

MEMBERS PRESENT – Martin, Evenson, and McCoy

ABSENT – Lokken

Council Member Lokken was called so she could participate in the discussion but abstained from voting.

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CONSENT TO AGENDA- Kalkbrenner asked the council to strike minutes from the January meeting. Council Member McCoy made a motion to approve consent to the agenda, along with moving New Business item E to staff report Fire. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

VISITOR RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Custom Marble- Mayor Martin made a motion to remove the lines for three of the parking spaces on the east side of Custom Marble to allow access to their lot and shop. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

After a discussion with Custom Marble about parking, Mayor Martin made a motion for the city to purchase two “NO Parking Between Signs” signs to put at the entrance to Custom Marble’s driveway. Council Member McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Shannon Eckhoff- Gambling Permit – Brenda Grates came to the council on behalf of the Church of St. Philip to present a Lawful gambling permit to be able to provide pull tabs and electronic pull tabs to the Wood-N-Boar. Council Member Evenson approved the Gambling Permit for the Church of St. Philips and Wood-N-Boar. Council Member McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Gwen Cram- Cram came and gave an update on Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. Cram stated that the next meeting will be on March 29th, 2023. And Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is looking to have an Art in the Park event at some point when the weather gets nicer.

Summer Rec Survey / Andrew Hallin- Andrew presented a rough draft of some activities and how each will work per age group. Andrew worked with Kalkbrenner to put together a Summer Rec Survey for the upcoming summer. Mayor Martin made a motion to allocate \$2,500 to the summer rec program if the city moves forward. Regardless if the city moves forward or not the city agrees to pay Andrew \$300 for the time and resources that he has contributed. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all member voting in favor.

Council Member McCoy made a motion to spend up to \$500 on new balls and equipment for summer rec and the south grove gym. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Rescue- No Report

Fire- Council asked Chief Jans if he had devised a 5-year plan for fire to present to the townships at the meeting. Jans stated that everything has always been the same as they need to update the truck, turnout gear, SCBAs, radios, etc.

MN Fire Department Grant- Mayor Martin moved to strike this item from the agenda as the Fire Department already utilized this grant and received a new dryer for their gear.

Sheriff- 44 calls reported.

Clerk- Kalkbrenner presented the contract for the Minn-E-Rods for the upcoming Windmill Days. Kalkbrenner asked if the city would pay the deposit to hold the date for now with the understanding that a location of where the pulls will be held is still up for discussion. Council Member Evenson made a motion to pay the \$100 deposit for Minn-E-Rods for 2023 Windmill Days. Mayor Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Kalkbrenner asked the council about some training dates. Mayor Martin made a motion to send Kalkbrenner to the MCFOA conference on March 21st- 24th, covering class, room, and mileage. Council Member McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. Mayor Martin made a motion to send Kalkbrenner to the Loss Control and Prevention workshop on April 5th covering class and mileage. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. Kalkbrenner also asked the council about attending the IIMC conference, which is held in different states throughout the nation, and the 2023 IIMC conference will be held in Minneapolis this year. Mayor Martin made a motion to send Kalkbrenner to the IIMC conference on May 13th-17th. Council Member McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Kalkbrenner asked the council about replacing the laptop for Public Works and the surface for meter reading could use replacing. Council Member McCoy made a motion to spend up to \$750 on purchasing a new Surface 10 Pro. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Public Works- Roering brought a couple of quotes on replacing the gym lights up at South Grove. Roering stated there are 36 lights to swap over to LED and that some of the leftover funds from the project or a partial grant from Heartland could help offset some of the cost. Council Member Evenson made a motion to go with Ryan Buer Electric for \$9,565 to do the work of replacing all 36 lights with LED lights in the Gym. Council Member McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Roering expressed to the council that the pump for the lift station was inspected and pulled to fix, but after further investigation, it would be more cost-effective to just replace it all together. Roering expressed that there is a \$1,800 difference between replacing a used one with a 1-year warranty or a new one with a 5-year warranty. Kalkbrenner expressed that from the mediation we did receive money for the lift station separate from the street project and that there is still money left from the \$6,500 total given. Council did express that they would like Roering to investigate extending the warranty. Mayor Martin made a motion to spend \$11,900 with a 5-year warranty, to get the lift station up and

Approved

running. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Roering expressed that well 1 at the water tower is slowing down and wondering if he should get a price. To get it fixed or if the council wanted to let it just quit working and seal it up. Council asked that he get some pricing.

