



City of Robbinsdale

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Blonigan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Wagner, Parisian, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: Murphy
Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk

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

Patrick Bristol, 4512 Perry Ave. N., stated he wanted Robbinsdale to look into what the City of Crystal does with their utility bill services. He noted they have a system that allows residents to set daily usage limits that can automatically notify a resident if they are approaching their set limit. He also asked about potential options for paying his utility bill, as he has had some issues with checks arriving on time.

Sandvik noted our utility billing department could help with both of his questions and the city does have options.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 16, 2024 MEETING AGENDA

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Wagner to approve the January 16, 2024, Council Agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Blonigan removed Consent Item E and G for further consideration.

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Parisian to approve the Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

- A. Approve City Council Meeting minutes from January 2, 2024
- B. Approve City Council Work Session minutes from January 9, 2024
- C. Renewal of Workers' Compensation Insurance for 2024
- D. Accept Quote for Replacement of Snow Blower - City Project 8189
- E. Removed for further consideration.
- F. Appointment of Absentee Ballot Board

- G. Removed for further consideration.
- H. Resolution for Department of Natural Resources: Outdoor Recreation Grant Application
- I. Authorize agreement with Home Free Domestic Assault Intervention Project
- J. Approval of Licenses

CONSENT ITEM REMOVED

- E. Termination and Release of Easement

Mayor Blonigan noted he has some punctuation changes to this and stated he has already sent those to staff.

Mayor Blonigan MOVED, seconded by member Wagner to approve the Termination and Release of Easement. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

CONSENT ITEM REMOVED

- G. Accept Minnesota Hockey Skate Donation

Mayor Blonigan recognized and thanked Minnesota Hockey for their donation to the City.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by member Wagner to accept Minnesota Hockey skate donation. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Pay Equity Report Submission

Sandvik provided an overview and stated that every three years municipalities have to submit a pay equity report to the State of Minnesota, under the Pay Equity Act. He noted the intent of the report is to ensure that job classes dominated by a specific gender do not have an underpayment ratio or that one is not more favorable. He stated we are required to submit the report by the end of January, and it appears the City will be in compliance, although official results won't be provided for a few weeks.

Mayor Blonigan asked about overall state compliance with the pay equity report. Sandvik noted there are hundreds of entities that are required to submit reports and the number of organizations that aren't in compliance fluctuates year to year.

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Parisian to Approve the Pay Equity Report Submission. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

B. Council Review of Body Worn Camera System Audit

Sandvik presented the item and stated it is required that the Police Department undergo a bi-annual Body-Worn Camera Audit. He noted the process is similar to a financial audit in that we hire an independent group that is approved to do this type of work for the state. He explained the process of the audit and stated that 32 random cases were reviewed. He noted the City of Robbinsdale and the Police Department were in accordance with state statute.

Mayor Blonigan reiterated that we hired an outside agency to do the audit and appreciated that it was done outside our own Police Department. He also thanked the Police Department for upholding the standards that are required when using body-worn cameras.

Sandvik mentioned two instances where there were questions during the audit and noted those circumstances did not violate the policy or state statute. He also read the results of the audit which demonstrates compliance.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Wagner to Approve Council Review of Body Worn Camera System Audit. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Parisian to approve the Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Peterson-Item reminded folks of the upcoming Presidential Nomination Primary Election that is happening on March 5, 2024. He indicated dates and times when voting is available and also noted the city is looking for election judges to help voters on election day.

Sandvik stated the Human Rights Commission is undergoing their annual goal-setting session tomorrow night and that he will be attending. He also mentioned he would be attending the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission meeting next week for a strategic planning discussion. Sandvik noted Robbinsdale is hiring several positions and directed people to the city website. Lastly, he reminded folks that the Council and city leadership will be attending a goal-setting session on February 12, 2024.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

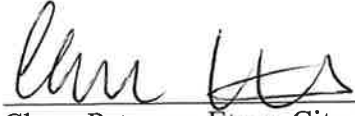
Member Wagner noted he was invited to celebrate the UAW's contract victory for the local union and extended congratulations to them.

Member Parisian noted the importance of mental health and encouraged people to continue talking about it and checking in on folks. She also mentioned Cope Mobile Crisis Response, which is a resource that is available in Hennepin County for people needing help and support. She stated people can call "988" to reach the local county crisis team.

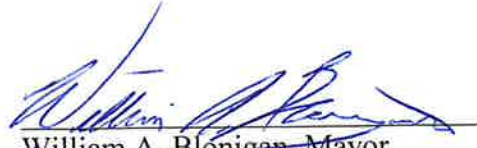
Mayor Blonigan stated he meant to withdraw consent item C, as he wanted to note our Workers' Compensation insurance for 2024 with the League of Minnesota Cities. He noted the premium are up compared to last year and wondered if that was contributed by police officers and their potential PTSD claims. He mentioned the Seven Dreams Foundation, which has their annual Gala on March 2, 2024. He also recognized City Manager Sandvik for recruiting and hiring quality people to work for the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Parisian to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.



Chase Peterson-Em, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor