

City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 6, 2021
Meeting No. 7

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor William A. Blonigan called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Webb, Selman, Backen, Kline, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Richard McCoy, City Engineer; Stephan Papiz, City Forester; Marta Roser, Water Resources Specialist

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

3. Mayor Blonigan opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on any items not on the agenda.
4. Melissa Kath, 4020 Yates Ave. N. – Kath introduced herself as a resident of Robbinsdale for two years living near Kelly Park. Requested the city to replace basketball hoop rim and backboard at Kelly Park as they are very rigid making it difficult for the ball to go through.
5. Glick stated the city staff has planned to replace the basketball back boards at the three parks with hoops, including Kelly Park.
6. Member Selman stated that the park still has its original back board and rim and has been there for 15-20 years and is a challenge to use.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 6, 2021 MEETING AGENDA

7. Leslie reported the following changes to the agenda:
 - Added updated minutes for the 3/16/21 meeting with minor grammatical changes.
 - Added an updated Aquatic Invasive Species grant resolution under consent item F with language clarifying it is two grants for \$1,500 each totaling \$3,000.
 - Added a proclamation for Arbor Day to the Forestry Report under Presentation C.
 - Added additional quote information to the Crystal Lake Alum treatment report under New Business A.
 - Added voucher report to Disbursement Request under Other Business B.

8. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to approve the April 6, 2021 Agenda with the updates made by the City Clerk. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

9. Mayor Blonigan removed item F for further discussion.

10. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve the April 6, 2021 Consent Agenda with the exception of F which was pulled for further discussion. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

- A. Motion to approve and order placed on file minutes of the City Council meeting:
 - Council Meeting Minutes on 3/16/2021
 - Special Work Session Minutes on 3/9/2021
 - B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
 - Robbinsdale Human Rights Commission Meeting on 2/25/2021
 - Robbinsdale Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Minutes on 3/23/2021
 - C. Motion to acknowledge the Deputy Registrar's financial reports for the month of February 2021.
 - D. Motion to acknowledge the Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' financial reports for the month of February 2021.
 - E. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 4/6/21.
 - F. (removed)
 - G. Motion to approve the February 2021 payment for City credit card charges.
 - H. Motion to adopt the Resolution #7890 (Attachment 1) "AMENDING THE 2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET."
 - I. Motion, subject to the City Attorney's concurrence with the terms of the document, authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the Co-operative and Subgrant Agreement for the Crystal Lake Alum Treatment Project.
11. Mayor Blonigan removed item F to thank the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and to make a correction to the second "Whereas" statement in the resolution. Mayor Blonigan requested the language be clarified to show it is a \$3,000 grant divided in two \$1,500 allocations to Crystal Lake and Lower Twin Lake.

12. **Mayor Blonigan MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve the motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of the resolution #7889, "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000."**A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

A – NPDES Phase II Annual Report and Public Meeting

13. Roser introduced herself and gave the report. Roser clarified the report had a requirement to be a public meeting. Meeting information was announced in the Sun Post.
14. Mayor Blonigan thanked Roser for doing a great job and attested to her ability to hold construction sites accountable with adhering to water quality standards.
15. Member Selman stated a lot of storm water runoff from Minneapolis goes into Crystal Lake and inquired if that was in the report.
16. Roser indicated that the report's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) includes Minneapolis runoff amounts and that they have their own waste load allocations they need to meet.
17. Mayor Blonigan stated 25% - 35% of the water coming into Crystal Lake comes from Minneapolis. Requested that future reports include that.
18. Mayor Blonigan inquired about the use of grant funds available for public education on water quality.
19. Roser stated Shingle Creek Watershed had some grants available and she would check on their use.
20. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to receive and note the annual report on the adopted SWPPP compliance for the 2020 calendar year. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
21. Mayor Blonigan asked if any residents would like to speak during the public meeting. No one spoke.
22. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to grant delegated authority to the Public Works Director/City Engineer and City Manager to process all comments received, create and keep a record of decisions of each comment and advise the City Council of those decisions. The motion also authorized the City Manager to sign the standard annual report to the MPCA by the designated date. A roll call was taken:**

Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

B – NEW MS4 Part 2 Permit Application

23. Roser went over application, report, and determination processes for the permit.
Member Webb asked about the delay between phase 1 in 2018 and phase 2 three years later.
24. McCoy explained increasing complexity of the permit process that is usually done in a five year cycle. The last five year cycle came up in 2018. McCoy stated he was not surprised in delay in providing forms for part 2 because the whole process has gotten a lot more complicated.
25. Member Webb commented that there are a lot of questions in the application – 174 in total. Member Webb asked if they were multiple choice or if they needed more detail.
26. Roser explained that the questions were in a multiple choice format and some have multiple parts. Gave examples of the types of questions in the application.
27. Selman stated neighbors asked if permits were required for rain barrels.
28. McCoy stated permits were not needed for rain barrels.
29. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to receive the report on the new MS4 Part 2 Permit Application. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
30. **Member Kline MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to authorize the City Manager to sign the new MS4 Part 2 Permit Application and submit all required documents to the MPCA by the designated due date. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