Roering asked the council to send him to a water school in St. Cloud for \$275 plus hotel and mileage. Mayor Martin made a motion to send Roering to a water school in St. Cloud on March 7th-9th, 2023 to keep up with his hours. Council Member McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Evenson- Evenson made a comment asking if the council should be voting on any papers/ forms that have corrections that need to be made.

McCoy- McCoy asked about who is on the Windmill Days committee. Kalkbrenner expressed that she was unsure of who will be on the committee at this time. There were a few people that stepped down. After the committee meets hopefully in the next month Kalkbrenner will have a better idea of how many people are needed for the committee and if we need to find more. McCoy would like to help with the advertisement and sales.

Lokken- Lokken expressed that she felt that the clerk should download the program Grammarly.

Lokken verified that the city will not be allowing chicken.

Lokken was a liaison for the CARE board and gave an update on how Meeker in Motion was impressed by the tour they were given.

OLD BUSINESS

Fee Schedule- Council Member McCoy made a motion to approve the fee schedule by raising Election Judge pay from \$12 per hour to \$14 per hour. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Resolution 2023-1 – Mayor Martin expressed that there was a discussion at the prior workshop about committees. Martin asked Council Member Evenson if he still wanted to be on the Personnel Committee. Evenson declined. Martin also asked Evenson if he was willing to take the Acting Mayor position due to his sonority. Evenson declined the Acting Mayor position as well. Mayor Martin made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-1 with the following adjustments: Personnel Committee – Jason and Gabra, Streets Committee – Sheldon and David, Acting Mayor – Jason, Buildings Commission- Sheldon and David. With a stipulation that every 2 years the committees be changed to allow different members to experience other committees. Council Member McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Old Basketball Court- A discussion was had at the workshop about possibly going with a realtor to sell the old basketball court. Doing so it would cover the city's bases by having it advertised publicly and following the ordinances and a realtor would do the work instead of the office. Council discussed

finding a realtor to sell the lot, fencing, and all that is with the lot. McCoy agreed to work on finding a realtor.

CARE Lease- Kalkbrenner presented changes suggested by a League of MN Cities attorney and changes suggested by or City Attorney as well. Kalkbrenner also expressed that after the request from Mayor Martin, Kalkbrenner also spoke with Jeff at A+ Insurance about how much liability coverage for the rental area should be. Jeff was going to be working with his underwriter and get back to Kalkbrenner. Kalkbrenner expressed that as soon as she gets a copy with the revisions back from the City Attorney, she will send it out to the council for them to review. At the upcoming CAREs Board meeting on February 27th, 2023, Lokken as the city liaison could present it. Council Member McCoy made a motion to approve the lease with the recommended changes by the League of MN Cities and the City Attorney and asked Kalkbrenner to get the corrections made and send out a revised copy for review when returned. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Aimee Gourlay- Kalkbrenner expressed that in talking with Aimee that she wanted re-confirmation that it was still ok with the council to come out and do training with the council. Lokken expressed that maybe we should do this training after we have a new council member on board. Council Member McCoy made a motion to allow Aimee Gourlay with the League of MN Cities to come in and have a workshop sometime in April with the council and city employees, about roles and responsibilities among other things. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Halterman Letter of Resignation- Mayor Martin made a motion with much reluctance to accept Mike Halterman's letter of resignation and thank him for his time and dedication to serving on the city council. Council Member McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried with Mayor Martin and Council Member McCoy voting in favor and Council Member Evenson voting opposed.

Resolution 2023-9: Declaration of Vacancy – Council Member Evenson made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-9: Declaration of Vacancy. Council Member McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Boyscout Gambling License- Jeff Doty with the ACGC Boyscout Troop 221 came to the meeting to request that the Boyscouts can apply with the help of the Grove City Lions to get a gambling license for a Bingo Fundraiser in March. Mayor Martin made a motion to approve the Gambling license for Boyscouts. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. Jeff also asked the council if they would waive the \$100 City Gambling Fee as this is a fundraiser event. Council Member Evenson made a motion to waive the \$100 gambling fee for the 2023 year for the Boyscouts. Council Member McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT- Council Member Evenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.