

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of Rush City held Monday, June 13, 2022, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

Acting Mayor Louzek called the meeting to order with the following members present: Councilors Frank Storm, Dan Meyer, Tom Schneider; Acting Mayor Mick Louzek.

Member absent: Dan Dahlberg.

Others present included Amy Doeun of the County News Review.

Additions to the agenda included the MN Association of Small Cities newsletter and membership invoice, Juneteenth discussion, and the City-owned property on Irving Avenue.

Motion by Storm, second by Meyer: To approve the amended agenda. MC

Motion by Storm, second by Meyer: To approve the minutes of May 9, 2022 and May 22, 2022. MC

Motion by Meyer, second by Schneider: To approve the Bills and Claims of the City as presented to the Council and on file in the City offices. MC

Motion by Storm, second by Schneider: To approve pay application #2 from MN Petroleum for the airport fuel tank upgrades. MC

Motion by Meyer, second by Storm: To approve pay application #1 from Vinco Inc. for the airport windcone project. MC

Notices and communications were then discussed. The Rush City Chamber of Commerce newsletter was reviewed. The newsletter and invoice for 2022-2023 dues from the MN Association of Small Cities was discussed.

Motion by Storm, second by Schneider: To approve the invoice from the MN Association of Small Cities for membership renewal for July 1, 2022-July 1, 2023. MC

Discussion then followed regarding the plexiglass barriers on the front counter of City Hall and if they could be removed. The consensus of the Council was that they could be removed.

Letters from Sheriff Brandon Thyen regarding the contract rate for services in 2023 were reviewed. It was noted that the contracts themselves will be forwarded for City review in the next month or two.

A letter was reviewed from Jeffrey Fertig, the Chisago County Wetland Specialist, regarding an updated agreement between the City and Chisago County regarding the administration of the MN Wetland Conservation Act.

Motion by Schneider, second by Meyer and carried: To approve the following:

#### RESOLUTION 2022-10

##### A RESOLUTION, REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MINNESOTA WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act of 1991 (WCA) requires local government units (LGUs) to implement the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) pertaining to wetland draining, filling and excavation; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules, chapter 8420 have been adopted by BWSR in accordance with the rulemaking provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14, for the purpose of implementing WCA; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules 8420.0200, Subpart 1, Item E allows a county, city, or town to delegate implementation of chapter 8420 and the act to another governmental entity by the passage of resolutions by both parties; and

WHEREAS, both parties must provide notice to BWSR, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Soil and Water Conservation District of the delegation, including a copy of the resolution and a description of the applicable geographic area, within 15 business days of adoption of the resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Rush City, Minnesota, that the authority and administrative responsibility to implement WCA as the LGU within the legal boundaries of Rush City is delegated to Chisago County in accordance with Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8420.

Passed by the City Council of Rush City this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

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Acting Mayor

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Administrator

The list of 2022 election judges was reviewed and an increase to their hourly pay was discussed.

Motion by Louzek, second by Meyer: To increase the hourly pay of the election judges to \$18 per hour and the head judge to \$20 per hour. MC

Motion by Meyer, second by Schneider: To approve the 2022 election judge list, as presented. MC

Discussion followed regarding a request received by the Council to have a community reuse/recycle day or days, which would allow for residents to put usable items at the end of their driveway for others to take for free. Staff was directed to check with other cities that have this program for guidelines and issues they've encountered.

Motion by Storm, second by Schneider: To approve the Builder's Agreements with Fedder Homes for Rush Creek Estates Lot 17, Block 1 and Lot 15, Block 1. MC

The 2021 population estimate from the MN State Demographer's Office was reviewed.

At this time, those in attendance were called on for public comment. Acting Mayor Louzek thanked all those who made the recent Rush City Regional Airport Fly-in/Drive-in a success, especially Ray Pittman for all of his assistance.

A letter from the League of MN Cities regarding the potential dues increase for the 2023 membership renewal was reviewed.

A donation request letter from the Initiative Foundation was reviewed.

Motion by Schneider, second by Meyer: To approve the request of Initiative Foundation for a donation of \$260 in 2023. MC

Discussion then followed regarding the City-owned property on Irving Avenue, north of 14<sup>th</sup> Street. It was noted that a potential developer contacted the City about the property and would be agreeable to an age restriction of 62+ on the property. It was also noted that all but one of the twinhomes on Irving Avenue south of 14<sup>th</sup> Street have been sold and there are no more available lots. Staff was directed to discuss the value of the property with local realtors.

Discussion then followed regarding Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>). The Administrator explained that it is now a federal holiday, but the state of Minnesota has not declared it a state holiday. She also explained that cities can decide if they want to observe it as a holiday.

Motion by Schneider, second by Louzek: To declare Juneteenth as a holiday for the City of

Rush City. Roll call vote: Storm, No; Meyer, No; Schneider, Yes; Louzek, Yes. MF

Motion by Storm, second by Meyer: To put the issue of declaring Juneteenth a holiday for the City of Rush City aside. MC

Council concerns were then discussed. It was asked if mowing letter had been sent out. The Administrator informed the Council that they had, but a second letter needs to be sent before the City can go ahead and mow the properties in violation of the ordinance.

Announcements were then given that the Rush City Chamber of Commerce Summer Shell Series concert in the City park will be on Thursday, June 23, 2022 from 6:00-9:00 p.m., featuring music by Dirt Road Dixie.

Motion by Storm, second by Schneider: To adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. MC

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Administrator

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