first 30 days of employment.

**Committees
Commissions**

Personnel Policy

Job Description Updates

Motion by Ness to approve the Job Descriptions as presented. Second by Utecht. Ness, Utecht, Olivolo, Thieling, and Lucia voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

**Park and Recreation
Committee**

The county will not do anything with the tables unless we pave from the parking lot to the tables. At this time, we can make some of the tables under the picnic shelter handicap accessible for ADA compliance. Mr. Thieling will ask the Lions Club about the pavement; maybe include in their work next year to the band shelter.

Member Thieling also indicated that Joe from the County does playground inspections; he will ask him to inspect Lions Park and make recommendations.

He noticed that a woman was weeding the flower beds in Lions Park, he introduced himself and asked her if she would be interested in taking care of the flower beds; she was. That brings up his next point, can we create a volunteer of the year program? He will bring information to the next meeting regarding development of the program.

Member Olivolo has contacted the Boy scouts regarding their cleaning the grills in the park.

Planning Commission

Building Permit Fees

The commission will review the idea of flat rate fees for items such as roofs, siding, windows, etc. The council wants the building inspector involved in the process to make sure his costs are covered. This isn't about trying to pay him less.

Leaf burning – remove entire city code regulating burning of leaves. Utecht would like to see whatever evidence easily obtained shows environmental impact or not of burning leaves.

Leaf Burning

Does the council want the entire section on leaf burning removed from the city code? Mayor Utecht would like to see whatever evidence, that is easily obtained, that shows the environmental

impact or not of burning leaves. The commission will be reviewing this.

Emergency Plan Committee

The council is able to appoint an Acting Emergency Management Director in addition to the Emergency Management Director. The Planning Commission will be preparing updates to the city code section regarding emergency management.

Old Business

Pay Matrix Update

Motion by Ness to table until written justification from the manager's is provided. Second by Olivolo. Members Ness, Olivolo, Lucia, and Thieling voted yes. Mayor Utecht voted no. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried 4-1.

Rustic Inn, Stacy Daze

Motion by Ness to approve the Rustic Inn's permit for Stacy Daze. Second by Olivolo. Ness, Olivolo, Lucia, Thieling, and Utecht voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

New Business

Chisago County Sheriff

This item handled out of order by motion of Utecht. Second by Ness and carried.

Mayor Utecht spoke with Sergeant Carroll today; He said that last year there was an issue at the intersection of Stacy Trail and Forest Boulevard with fighting, bottles and cans thrown at the peace officers. He is requesting the council approve the payment of overtime for six hours from 8pm to 1am. Mayor Utecht said that he does not have an issue with paying the additional hours for public safety; however, does take issue with the fact that the county is at staffing minimums while a community event is happening Chisago County. The council also would like to see arrests made in the case of any assaults being made.

The council will discuss this at their Special Meeting on June 24, 2019.

Mayor/Council

City Sign

The council members were asked to look at the new City Hall sign to see if it meets their expectations. It does, and will be installed.

Council Vacancy

Member Lucia tendered his resignation effective July 19, 2019; he will be moving out of the city.

Motion by Ness to approve Resolution Number 2019-7-1, "Resolution Declaring a Vacancy on the City Council." Second by Olivolo. Members Ness, Olivolo, Lucia, Thieling, and Utecht voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

The city will accept letters of interest for the vacancy; the council will meet with those parties on August 20, 2019, at 7:00p.m.

Resident Complaints

Mayor Utecht asked if complaints submitted through the website or to the council are public? The clerk said it would probably depend on content; the clerk will check with the city attorney.

Adjourn at 8:56p.m.

Mayor M. Utecht declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56p.m.

Sharon MT Payne