

CITY OF ST. PAUL PARK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DATE: April 17, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Mayor Dingle; Council Member Jones, Haggerty, Swenson, and Zenner. Also present: City Administrator Walsh. Pledge of allegiance said by all.

MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes of the March 20, 2023, Regular Council Meeting—waive reading of same.

Motion by Swenson, second by Haggerty to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023, regular council meeting—waive reading of same. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no items brought up by the public.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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- A. Acknowledge receipt of Commission Minutes:
 - Planning Commission—April 10, 2023
- B. Public Works Commission Recommendation:
 - Appoint Tim Conrad as Commission Member with a term to expire 12/31/25.
- C. Accept resignation of Patrol Officers Brian Kammerer and Michael Knudson.

Motion by Swenson, second by Haggerty to approve the consent agenda items listed above. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED—RICHARD ADAMS, 800 SUMMIT AVENUE VARIANCE REQUEST TO REPLACE A GARAGE.

- Adopt Resolution No. 1694, a resolution approving a variance for Richard Adams to construct a new garage at 800 Summit Avenue.

City Planner Nate Sparks reviewed the variance to construct a new garage at 800 Summit Avenue. He indicated the applicant has an existing garage that is about 14 x 23 which is located approximately 4 feet from the alley and 18 feet from the side yard right-a-way. The applicant wants to place the garage in a similar location to utilize the existing driveway. City Planner Sparks explained that the garage placement would require two

variances, one to the alley and the other to the side yard right-a-way. The current garage location side yard setback is 30 feet and 10 feet from the alley. The proposed location of the new garage is 4 feet from the alley and 22 feet from the side yard. The existing garage is at 4 feet and 18 feet. The applicant wanted to move it back to be more in line with the garage across the alley from them.

City Planner Sparks indicated that the planning commission reviewed the proposed application at their last meeting and held a public hearing. The commission recommended approval of the garage being moved to meet the setback to the alley (10 feet). Sparks stated that staff had an issue with the proposed location of the garage due to it being only 4 feet from the alley. The Public Works Supervisor stated that he would like to see at least 5 feet, but preferably 6 feet. City Planner Sparks informed the council that the planning commission discussed this at great length at their last meeting and voted 3 -1 to have the setback be 10 feet to meet the city code.

Mayor Dingle stated she watched the planning commission meeting and walked past the property. She agreed the 4 feet from the alley was tight. Mayor Dingle understands they would like to use their current driveway and moving back 10 feet is no hardship for the applicant. Mayor Dingle indicated that if there was an opportunity to bring it up to code she is ok with either 6 or 10 feet from the alley.

Mayor Dingle closed the regular council meeting and opened the public hearing.

Mayor Dingle indicated that the one of the planning commission's concern was that the when garages in the city age out and need to be rebuilt they would like to bring them into compliance with the code of 10 feet from the alley. Council Member Haggerty indicated he wants to minimize any hardships for the homeowner. Council Member Jones agrees in having it meet code, but if 6 feet makes more sense, he could support it. He also stated that when the city starts seeing garages being rebuilt it may have to be on a case-by-case basis to meet code requirements. The council was all in agreement with Council Member Jones on working toward the code compliance.

Dick Adams, 800 Summit St. Paul Park, MN 55118 – Mr. Adams wanted clarification of the setback of 10 feet. Mayor Dingle explained that the setback was the current 4 feet plus an additional 6 feet for the total of 10 feet. Mr. Adams stated that that would affect the sidewalk and fence, which was just installed last year. Mayor Dingle thanked Mr. Adams for clarifying with the council the 6 feet would be a hardship.

Mayor Dingle closed the public hearing and opened the regular council meeting.

Motion by Swenson, second by Haggerty to approve Resolution No. 1694 The following amendment should reflect the resolution change to 6 feet rather than 10 feet: Motion carried 4-1.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 1695, a resolution expressing acceptance of and appreciation for the donations to the city in the 1st quarter of 2023.

City Administrator Walsh indicated the city received several donations for the 1st quarter of 2023 in the amount of \$15,850. The Refinery donated \$15,000 for new steps to be installed at Lions Levee. The remaining dollars donated were for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner that will be held in April.

Motion by Haggerty second by Jones to approve Resolution No. 1695 as stated above. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS:

A. Council Member Jeff Swenson

- Public Works Commission
 - ⇒ Nothing new to report
 - ⇒ The commission appointed Tim Conrad to the Public Works Commission
 - ⇒ Next meeting is scheduled for June 6 @ 5:30 PM

B. Council Member Jones

- Public Safety Commission
 - ⇒ Nothing new to report
 - ⇒ Next meeting is Thursday, June 1 @ 7PM

C. Council Member Haggerty

- Planning Commission
 - ⇒ The commission reviewed 800 Summit Variance
 - ⇒ Two openings, they have received two applications so far and are still accepting applications
 - ⇒ Next meeting May 8 @ 7PM

D. Mayor Dingle

- Parks & Recreation Commission
 - ⇒ The commission met on April 13
 - ⇒ Working on Movies in the Park – will know more at the next meeting
 - ⇒ Garden Event – May 20, there are still five garden plots \$20 each
 - ⇒ Current Bunco money raised will go toward a bench at Lions Levee, any future Bunco nights the money will go for plants for produce to donate to the Friends in Need Food Shelf

E. Council Member Zenner

- Heritage Days
 - ⇒ The last meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for Monday, April 24 @ Greg's Tax on Broadway.

F. Mayor Dingle

- Administration
 - ⇒ The Jr. Legion Auxiliary is donating a Book library to Dingle Park, watch for more information on a ribbon cutting ceremony date & time
 - ⇒ Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is being held on April 26 @ 5PM at the American Legion.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL: \$527,338.35

Motion by Jones, second by Zenner to approve the bills in the amount of \$527,338.35 Motion carried 5-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS:

There were no comments or requests made by the council.

Meeting adjourned 7:22 p.m.

Julie Pelton
City Clerk