

**OAK GROVE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 10, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Oak Grove City Council was called to order by Mayor Denno at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022. Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll call taken.

Present: Dan Denno, Mayor
Weston Rolf, Council Member
Mike Wylie, Council Member
Paul Tradewell, Council Member
John West, Council Member

Also Present: Loren Wickham, City Administrator
Chuck Schwartz, City Engineer

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Curt Hallerman, the former Fire Chief, spoke about the repairs the fire engines need in response to the comments made at the previous meeting by former Mayor, Mark Korin. He stated that he does not support refurbishing the trucks.

Council Member Wylie asked what the procedure is to have the trucks looked at to determine the cost of refurbishing.

Mr. Hallerman replied that the trucks require more than just refurbishing, they would require a full redesign.

Council Member Wylie asked what type of warranty comes with purchasing a new truck. Mr. Hallerman replied that a 5-year plan is typically included.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Denno voiced opposition to children receiving the COVID-19 vaccinations. Council Member Rolf mentioned that he has taken his kids sledding at Dunlop Park and they have really enjoyed it.

3. SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. All in favor.

4. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 13, 2021

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES. Motioned carried 4-0. Council Member Rolf abstained.

5. SHERIFF'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2021

Lieutenant Knotz reported that in December there were 255 calls for service, including 1 burglary, 6 thefts, 2 damage to property, 2 DUI arrests, 1 domestic arrest, 1 warrant arrest and 19 traffic arrests.

Council Member West mentioned that there has been an increase in people dumping their trash on the street and he inquired if anything is being done to combat this.

Lieutenant Knotz replied that the community must look out for each other and if they see suspicious activity, they should call 911.

Council Member Tradewell inquired about a recent fire in Oak Grove. Lieutenant Knotz replied that he does not have the details regarding that fire but he knows that there was a substantial loss of property.

6. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- A. Resolution 22-001 Adopting 2022 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-001 ADOPTING 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE. All in favor.

- B. Resolution 22-002 Appointing the Acting Mayor

Mayor Denno noted that Weston Rolf was Acting Mayor in 2021.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE AND COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-002 APPOINTING WESTON ROLF AS THE ACTING MAYOR. All in favor.

- C. Resolution 22-003 Designating the City's Depositories

Administrator Wickham noted that the city's depositories are Village Bank, Moreton Capital Markets and 4M Fund (PMA Network).

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-003 DESIGNATING THE CITY'S DEPOSITORIES. Motion carried 4-1. Council Member Rolf opposed.

Council Member Rolf mentioned that he believes Village Bank has become too political.

- D. Resolution 22-004 Designating an Official Newspaper.

Administrator Wickham noted that the Star Tribune provides the most publication flexibility.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-004 DESIGNATING THE STAR TRIBUNE AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER. All in favor.

- E. Resolution 22-005 Designating Official Posting Locations

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TREADWELL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-005 DESIGNATING OFFICIAL POSTING LOCATIONS. All in favor.

- F. Resolution 22-006 Designating the City's Authorized Signers

Mayor Denno noted that the designated signers are usually the Mayor, City Administrator, City Clerk, and the Acting Mayor, which is Weston Rolf.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-006 DESIGNATING CITY'S AUTHORIZED SIGNERS. All in favor.

- G. Resolution 22-007 Setting the 2021 Gopher Bounty

Administrator Wickham noted that the bounty has been \$1.50 since 2008. Prior to that it was \$1.25.

Council Member Tradewell asked how many gopher feet are collected each year. Administrator Wickham replied that it is less than \$500 worth.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-007 SETTING THE 2022 GOPHER BOUNTY. All in favor.

- H. Resolution 22-008 Appointing a City Attorney

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MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-008 APPOINTING BOB VOSE AS CITY ATTORNEY. All in favor.

I. Resolution 22-009 Appointing a Prosecuting Attorney

Administrator Wickham noted that Scott Baumgartner will be attending the February 28th meeting to give his annual report to the council.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-009 APPOINTING SCOTT BAUMGARTNER AS PROSECUTING ATTORNEY. All in favor.

J. Resolution 22-010 Appointing a City Engineer

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-010 APPOINTING CHUCK SCHWARTZ AS CITY ENGINEER. All in favor.

K. Resolution 22-011 2022 Commission Assignments for Council Members

The Council discussed assignments and agreed to the following:

City Council Member	Commission Assignment
Paul Tradewell	Planning Commission
Mike Wylie	Parks Commission
John West, Dan Denno	Upper Rum River Watershed Mgmt Organization
John West	Anoka Co. Fire Protection Council/Fire Liaison

Council Member Wylie nominated Council Member Tradewell to be the liaison for the planning commission.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL AS THE LIAISON TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. All in favor.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE AS THE LIAISON TO THE PARKS COMMISSION. All in favor.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE TO APPOINT MAYOR DENNO AND COUNCIL MEMBER WEST AS THE LIAISONS TO THE UPPER RUM WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION. All in favor.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL, SECOND BY MAYOR DENNO TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER WEST AS THE LIAISON TO THE ANOKA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COUNCIL/FIRE LIAISON. All in favor.

Council Member Wylie mentioned that with the current system, people get paid for meetings even if they do not attend, and he would like to change that.

Administrator Wickham replied that the council would have to pass a resolution making that change. He added that he will have one prepared for the next meeting.

L. Resolution 22-012 Appointing Guy Farah to the Planning Commission

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-012 APPOINTING GUY FARAH TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. All in favor.

M. Resolution 22-013 Appointing Joel Tjepkes to the Planning Commission

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MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-013 APPOINTING JOEL TJEPKES TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. All in favor.

N. Resolution 22-014 Appointing Gene Hodel to the Parks Commission

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-014 APPOINTING GENE HODEL TO THE PARKS COMMISSION. All in favor.

