

**OAK GROVE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 14, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Oak Grove City Council was called to order by Mayor Denno at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 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

Also Present: Loren Wickham, City Administrator
Jessica Rieland, City Clerk
Chuck Schwartz, City Engineer
Rob Engler, Fire Chief
Matt Anderson, Public Works Director

Via Zoom: John West, Council Member

1. PUBLIC FORUM

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Denno commented on the negative response he has received regarding his newsletter article.

3. SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA

Clerk Rieland added Sheriff's Report for January 2022 as 4.A.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF 4.A. All in favor.

4. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY 31, 2022, AND EMERGENCY MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2022.

Mayor Denno noted that the emergency meeting on February 4th was to approve a gambling permit for the Pheasants Forever ice fishing event.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES. All in favor.

4.A. SHERIFF'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022

Lieutenant Knotz reported that in January there were 223 calls for service, including 2 burglaries, 2 thefts, 2 damage to property, 2 felony arrests, 1 misdemeanor arrest, 1 DUI arrest, 1 domestic assault arrest, 3 warrant arrests, and 18 traffic arrests.

Lieutenant Knotz informed residents that if they would like to receive a Friday Updates email from the Sheriff's office, they can email crime.prevention@co.anoka.mn.us. He added that Meet the Deputies is scheduled for the March 28th council meeting.

Council Member Rolf asked Lieutenant Knotz to explain what traffic arrests mean on the monthly report. Lieutenant Knotz explained that traffic arrests do not mean that the resident is taken into physical custody, it means that a citation was issued. Council Member Rolf stated for the record that he encourages the deputies to take enforcement action in the city.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Ordinance 22-03 Renaming Street

Mayor Denno opened the public hearing.

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Administrator Wickham noted that two streets in the plat of Farmstead North needed to be corrected so that they align with the county-wide addressing system.

No comments were made, and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-03 RENAMING STREET. All in favor.

6. PETITIONS, INDIVIDUALS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INQUIRIES

7. 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 22-033 approving final plat of Viking Bluffs 2nd Addition
- C. Resolution 22-034 approving site plan review for Bill's Superette
- D. Resolution 22-035 approving SafeAssure Contract

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

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 22-029 Advisory Commission Pay

Council Member Wylie mentioned that the council gets paid for meetings that they do not attend, and he would like to change that. He believes they should only get paid for the meetings they attend.

Council Member West noted that he is not in favor of changing how the commissioners and council members are paid. He added that the commissioners spend a lot of time outside of meetings driving to project sites and planning events and that the compensation should be looked at as pay for the year instead of meeting attendance.

Council Member Tradewell noted that he is not in favor of changing how the commissioners are paid but is open to changing how council members are paid. He suggested that the council be paid for every meeting they attend in addition to the council meetings such as budget work sessions.

Council Member Wylie clarified that he did not want the commissioners' pay to change, only the council members.

Council Member Rolf mentioned that initially he was in favor of changing how commissioners are paid but now he would only like to adjust the pay system for council members. He believes the council should only be paid for the meetings they attend.

Mayor Denno mentioned that depending on the year, the frequency of meetings can change. He suggested eliminating the liaison pay all together or keeping it the same. He added that he would not like to change the commissioners pay.

Mayor Denno asked that Council Member Wylie work with Administrator Wickham to revise the resolution.

The council agreed to table Resolution 22-029 until revisions have been made.

9. CONSULTING ENGINEER

- A. Resolution 22-036 accepting preliminary feasibility study and ordering public improvement hearing

Engineer Schwartz explained the results of the preliminary feasibility study.

The council agreed to move forward with the improvement hearing to allow residents to provide feedback on the project and assessment amount.

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MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-036 ACCEPTING PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDY AND ORDERING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT HEARING. All in favor.

B. Ponds Development Concept Proposal

Engineer Schwartz presented The Ponds development concept.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF TO APPROVE THE PONDS DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PROPOSAL. All in favor.

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

A. Resolution 22-037 adopting Rules and Regulations

Council Member Rolf inquired about section 3.2 seatbelt usage in private vehicles.

Chief Engler replied that firefighters used to respond to calls in their personal vehicles and that is why seatbelt usage was regulated.

Administrator Wickham noted that the city attorney reviewed the rules and regulations and did not see an issue with it because there is a disclaimer stating that if any of the rules conflict with other City, State, or Federal regulation it is superseded.

Mayor Denno suggested editing the organizational chart so that the secretary is located to the side of the Chief and Assistant Chief instead of above them.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-037 ADOPTING OAK GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS WITH CHANGES TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART. All in favor.

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A. Resolution 22-039 approving purchase of Broom Attachment for Loader

Director Anderson mentioned that the current broom attachment for the loader was purchased in 1994. It has swept streets every year since purchased. While replacement broom bristles are still available, parts to repair the carriage, casters and frame are not. Public Works is requesting to purchase a new broom from Ziegler Caterpillar, which includes install and to set pressures on the loader. These attachments are on the State purchasing contract and this item was budgeted for in 2022.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-039 APPROVING PURCHASE OF BROOM ATTACHMENT FOR LOADER. All in favor.

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Resolution 22-038 supporting housing and local decision-making authority

Administrator Wickham noted that there is a legislator from Richfield that is proposing that the state take over some zoning controls of local government to help create more affordable housing. He added that the League of Minnesota Cities is requesting that its member cities sign a resolution that would support retaining local control.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-038 SUPPORTING HOUSING AND LOCAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY. All in favor.

B. Administrator Updates

Administrator Wickham mentioned that the prosecuting attorney will be attending the February 28th council meeting. He noted that the Parks Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, February 16th and the Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, February 17th. He added that there will be two

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public hearings at the Planning Commission meeting: one for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and the other for reducing road frontage requirements. Lastly, he mentioned that Meet the Deputies has been scheduled for the March 28th council meeting. This event will give everyone the opportunity to meet the deputies that are assigned to the Oak Grove contract.

13. MAYOR/COUNCIL REQUESTS/UPDATES

Council Member Rolf commented on the negative feedback the Mayor has received regarding his newsletter article. He stated for the record that the Mayor did not tell people not to get their children vaccinated, he told them to do their research.

Mayor Denno replied that he did beseech the residents not to get their children vaccinated.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO ADJOURN. Motion carried 4-1. Council Member West opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Rieland
City Clerk