Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Dingle; Council Members Foote, Jones, Swenson, and Zenner. Also present: City Administrator Walsh, Consulting Engineer Stremel and City Clerk Ornquist. Pledge of allegiance said by all.

MINUTES:

Motion by Foote, second by Zenner to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019, regular meeting—waive reading of same. Motion carried 3-0, with Swenson and Jones abstaining.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Acknowledge receipt of Commission Minutes
   • Parks & Recreation Commission—March 14, 2018

B. Approve Service Agreement with Youth Service Bureau.

C. Accept the resignation of Community Service Officer Alexander Adams and authorize staff to fill the position.

D. Approve donation of 1974 HURST tool to the City of Federal Dam.

E. Approve donation of Heritage Park playground equipment to Kids Around the World.

F. Adopt Resolution No. 1572, a resolution requesting comprehensive road and transit funding.

Motion by Swenson, second by Foote to approve the consent agenda items listed above.

City Administrator Walsh informed Council Member Jones that one of the League of Minnesota Cities legislative priority to obtain more road improvement funding for cities; this resolution supports such funding bill. Motion carried 5-0.

KEVIN WALSH:
A. 2019 Street & Utility Improvement Project

Consulting Engineer Stremel informed the Council that in their packet there is a memo, summary of the electronic bids, and a resolution declaring the costs and setting the assessment hearing for May 6, 2019.

After discussions with the contractor and current weather patterns, it is recommended that the project be awarded ahead of the assessment hearing at the April 15th Council Meeting. This will allow the contractor to begin preparations for construction to begin the project as soon after the assessment hearing.

Consulting Engineer Stremel informed Council Member Jones that the number of bids were low (three), noting that other projects this year have received fewer than normal bids. Part of the reason is many of the contractors are busy completing last year’s projects due to the weather conditions.
• Adopt Resolution No. 1573, a resolution considering bids and calling for Assessment Hearing.

Motion by Jones, second by Swenson to adopt Resolution No. 1573, a resolution considering bids and calling for Assessment Hearing.
Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS:
A. Council Member Jeff Swenson

• Public Works Commission
  ⇒ Public Works have been addressing the potholes around town. If you know of a bad pothole, call Public Works to report it.
  ⇒ Street Sweeping will begin April 2; for the next 3-4 days.
  ⇒ Winter Parking Ban ended April 1
  ⇒ Spring Load Limits are in effect and expected to last for eight weeks.
  ⇒ Next meeting to be held June 4, 2019 at 7 p.m.

B. Council Member Jones

• Public Safety Commission
  ⇒ Commission met on March 7, 2019
  ⇒ Discussed new police data reporting system through Washington County.
  ⇒ Election of Officers were had, with no changes.
  ⇒ Char Hemmingson presented to the Commission an adopt-a-hydrant program in which the Fire Department is on board with.
  ⇒ Reviewed a stop sign request for 8th Avenue and Ashland, with no one in attendance to give testimony, no action was made.
  ⇒ Police Chief reported on the city’s effort to establish the rights-of-way in the area west of 3rd Street, north of 14th Avenue and south of 13th Avenue. This area has been problematic with the dumping of materials. Efforts may include Washington County PHE. This may be a budgetary item for survey work to establish right-of-way.
  ⇒ Police Department Open House is set for May 11, 2019. More details to come.

C. Mayor Dingle

• Planning Commission
  ⇒ Next meeting to be held April 8, 2019 at 7 p.m.

D. Council Member Zenner

• Parks & Recreation Commission
  ⇒ Next meeting to be held April 11, 2019 at 7 pm.
  ⇒ The Commission will be having a fundraising event at Carbone’s Pizzeria on Monday, April 15 from 11 a.m. to close in which 20% of the proceeds will benefit the Commission. This is for dine in and take out orders only.

E. Council Member Foote

• Heritage Days Committee
  ⇒ Committee met on March 25 in which both Zenner and Foote attended.
  ⇒ This year’s theme is “Fast and Furious on Broadway”
  ⇒ Entertainment has not been determined.
  ⇒ Grand Marshal and Business of the Year have not been determined.

F. Mayor Dingle
Administration

Residents wishing to discuss their property values can do so at an Open Book Meeting set for April 4, 2019 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Cottage Grove City Hall.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL: $92,154.21

Motion by Jones, second by Zenner to approve the bills in the amount of $94,154.21. Motion carried 5-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Member Zenner informed the Council that the Fire Department would like to host a Water Ball event at Heritage Days this year. The water ball would be held on Friday night prior to the fireworks. It was the consensus of the Council that this would be a nice addition to the festival and asked that staff check to see what insurance may be needed.

Mayor Dingle attended the Fire Department Appreciation Banquet. She personally extended her thanks and appreciation to all the firefighters for what they do.

Meeting adjourned 7:14 p.m.

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Sharon Ornquist
City Clerk