7. PETITIONS, INDIVIDUALS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INQUIRIES

8. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contains several items, which are acted upon by the Council in one motion. Upon request by any one Councilmember, City staff, or the public a consent agenda item may be removed and put on the regular agenda for discussion and consideration.

- A. Claims and Accounts
- B. Resolution 22-015 Approving IUP renewal for Matt Lusian
- C. Resolution 22-016 Approving tobacco license renewal applications
- D. Resolution 22-017 Accepting donation to Fire Department
- E. Resolution 22-018 Recycling Fund Transfer

Council Member West requested to remove item D.
Council Member Rolf requested to remove item C.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE A, B, AND E. All in favor.

Council Member Rolf inquired about the status of the license renewal for The Refuge and Mr. Vapes. Administrator Wickham replied that he expects both businesses to move forward, however, Staff has not received the paperwork from them yet.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPROVE C. All in favor.

Council Member West thanked Rox Ann and Denny Hazelton for donating \$100 to the Fire Department.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE TO APPROVE D. All in favor.

9. CONSULTING ENGINEER

- A. Resolution 22-019 Paving Petition 198th Ave NW, 199th Ave NW, Orchid St. NW

Engineer Schwartz provided an overview of the proposed paving project that would include 198th Ave NW, 199th Ave NW, and Orchid St NW. He noted that Staff held a neighborhood meeting on October 18, 2021, and it was very well attended by the property owners that received a notice of the paving petition. He recommended moving forward with the feasibility study for the portion of the neighborhood that received signatures from 51% of the residents that live along that road.

Council Member Rolf inquired about the properties that have two driveways and if they would be charged twice because they take access from two different roads.
Engineer Schwartz replied that none of the properties along these roads have secondary driveways.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF TO APPROVE THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE PAVING PETITION. All in favor.

- B. Engineer Updates

Engineer Schwartz noted that they have continued to work on 217th and 207th Ave NW. They have ordered soil borings to make sure there is enough gravel below the roads to repave them. He added that he and Director Anderson have been discussing the 2022 street maintenance projects and they will bring forward recommendations at the next meeting.

Mayor Denno inquired if anyone in the audience wanted to make a comment on the paving petition.

Gene Hodel, 19828 Orchid St NW, asked Engineer Schwartz what the next step is if the petition moves forward.

Engineer Schwartz replied that they would begin the feasibility study.

Brent Lindenberg, 20181 Vintage Dr NW, noted that his property was highlighted green, but he did not sign the petition and is not interested in having paved roads in his neighborhood.

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Administrator Wickham mentioned that Public Works has been busy plowing and maintaining the skating rink. He noted that they have had issues with people driving across the rink so Director Anderson will be putting up signs to keep motorists off the ice.

12. PARKS

Council Member Rolf mentioned that there are three small pine trees coming up at Dunlop Park in between the parking lot and the sledding hill. He suggested moving them in the Spring so they will not obstruct the view of the hill from the people watching their kids from the vehicle.

Gene Hodel 19828 Orchid St NW, voiced appreciation to the Parks Commission, City Council and Staff for working together to complete parks projects. He mentioned that in the past year they have improved walking trails and maintained playground equipment. There has been trash clean up and increased security measures implemented at Rum River Meadows Park. At Dunlop Park they've completed walking/skiing trails and a sledding hill. They are also working on installing pickle ball courts at Oak Grove Preserve Park and a Veterans War Memorial at City Hall.

13. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Administrator Wickham mentioned that the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) draft ordinance has been posted on the website and will be published in the upcoming newsletter. After that, the planning commission will hold a public hearing in February or March of this year.

14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. URRWMO Update

Administrator Wickham noted that the Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization (URRWMO) has recommended changes to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and he has provided a copy of those for the council to review. The City of Ham Lake has requested a change to the funding formula. The URRWMO has requested feedback from the council.

Council Member Tradewell suggested having the votes weigh more depending on the land percent the city has in the watershed.

The council agreed to change the funding formula but would like to discuss the vote percentage.

B. City Administrator Updates

Administrator Wickham provided an update on the outstanding Lake George sewer connections. He noted that 7 of the 9 property owners have plans in place but 2 do not. Staff will be sending a letter to residents requesting an update on their project.

The Pheasants Forever will be having their 6th Annual Pheasants on Ice event at Lake George on February 5th from 11:00-2:00. On-site registration begins at 8:30 am at the Lake George boat landing.

Utility billing was sent to The Ponds residents with a note informing them that the council will be discussing what to do with the decommissioned sewer site at the meeting on January 31st. Administrator Wickham noted that he would ask the city attorney to attend the meeting to answer any questions.

15. MAYOR/COUNCIL REQUESTS/UPDATES

Council Member Wylie inquired about the new style of cul de sacs that were built in Sadie's Cove and Farmstead North. He asked how the middle of the circle would be maintained. Engineer Schwartz replied that it is considered right-of-way and the developer will be planting native grasses. Public Works will mow the ditch, but the middle will be left alone. Council Member West added that the center of the circle is like a rain garden.

Council Member West and Council Member Rolf thanked Public Works for their hard work plowing.

Council Member West asked for an update on the Edelweiss St NW property. Administrator Wickham replied that the matter has been turned over to the prosecuting attorney and the property owners were cited for misdemeanor offenses.

Council Member Rolf mentioned that he has been contacted by a resident regarding the city meeting recordings. The resident suggested adding the meetings to a YouTube channel. Administrator Wickham replied that he would be happy to speak with the resident to find out more about the issue.

Mayor Denno announced that caucuses will be held on February 1st and you can find the location for each on the secretary of state's website.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 31, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO ADJOURN. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Rieland
City Clerk