

Nowthen City Council
June 9, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pilon called the meeting to order at 7:21 pm
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Council Members Blake, Greenberg, Alders and Rainville
Also in attendance: Interim City Administrator Boyles, Deputy Clerk, Natalie Johnson, City Planner, Liz Stockman, Lieutenant Bill Jacobson, Fire Chief, Dave Schmidt

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAINVILLE SECOND BY BLAKE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA REVISING THE DATE AT 2B FROM MAY 12, 2022 TO JUNE 8, 2022. MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREENBERG AND SECOND BY BLAKE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE 2021 FINANCIAL AUDIT BY MIKE POFAHL

Mr. Pofahl stated he was presenting a clean audit. The city staff will have to oversee Capital Assets / Depreciation.

After audit is accepted, he will present an electronic version of the audit to the city staff for recording purposes.

Mr. Pofahl recommends the city keep records of special assessment's paid as well as Anoka County as a cross check.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RAINVILLE, SECOND BY GREENBERG TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES.

4. FLOOR ITEMS

Mr. Samuel Corns of 19223 Burns Parkway addressed the City Council to request the Recycling Center extend the hours to after 5:00 pm so that persons working Monday – Friday from 9am to 5pm can use the facility.

The City Council requested staff investigate the logistics of extending the hours.

5. SHERIFF'S REPORT

Lieutenant Bill Jacobson reported 114 calls in May to the Nowthen area. This is 75 calls over last May.

Notable calls: Thank you to a citizen who called in what he thought was gun shots inside a home, a deputy investigated and all was fine. Thank you for calling in – the sheriff's department would rather receive the calls, investigate and find no problem, than not be called and have a problem.

A medical call brought a bouncing baby boy into the world at home! Both mom and child are doing well.

A brake light out traffic stop caught a driver with a felony warrant.

A vehicle accident had a person trapped inside – the person was extracted and transported by ground even though a Medical Helicopter was called in as a precaution.

July 1 the City of Nowthen will get a county vehicle for city use even if the new one isn't here on time. When it does come, it will state "City of Nowthen" on the Anoka County Sheriff's car.

Speeding is a huge issue as Anoka County is leading the state for deaths in speed related accidents. Anoka County Sheriff's Department will start using "Specialty Marked Cars" to catch speeders and reckless drivers. There will be an official press release that the city can post on the website. One question asking if our roads were "clearly" marked for speed. The answer is yes. City Council could pass a resolution to adopt this practice of using "Specialty Marked Cars". The sheriff's department would welcome it as they would rather stop accidents before they happen and not have to talk to families about tragic loss due to speeding.

An on-duty deputy responded to complaints about asphalt company trucks speeding on Burns Parkway. The owners will discuss with the drivers.

Councilmember Greenberg wanted to thank a deputy (he didn't get the name) that was at the Twin Lakes Park while he was there with some youth. The deputy let them see the car, some of the tools used and engaged with them. He really appreciated the extra mile the deputy went with them.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Dave Schmid indicated 24 incidents in May compared to 17 in April. The response time average was 11.5 minutes with an average of 4.1 fire fighters responding.

The captains are getting up to speed with projects and tasks assigned. Good things are happening in the fire department. Moral is awesome, staff is great and the 14 fire fighters are stepping up for each other. Recruiting continues as the goal is to reach 20 fire fighters.

The extracting equipment has arrived. Some training was done with it. It is an incredible piece of equipment that will help save lives. The spreader did get damaged; however, it is under warranty and will be fixed. A replacement piece of equipment is being used during the repair.

Two of the councilmembers stated they had Captains stop at their homes to introduce themselves and check out the piles to be burned that they had gotten burning permits for. They both thought it was a nice way to meet the residents. It was also suggested to have flyers/notices posted on the city website to help with recruiting.

One councilmember asked what is the policy for the Duty Officer in the city vehicle. The chief responded that the duty officer may use the vehicle as they see fit. We have seen an impact in our response time by having the duty officer have the vehicle and in this field of work, minutes could save a life.

