

CITY OF ST. PAUL PARK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DATE: February 21, 2023

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

MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes of the January 17, 2023, Postponed Council Meeting—waive reading of same.

Motion by Haggerty, second by Zenner to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023, regular council meeting—waive reading of same. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no items from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Acknowledge receipt of Commission Minutes
 - Parks & Recreation Commission—January 12, 2023
 - Planning Commission—January 9, 2023
 - Planning Commission—February 13, 2023
- B. Planning Commission Recommendation:
 - Set Public Hearing Dates and Times for 800 Summit Avenue Variance as follows:
 - Planning Commission—March 13, 2023 at 7 p.m.
 - City Council—March 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Set Public Hearing Dates and Times for Duffy's, 701 Broadway Avenue, PUD as follows:
 - Planning Commission—March 13, 2023 at 7 p.m.
 - City Council—March 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- C. Approve Dates and Times for Regional “Open Book” meetings.
 - April 6, 2022—Cottage Grove City Hall, 5-7 p.m.
 - April 12, 2022—Oakdale City Hall, 5-7 p.m.
 - April 26, 2022—Washington Cty Gov't Center, 2-7 p.m.
 - April 20, 2022—Woodbury City Hall, 5-7 p.m.
- D. Accept resignation of Patrol Officer Tim Gunderson
- E. Authorize the purchase of a Metal Pless snow pusher/plow for the tractor and amend budget as necessary.
- F. Approve 2023 Home Occupation License for AW Combat.
- G. Adopt Ordinance No. 763, an ordinance amending Ch. 42 relating to rental license fees.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area

- Adopt Ordinance No. 764, an ordinance amending Section 74-796 of the zoning ordinance related to impervious surface setbacks to the Mississippi River and authorize publication by title and summary.

City planner, Nate Sparks, explained to the council the amendment to the ordinance was due to a change in the DNR's model ordinance to include impervious surfaces to the MRCCA ordinance setbacks.

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Council member Jones inquired if the amendment changed the distance of the setback. City planner Sparks informed the council that the setback distance would remain the same. The setback change was made to include all impervious surfaces which could include a sidewalk, deck and/or a patio, etc.

**Motion by Jones, second by Zenner to approve the ordinances listed above.
Motion carried 4-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Steven's Ridge Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

- Adopt Resolution No. 1689, a resolution declaring costs to be assessed and calling for a hearing on the proposed assessments for Steven's Ridge area pavement project.

City engineer Morgan Dawley asked the council to set the date and time for the Steven's Ridge assessment hearing by resolution. Thursday, March 16th has been set for an open house meeting at city hall and notifications will be sent out to residents affected by the project. The proposed assessment hearing is scheduled on Monday, March 20 at 6:30 PM. This meeting is intended for the council to hear public testimony on the project and potentially approve the special assessments and award the bid for the construction of the project.

Motion by Zenner, second by Haggerty to approve the resolution listed above. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Accept bids and award contract for the watermain project.

- Adopt Resolution No. 1690, a resolution accepting bids for the 2023 watermain improvements.

City engineer Dawley also asked the council to accept the bids on the watermain improvements. He further explained that this was being paid for through the State of MN settlement with 3M regarding PFAS. He noted it was primarily the replacement of watermain along Summit Avenue with a connection to the Broadway water tower. Contractors would fully reconstruct the streets so the city would have new pavement. This project would be paid for entirely by MPCA grant funds. The bids on the project came in very competitive and there were 15 bidders. City engineer Dawley indicated McNamara Contracting was the lowest bidder, which came in at \$4,848,883.50.

Mayor Dingle inquired when the project would start. Engineer Dawley indicated that staff would be meeting with the contractor for a pre-construction meeting after which they would provide the city with a schedule. Engineer Dawley stated that the plan was to start early to mid-May depending on the weather and road restrictions.

**Motion by Jones, second by Zenner to approve the resolution listed above.
Motion carried 4-0.**

REPORTS:

A. Council Member Jeff Swenson

- Public Works Commission
⇒ Due to Council Member Swenson being absent there was nothing new to report.

B. Council Member Jones

- Public Safety Commission
⇒ Nothing new to report
⇒ Next meeting March 2, at 7PM

C. Council Member Haggerty

- Planning Commission
 - ⇒ Next meeting March 13, at 7PM
 - ⇒ Needs two new members.
 - ⇒ Agenda items for March meeting: Duffy's revised plan and discuss a variance application.

D. Mayor Dingle

- ⇒ Parks & Recreation Commission
- ⇒ No meetings were scheduled for February & March, meetings will resume on April 6 at 7PM
- ⇒ Needs four members.

E. Council Member Zenner

- Heritage Days
 - ⇒ Nothing to report.

F. Mayor Dingle

- Administration
 - ⇒ Mayor Dingle expressed the concern of rumors on social media regarding the SPP Police Dept. and the Washington County Sheriff cars being seen in SPP on a regular basis. The reason is Washington County is mutual aid (helping out) SPP, due to staff shortages. They also are patrolling in Newport and Grey Cloud Island as contracted staff. The city has no plans to disband the SPP Police Dept. with Washington County.
 - ⇒ Staff are currently hiring new officers to work in the city.


BILLS FOR APPROVAL: \$350,143.03

Motion by Jones, second by Zenner to approve the bills in the amount of \$350,143.03 Motion carried 4-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS:

Mayor Dingle commended the Public Works staff on a job well done over the past few days with the snow removal of the BIG winter storm.

Meeting adjourned 6:56 p.m.


Julie Pelton
City Clerk