PROPOSED MINUTES

CITY OF ST. PAUL PARK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 15, 2019
Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Dingle; Council Members Foote, Jones, and Zenner. Also present: City Administrator Walsh, Consulting Planner Sparks and City Clerk Ornquist. Pledge of allegiance said by all. Council Member Swenson was excused.

MINUTES:

Motion by Zenner, second by Foote to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019, regular meeting—waive reading of same. Motion carried 3-0, with Mayor Dingle abstaining.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

A. Senator Bigham gave a legislative update informing the residents that the Tax Bill was passed which included an increase in Local Government Aid and County Aid. This aid will help offset the costs of doing business in St. Paul Park. Also, a Middle-Class tax cut was approved, resulting in less taxes on Social Security income. Unfortunately, the Transportation Bill didn’t pass which would have helped with City, County, and State infrastructure and transit services. Senator Bigham looks forward to attending the Heritage Days Festival.

Mayor Dingle thanked Senator Bigham for her hard work and appreciates the update.

B. Gene Matter, 1133 Marshall Avenue, inquired when 3rd Street will be reconstructed and the next Public Safety Commission Meeting.

Mayor Dingle informed Mr. Matter that the City has prioritized street reconstructions based on deterioration and financing. Informing Mr. Matter that 9th Avenue is a main thoroughfare for cars and the washout conditions made this project a priority. Also, alley improvements are paid for by the residents 100%. As for Third Street, this will be a very expensive project in which the City will need to fund 67% of the project costs and the remaining 33% will be assessed to the property owners. Third Street is a priority and will be done, but not sure when.

Council Member Jones informed Mr. Matter that the Public Safety Commission met on June 6 which was poorly attended. Council Member Jones answered his concerns from the March meeting regarding the software issue in obtaining monthly crime reports is still a work in progress.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Acknowledge receipt of Commission Minutes

- Planning Commission – July 8, 2019


C. Adopt Resolution No. 1588, approving Third Amended and Restated Joint Power Agreement re-establishing the MN High Speed Rail Commission as the Great River Rail Commission.

Motion by Zenner, second by Jones to approve the consent agenda items listed above. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Adopt Resolution No. 1585A amending Resolution No. 1585 to include language regarding existing utilities. This item needed new language and was removed from the Agenda.
PUBLIC HEARING – 2019-06 HASENBROEK VARIANCE REQUEST FOR PORCH AT 717 PORTLAND AVENUE:

Consulting Planner Sparks informed the Council that Andy Hassebroek has made an application for a front yard setback variance at 717 Portland Avenue. The applicant would like to add a porch to the front of the house which would encroach into the front yard setback by about 9 feet. The existing house is built almost to the front yard setback, which is 30 feet. This would place the house about 21 feet from the right-of-way.

The Planning Commission reviewed the request and held a public hearing at their July 8, 2019 meeting. The Commission recommended approval.

Mayor Dingle closed the regular Council Meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. The reading of the Public Hearing Notice was waived.

It was noted that no oral or written objections were received.

There being no one to give testimony, Mayor Dingle closed the public portion of the hearing and opened for Council discussion.

- Adopt Resolution No. 1589, a resolution approving a front yard setback variance for 717 Portland Avenue for an addition to an existing house.

Motion by Jones, second by Zenner to adopt Resolution No. 1589, a resolution approving a front yard setback variance for 717 Portland Avenue for an addition to an existing house. Motion carried 4-0.

KEVIN WALSH:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 1590, a resolution expressing acceptance of and appreciation for the donations to the City (2nd Quarter 2019).

City Administrator Walsh read the following donors:
- WSB & Associates
- Carbone’s Pizzeria
- St. Paul Park Newport Lions Club
- Cottage Grove Athletic Association
- American Legion Post 98

Mayor Dingle thanked the donors for supporting our Volunteer Dinner, Garden Shed project, Parks & Recreation Commission, Summer Rec Program, and ballistic vests for our Police Reserves.

Motion by Jones, second by Foote to adopt Resolution No. 1590, a resolution expressing acceptance of and appreciation for the donations to the City (2nd Quarter 2019). Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS:

A. Council Member Jeff Swenson (presented by Mayor Dingle)

- Public Works Commission
  ⇒ 9th Avenue project is making good progress. Starting on Monday, July 22 the contractor will begin jack hammering rock, so the noise level will be elevated in the area.
  ⇒ The construction of the water treatment facility has begun. We are expecting the completion to be March 2020.

B. Council Member Jones

- Public Safety Commission
  ⇒ Next meeting to be held September 5, 2019 at 7 p.m.

C. Mayor Dingle

- Planning Commission
D. Council Member Zenner

- Parks & Recreation Commission
  - Commission met on July 11, 2019
  - Commission will be hosting a 5K Runraiser in conjunction with Heritage Days on Sunday, August 18. On-site registration begins at 7:15 a.m. Race will begin and end at the Masonic Lodge. Pre-registration is preferred. Cost is $20. Proceeds benefit redevelopment of Whitbred Park and many worthwhile projects sponsored by the Lions club. Registration details available on the City’s webpage under Heritage Days events.
  - Volunteers needed to assist with traffic control at the intersections during the 5K Fun Run. Those wishing to volunteer should contact Parks & Recreation Chair Andy Cison or call City Hall.
  - Commission is need of one member.
  - Next meeting to be held August 8, 2019 at 7 p.m.
  - Special Meeting to be held August 13, 2019 at 7 p.m. to meet with volunteers for the 5K Runraiser.
  - Water Fountain to be installed at Abdella Park by end of week.

E. Council Member Foote

- Heritage Days Committee
  - Committee met July 8
  - Grand Marshal and Business of the Year interviews will be published in the South Washington County Bulletin.
  - Thirteen teams have registered for Mud Volleyball to date.
  - Fifteen awards will be presented at Motorcycle and Car Show (10-cars, 5-motorcycles)
  - Pony rides will be available at the Kid Event.
  - Next meeting to be held July 22, 2019 at 7 p.m.

F. Mayor Dingle

- Administration
  - National Night Out is set for August 6, 2019 from 6- 8 p.m. at Heritage Park.
  - Lions Levee Park is still closed due to high water levels and needed boat launch repair.
  - Wrestling event will be returning to Heritage Days following the tractor pull.
  - Check out Cable TV for the recent Mayoral Update.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL: $247,709.89

Motion by Jones, second by Zenner to approve the bills in the amount of $247,709.89. Motion carried 4-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS: None

Meeting adjourned 7:19 p.m.

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Sharon Ornquist
City Clerk