7. PLANNING AND ZONING

a) Consider Approval of Final Plat and Development Agreement for Dryden Acres

Applicants are present. Planner Stockman stated all conditions have been met and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends the approval of the final plat.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAINVILLE SECOND BY BLAKE TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT OF DRYDEN ACRES, VARIANCE TO ALLOW A LOT WIDTH OF 139 FEET ON LOT 3, BLOCK 1, AND THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED FINDINGS OF FACT. MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES.

b) Consider Approval of Amended Conditional Use Permit for an Extended Home Occupation, 6700 Viking Blvd

The CUP request states increasing to 10,000 sq ft area to store crushed concrete (13' high) = 5,000 Cubic Yards, limits outdoor storage to Three (3) Acres maximum size and requires a 6' minimum height fence 350' long along the north property line if the property is developed.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ALDERS SECOND BY RAINVILLE TO APPROVE THE AMENDED CUP FOR THE DRYDEN'S EXCAVATING BUSINESS ON THE 10 ACRES PARCEL IDENTIFIED AS LOT 3, BLOCK 1, DRYDEN ACRES SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED FINDINGS OF FACT. MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES

c) Consider Approval of Final Plat for Country View Acres 2nd Addition

Planner Stockman stated there are 2 minor changes and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of Country View Acres 2nd Addition.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SECOND BY ALDERS TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR COUNTRY VIEW ACRES 2ND ADDITION AND BUILDABILITY EXHIBIT, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE FINDINGS OF FACT. MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES

d) Code Enforcement Update

20930 Cleary Road – Give them a deadline to demo the foundations and remove the unlicensed vehicles with next steps either the city abates or turn over to Kurt Glaser with a criminal complaint.

7038 Old Viking Blvd – The resident is looking for assistance to remove 75+ tires. The city administrator or Interim City Administrator to touch base with Anoka County mosquito control to see if they would take them at no cost.

19066 Jasper Street - The resident has not met the agreement to remove vehicles with several attempts by the city. Planner Stockman will try to meet with him to see his plan to remove and/or turn over to Kurt Glaser with a criminal complaint to see what the city can do if he still refuses to comply.

6304 Old Viking Blvd – No action at this time.

19523 Nowthen Blvd – Progress is being made. Planner Stockman will keep encouraging to keep the progress moving.

5833 Norris Lake Rd – The owner of the property has received a citation.

19560 Baugh Street – Planner Stockman to investigate with a site visit and bring back to city council next month.

7967 191st Lane

A councilmember stated the resident has health issues but has brought many items to recycle day and is making progress. Planner Stockman documented progress in front yard and will touch base with owner.

18288 Nowthen Blvd – It was purchased as a recreational site; the home was torn down and cleaned up. There is an active CUP Mining permit on the property. Planner Stockman to talk with land owner to see what the current status is.

18660 Yakima Street – Complaints from residents for semi driving on new roads. Planner Stockman has not been able to validate.

4980 182nd Lane - Parks Business (metal fabricating) has a CUP stating resident must use Waco Street South to 179th. Planner Stockman to contact re: CUP for Metal Fabricating.

Planner Stockman will provide a monthly update to City Council via the City Administrator. Councilmembers to ask questions and to be put on the agenda to discuss if it is her/his desire.

8. CITY COUNCIL

c) **MORATORUM on commercial – industrial architectural standards.**

The city council will need to take some action at the July meeting. Planner Stockman to work with Attorney Ruppe to update.

a) Discuss Draft City Council Agenda Preparation “Paint by Numbers”.

It is a work in progress. City Council to review and make any needed suggestions. It is noted that an RCA is needed if anything is asked of the City Council and a Resolution is needed for anything that requires money to change hands. Anyone submitting to the agenda must prepare these documents and have the supporting documents so the City Council can make educated decisions. Department Heads may receive a template of the documents from City Staff. The target is 7 days before the City Council Meeting for the Agenda and City Council Packet to go out.

b) Update on Ebony and Garnet Road Construction. A request from staff to move forward with terminating the contract with Molnau Trucking, LLC after meeting with residents. The city has received bids to work on the punch list items and complete as much as possible. The city is not certain this will 100% complete the project, but it is a good start.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RAINVILLE SECOND BY BLAKE TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT WITH MOLNAU TRUCKING LLC AND ACCEPTING QUOTES FROM NORTH VALLEY, INC AND EROSION WORKS, INC. AND GET THINGS SCHEDULED. MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES

OPEN ITEM:

- a) Councilmember Greenberg would like permission to investigate the cost of a Pickle Ball Court in Nowthen. He would like to put together an adhoc committee. No objections were raised.

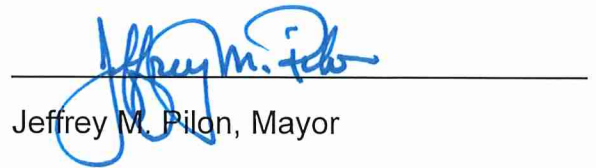
MOTION TO ADJORN BY COUNCILMEMBER RAINVILLE, SECOND BY BLAKE. MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Frank Boyles, Interim City Administrator



Jeffrey M. Pilon, Mayor