

COUNCIL MEETING: September 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kerry Taylor, Council Robert Smestad Jr., Carolyn Brooks, Terrill Anderson, Randy Ebert

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Fisk, Fire Relief Asso. members Matt Kleve, Jeff Gothman, Jerry Forster

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Marquardt, Tracey Breazeale

ADOPT MINUTES:

Motion made by Mayor Taylor and seconded by Anderson to approve the 08/21/2024 Missile Park Improvement Workshop minutes. All aye 5/0

Motion made by Mayor Taylor and seconded by Ebert to approve the 08/21/2024 Council Meeting minutes. All aye 5/0

Motion made by Mayor Taylor and seconded by Anderson to approve the 08/28/2024 Budget Workshop minutes. All Aye 5/0

MINNETRISTA PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Public Safety representative was unavailable.

- **POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT AUGUST 2024: FYI**

RESIDENT RACHEL MARQUARDT REQUEST FOR FREE LITTLE ART GALLERY BY FIRE STATION:

Rachel Marquardt is a local artist and resident of St. Bonifacius. She presented the idea to install a “Free Little Art Gallery” to provide local artists a place to share their art. She and her husband are willing to build the box, provide the post and provide the artwork. They will also maintain and upkeep the gallery.

Council is in favor of the project and requests Rachel to meet with Public Works to determine a place at Missile Park.

FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION – TREASURER MATT KLEVE

- **REQUESTING A PER YEAR OF SERVICE INCREASE AND REQUEST LETTER TO BE SENT TO SERVICE AREAS SHOWING COUNCIL IS LOOKING FAVORABLY ON THEIR \$800 PER YEAR INCREASE REQUEST 2024 \$5700 TO 2025 \$6500. RESOLUTION ACTION SCHEDULED FOR 12/4/24:**

Relief Treasurer Matt Kleve stated that at the August Fire Relief Board meeting they approved a proposed increase from \$5700 to \$6500. Using balances of July 31, 2024, the spreadsheet shows a projected \$1.7 million investment balance and with an increase to \$6500 and using the state ST form it calculates to approximately a \$1.6 million liability which would have plan being \$133,000 overfunded. Council at the previous meeting recommended an increase to \$6200. Kleve shared a press release from the state auditor which stated that “the funding sufficiencies show there’s still some room to raise retirement benefits and get surplus assets into the hands of firefighters.” As a policy the Relief Board wants to maintain over 100% funded. The Fire Relief Board discussed the increase with the chief and the auditors and wants to propose an increase from \$5700 to \$6350 reducing the requested amount presented at the 8/21 council meeting and association meeting. Using the \$6350, the pension will be 110% funded and show a \$161,000 surplus according to Kleve.

Mayor Taylor gave the statement to the audience that she feels council has given consensus to approve the \$6350 increase. No one disputed the statement.

MN HOUSE DISTRICT 45A CANDIDATE TRACEY BREAZEALE

Breazeale was present for general discussion regarding her candidacy and invites residents for input as to what issues would be important to St. Boni and wants to insure that these issues are heard at the State Legislative level.

CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/COMMISSION MINUTES:

- **FIRE SERVICE 2025 CONTRACT PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE: FYI**
- **CITY OF MINNETRISTA PUBLIC SAFETY 2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET ST. BONIFACIUS SERVICE ESTIMATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$310,173: FYI**
- **MISSILE PARK BALLFIELD COMMITTEE 08/21/2024 MINUTES:**
Fisk to schedule meeting with Mayor Taylor, Anderson, Crown College representative, and herself to discuss renegotiating the contract.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST BY ANDERSON REGARDING GLACIER ROAD MEDIAN LANDSCAPING**
 - **CITY ENGINEER TREE AND BUSH SUGGESTIONS AND SUPERIOR LANDSCAPING QUOTES FOR TREES AND BUSHES :**
Council requests to obtain updated quote from Superior Landscaping with one centered Regal Prince Oak tree and grasses (number to be recommended by Superior) Public works to install reflective posts at ends.
- **RESOLUTION 2024-22: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE LAKE MINNETONKA CABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION:**
Anderson asked the status of the sale of the building, as this is a large part of the budget, and Mayor Taylor stated that LMCC has received an offer but has not yet accepted.
Motion made by Brooks and seconded by Anderson to approve Resolution 2024-22. A resolution approving the 2025 budget for the Lake Minnetonka Cable Communications Commission. All aye 5/0
- **RESOLUTION 2024-23; A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROPOSED TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF ST. BONIFACIUS FOR COLLECTION IN 2025 (FINAL LEVY CONSIDERATION SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 04, 2024):**
Tabled until the next meeting.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET UPDATE

Parks/Public Works Fund 502: Fisk reported that council on 8/21 decided to put \$70,000 in the 2025 street patching account. 2024 street patching has a balance of \$70,000 as of 9/1/24. Totaling the two years gives a balance of \$140,000. Public Works received a Borgen \$88,000 quote for the 2023 street improvement streets to receive a Replay application. County Aid of \$20,000 can be used for a portion of the Replay cost. These actions leave a balance of \$72,000 to be used for additional replay or street patching.

Sanitary Sewer Fund 602: The 2020 sewer jetting cost for the entire city was \$66,000. Council did question how often the sanitary sewer lines need to be jetted.

HWY 7 CONSTRUCTION

There was a concern about the construction on Highway 7 last week when the stoplights were put in flashing mode without MNDOT staff directing traffic. Staff contacted MnDOT and they stated that for safety reasons contractors put the stoplights in flashing mode to slow the traffic down.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mayor Taylor and seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting. All aye 5/0
8:03 pm

ATTEST:



Brenda Fisk, Adm/Clerk/Treasurer