C – Robbinsdale Forestry/Natural Resources Annual Report

31. Papiz introduced himself to the council and gave the forestry report. Papiz stated last year marked the 42nd consecutive year in which Robbinsdale was designated as a Tree City USA recipient. Highlights in the report included: treatment for Emerald Ash Borer, pruning, invasive species eradication, bareroot planting, prairie and rain garden management, and upcoming contract renewal. Papiz identified himself as a one man planting army.
32. All council members individually thanked Roser and Papiz for their work.
33. Member Selman asked if tree inventory map was on the website and viewable to the public.
34. Papiz indicated that the map is on the Forestry webpage and is viewable to the public.
35. Member Webb asked for clarification on the three year treatment cycle for Emerald Ash Borer and how it is decided when a tree can no longer be cared for.

36. Papiz indicated he monitors trees to see if they need to be cut down. Due to Robbinsdale still being in the early stages of emerald ash borer infestation, regular treatment cycles will be required for the indefinite future. Papiz stated that ash trees are treated once every 3 years and are continuously monitored.
37. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to receive the Robbinsdale Forestry/Natural Resources Annual Report. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
38. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to proclaim Friday, April 23rd 2021 as Arbor Day in the City of Robbinsdale. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

A - Accept Quote for Crystal Lake Alum Treatment – 1st Report

39. McCoy gave the report in two parts. The first part explained what alum treatment does, and the second part explained the details of the quote. McCoy also reviewed why the work was needed in Crystal Lake.
40. Member Webb asked if there were cons to this treatment, particularly in regards to endangering people using the park or lake.
41. McCoy stated the chemicals are non-toxic and safe. Further stated this is a standard best practice treatment used across the country.
42. Mayor Blonigan stated phosphorus has been banned from fertilizer. Asked if there were public education opportunities for residents to avoid adding more phosphorus to lakes.
43. McCoy stated a state ordinance banned phosphorus from fertilizer long ago and that the materials in the lake have been there for quite a while. McCoy indicated there most likely is not new phosphorus in there now.
44. **Member Webb MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to receive the report relating to quotes for the Crystal Lake Alum Treatment, and accept the quote received from HAB Aquatic Solutions for the Crystal Lake Alum Treatment for the estimated cost of \$39,320.80. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

B - WAC Fee Reduction Request – Salon HALO

45. Glick gave the report and reasons for the request. Glick also gave examples of previous reductions approved by Council action.
46. Mayor Blonigan thanked salon owner for her business and asked her to take the floor.

47. Amanda Kist, owner of Salon HALO explained that the space they were expanding into already water connected and only needs one drain installed. Kist further stated that she believed there was a miscalculation into the salon's SAC fee.
48. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to consider a 50% reduction to 1 WAC = \$2,485 for the expansion. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS

A - Budget Calendar

49. Glick went over the calendar process noting the 1st work session would likely be in August.
50. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to adopt the Budget Calendar establishing the preparation and review process for the 2022 Budget process. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

B - Disbursement Requests

51. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve disbursement requests for period ending 4/6/21. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

Administrative Reports

52. Glick reminded members of work session immediately after the council meeting.

Council General Communications

53. Member Webb had three updates. First, Member Webb and City Manager Glick met with Antonio Smith from Brooklyn Park who is a lead member for Cities United which is a partner to a national mentor program focused on eliminating violence against African American youth and men. Member Webb said he is doing great work there and would like him to speak with council.
54. Member Webb stated that Sharon Greene, founder of Peace of Hope, Inc. has a virtual session 1-2pm on April 7th, as well as a Mother's Day event. Member Webb stated they do great work with families supporting incarcerated family members.
55. Member Webb reached out to Mike Freiberg in regard to a statewide ban on conversion therapy. Freiberg stated there is a bill at the legislature right now which he will continue to advance.

56. Member Selman reminded council about writing a letter to Senator Klobuchar about the light rail in Robbinsdale. Council further decided it would make sense to send letters to both Minnesota Senators.
57. Member Backen reviewed the first Bottineau Steering Committee meeting and mentioned it went well. There will be a listening session by Robbinsdale CAC members on April 28th from 6:30 – 8pm
58. Member Kline echoed Backen's statement on the light rail meeting. Member Kline stated that interim superintendent of schools Stephanie Burrage took a job as Deputy Commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Education. Member Kline also thanked staff for all the work they do at the City.
59. Blonigan stated he had a 4th grade constituent who sent him a letter about a fox who had mange at Sohacki Park. Blonigan asked staff to look at DNR's website for information to put on website and a note to not feed animals.

Adjournment

- 60. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**



Dustin Leslie, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor