

**OAK GROVE COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, July 10, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Oak Grove City Council was called to order by Mayor Rolf at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023. Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll call taken.

Present:            Weston Rolf, Mayor  
                      Angie Bray Johnson, Council Member                    John West, Council Member  
                      Paul Tradewell, Council Member                            Mike Wylie, Council Member

Also Present:    Loren Wickham, City Administrator

**1. PUBLIC FORUM**

Bob Evans, 19628 Flamingo St. NW, expressed concerns about speeding on Flamingo Street NW.

Bill Spreigl, 19611 Flamingo St. NW, expressed concerns about speeding on Flamingo Street NW and suggested reducing the speed limit from 55 mph to 35 mph.

Steven Cole, 1611 Lane NW, expressed concerns about speeding on Flamingo Street NW.

Pat Graiziger, 21260 South Lake George Drive NW, expressed concerns about people using Lake George Parkway as an access point to Lake George. He presented to the Council an Airbnb listing that encouraged people to bring a boat and use the access on Lake George Parkway. Council directed staff to research the issues and bring back to a future meeting.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Rolf announced St. Francis Mayor Steve Feldman recently passed away.

Council Member West announced Night to Unite is Tuesday, August 1, 2023 and encouraged residents to attend or host an event in their neighborhood.

**3. SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Administrator Wickham requested to include Resolution 23-087 "Hiring an Administrative Assistant" to the consent agenda as item C.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS REVISED. All in favor.**

**4. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 26, 2023**

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. All in favor.**

**5. SHERIFF'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2023**

Lieutenant Knotz reported that in June there were 336 calls for service, including 6 thefts, 2 assault, criminal damage to property, 4 personal injury accident, 16 property damage accidents, 36 medicals, 24 animal complaints, 18 alarms, 3 gross misdemeanor arrests, 4 misdemeanor arrests, 1 DUI arrests, 1 domestic assault arrest, 3 warrant arrests, 111 traffic stops, and 12 traffic arrests

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

*The Consent Agenda contains several items, which are acted upon by the Council in one motion.*

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*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 23-083 Interim Use Permit Renewal - Sheppard
- C. Resolution 23-087 Hiring an Administrative Assistant

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRAY JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. All in favor.**

## **7. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- A. Resolution 23-084 Accepting Center Point Energy Community Safety Grant

Administrator Wickham noted the Fire Department was awarded a \$2,500 Community Safety Grant from Center Point Energy to purchase water rescue equipment.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-084 ACCEPTING CENTER POINT ENERGY COMMUNITY SAFETY GRANT. All in favor.**

## **8. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

- A. Resolution 23-085 Authorizing Purchase of Snow Plow

Administrator Wickham explained in May, the Council approved the Public Works Department to be able to enter into a lottery to purchase a truck. He announced that Public Works was successful in purchasing the truck and is now requesting to purchase the plow to go with the truck.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-085 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SNOW PLOW. All in favor.**

## **9. CITY ATTORNEY**

- A. Memo – Overview of Options to Regulate Adult Use Cannabis

Administrator Wickham mentioned the City Attorney was wondering if the Council would like to host the public hearings related to regulations or have the Planning Commission host them. The City Attorney also wanted to know if the Council would like to move forward with licenses or prohibition of hemp products.

Mayor Rolf stated he would prefer to have the Planning Commission hold the public hearings since they had started the process and have been working on it. He added if timing and scheduling did not work for the Planning Commission, he would be fine having the Council do the public hearings. The Council agreed.

Council Member West noted he would be interested in reviewing the zoning aspect of it in the future.

Council Member Bray Johnson asked if there would be further discussion regarding having boundaries around churches and daycares. She noted that churches were not mentioned currently. Administrator Wickham replied that he would pass along the information.

Administrator Wickham noted the licensing and penalty fees can be adjusted.

Council Member Wylie asked if there could be a requirement for additional law enforcement compliance checks. Administrator Wickham replied it is currently included in the contract with Anoka County that they do all of the compliance checks for the City.

## **10. PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

- A. Resolution 23-086 Interim Use Permit Revocation - Thull

Administrator Wickham explained during the June 26, 2023 City Council meeting, the Council directed Staff to draft a resolution to revoke the Interim Use Permit for Ted Thull.

Council Member West asked if there has been any contact with Ted Thull since the last meeting. Administrator Wickham mentioned he emailed Mr. Thull that day asking if he was in compliance but did not

receive a response.

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRAY JOHNSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-086 INTERIM USE PERMIT REVOCATION. All in favor.**

Council Member Tradewell asked if an installation of a gate was a required condition.

Planning Commission Chair Brad Johnson stated Mr. Thull was required to come into compliance which included screening. Mr. Thull decided to include a gate which is beyond the typical requirement for screening. Mr. Johnson noted it is up to the Council to decide if Mr. Thull is in compliance. The Planning Commission made a decision based on what Mr. Thull had agreed to do in order to be in compliance.

Council Member Bray Johnson stated that Mr. Thull mentioned he had to build the gate and that it was a custom piece. Administrator Wickham added that Mr. Thull explained the custom piece would be delivered at the end of July and would be able to complete the gate in August.

Mayor Rolf noted in Resolution 19-012, item I states no outside storage of materials for the business are allowed. Council Member Tradewell mentioned the fence was to hide the materials and not necessarily the trailers.

**11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Administrator Updates**

Administrator Wickham noted the next meeting would be on July 31, 2023. The JPAs will be back from Anoka County for both the bridge and the County Road 7 improvement project. The City Attorney is currently reviewing them with suggested edits.

Administrator Wickham stated he would post the City Clerk and Public Works positions this week.

Administrator Wickham asked the Council if they would like to have a work session or a special meeting regarding the fire station or to include it in a regular meeting.

Mayor Rolf replied that he would like to move forward and is comfortable with a work session or a regular meeting. The Council agreed. Council Member Wylie suggested putting the item at the end of the agenda. Administrator Wickham added that the item could carry to another meeting.

The Council agreed to address the fire station at the next Council meeting.

Administrator Wickham stated the Planning Commission is meeting next week and will discuss cannabis guidelines, code amendments, and storm water.

Mayor Rolf asked Administrator Wickham to review the code enforcements document. Administrator Wickham explained the list is comprised of open items Staff had been working on regarding code enforcement. Most of the items are considered site completion agreements. Moving forward, Rum River Construction Consultants will be doing code enforcement. He noted there would be a monthly update in order to keep track of spending.

Council Member West requested the update to be included as a line item in the Agenda with a report included. The Council agreed.

**12. MAYOR/COUNCIL REQUESTS/UPDATES**

Council Member West gave an update on the URRWMO and noted the City of Bethel has changed their mind and are ratifying the budget. Beginning next year, they want to discuss changing the JPA. The budget passed for next year and was lower than anticipated.

Council Member Bray Johnson commented on the importance of listening to the residents and asked the Council what their opinion was on including the potential lot size requirement change to the Planning

Commission to allow residents to speak and have more research. She added it was not fair to disregard Facebook as a way of receiving input since it is still a form of the community speaking to the Council.

Council Member Tradewell suggested having a petition brought forward so it was in writing.

Mayor Rolf suggested including the item in the next meeting to discuss further as a Council and do more research.

Council Member West expressed his concern of using social media to collect data since it is difficult to determine if people engaging are from the community or not and not all of residents are on social media.

The Council discussed having further conversation regarding the 2.5 acre median for developers, and who has contacted Council Member Bray Johnson regarding the item.

Larry Curtis, 22851 Sycamore Street NW, stated he brought up his concerns about the lot size requirements to Council Member Wylie in the past. He expressed his support for increasing the size of accessory buildings in order for properties to be better groomed. He added that residents reached out to Council Member Bray Johnson more often because she is the most accessible.

Mayor Rolf explained the item would be put on a future agenda to have further discussion and collect data. He added that they are short on Staff and asked residents to have patience as they collect the data and place the item on the agenda.

Mr. Johnson noted the Planning Commission would begin the discussion on how to guide new developments on the 2.5 acre requirement.

***The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 31, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.***

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADWELL, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRAY JOHNSON TO ADJOURN. Motion carried 4-1. Council Member West abstained. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Loren Wickham  
City Administrator