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**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS  
MAY 16, 2023**

The meeting of the Council of the City of Vadnais Heights was held on the above date and called to order by Mayor Krachmer at 7:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mayor Mike Krachmer and Council Members Steve Rogers, Erik Goebel, Kelly Jozwowski, and Katherine Doll Kanne.

The following Council members were absent: None.

Also present were: Kevin Watson, City Administrator; Kaylin Clement, Assistant City Administrator; Nolan Wall, Planning/Community Development Director; Senior Engineering Technician Nick Ousky; Chris Hearnden, Fire Chief; Bob Sundberg, Finance Director; and Caroline Beckman, City Attorney.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Administrator Watson provided several announcements.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Council Member Jozwowski, seconded by Council Member Goebel, it was

#23-05-78      “RESOLVED that the May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.”

Ayes – 5                          Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A.      May 2, 2023 Regular Workshop Meeting

Upon motion by Council Member Goebel, seconded by Council Member Jozwowski, it was

#23-05-79      “RESOLVED, that the Council approves the May 2, 2023 Regular Workshop Meeting minutes as presented.”

Ayes – 5                          Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

32 B. May 2, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

33 Upon motion by Council Member Jozwowski, seconded by Council Member Doll Kanne,  
34 it was

35 #23-05-80 “RESOLVED, that the Council approves the May 2, 2023 Regular Council  
36 Meeting minutes as presented.”

37 Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

38 The resolution was adopted.

39 **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

40 Upon motion by Council Member Goebel, seconded by Council Member Jozwowski, it  
41 was

42 #23-05-81 “RESOLVED, that the Council approves Consent Agenda Items #7A  
43 through #7B for the May 16, 2023 meeting as presented as follows:

44 A. Consider Approving Claims #83550 Through #83617 and Electronic  
45 Claims #1879 Through #1882 for Payment

46 B. Accept Resignation of Firefighter Matt Montain and Authorize Staff  
47 to Advertise and Fill Position of Fire Technician.”

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49 Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

50 The resolution was adopted.

51 **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

52 Mayor Krachmer opened the meeting to the public at 7:08 p.m.

53 Louis Asher, 4525 Birch Ridge Road, commented that he has been a resident for 25 years and  
54 noted that this is the best Council that he has seen. He thanked the Council for their service to the  
55 community.

56 Justin Sharpner, 785 North Oak Drive, stated that he would like to retain his goats and emu which  
57 he expressed in a letter.

58 Mayor Krachmer stated that the Codes exist, and it would be in the court of the resident to submit  
59 an application.

60 City Administrator Watson replied that the resident has been provided a letter with the process and  
61 application.

62 Mr. Sharpner replied that the application was for an exotic animal, which a goat is not.

63 Mayor Krachmer commented that the resident would need to follow the process by submitting an  
64 application.

65 Mr. Sharpner reiterated that he does not believe a goat to be an exotic animal.

66 Council Member Rogers replied that there is a process that needs to be followed. He commented  
67 that goats are considered exotic because they are not defined as domesticated in City Code.

68 Planning/Community Development Director Wall replied that the resident has been informed of  
69 the process and encouraged the Council to continue to direct the resident to that process and to  
70 work with City staff.

71 Council Member Rogers commented that Code only allows the keeping of domesticated animals  
72 and a goat does not fall under that category.

73 Mayor Krachmer stated that chickens have followed the same process in the past.

74 There being no one further who wished to speak, Mayor Krachmer closed the meeting to the public  
75 at 7:14 p.m.

## 76 **PRESENTATIONS**

### 77 A. National Police Week in Ramsey County Proclamation

78 City Administrator Watson read the proclamation in full declaring May 15, 2023 as  
79 National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as  
80 National Police Week.

## 81 **OLD BUSINESS**

### 82 A. Request to Purchase Plows and Accessories for Two Pickups

83 City Administrator Watson presented the bid from Aspen Equipment to purchase two  
84 plows, lift gate, and accessories for \$38,000 for the two pickup trucks received as CIP  
85 replacements. Mr. Watson noted that the prices increased slightly from the budgeted  
86 amounts.

87 Council Member Goebel commented that while it is unfortunate that everything is going  
88 up in price, this equipment is needed.

89 Mr. Watson noted that the State contract discount has also been factored into the cost.

90 Upon motion by Council Member Goebel, seconded by Council Member Jozwowski, it  
91 was

92 #23-05-82 “RESOLVED to approve the purchase two plows, lift gate, and accessories  
93 for the two pickup trucks received as CIP replacements from Aspen  
94 Equipment in the amount of \$38,000.”

95                                   Ayes – 5                                   Nays – 0

96                   The resolution was adopted.

97   **NEW BUSINESS**

98   A.    Consider Approval of Liquor License Renewal

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100           City Administrator Watson presented the annual renewal of four individual liquor licenses  
101           contingent upon passing background check conducted by Ramsey County Sheriff's  
102           Department and/or successful Fire Certificate of Occupancy inspection.

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104           Upon motion by Council Member Goebel, seconded by Council Member Doll Kanne, it  
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106           #23-05-83    “RESOLVED, that the Council approve annual renewal of individual  
107           liquor licenses for Krekd Incorporated dba: MGM Wine & Spirits of  
108           Vadnais Heights, 1050 E Highway 96 (off sale); Gerald, Inc. dba: Jimmy's  
109           Food/Drink/Conference Center/Catering, 1132 E. County Road E (on-  
110           sale); Villesak, Inc. dba: SAKS, 1460 E County Road E (on-sale); and,  
111           Kwik Trip, Inc. dba: Kwik Trip #152, 3278 Highway 61 (3.2% off-sale),  
112           for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 contingent upon passing  
113           background check conducted by Ramsey County Sheriff's Department  
114           and/or successful Fire Certificate of Occupancy inspection, as presented.”

115                                   Ayes – 5                                   Nays – 0

116           The resolution was adopted.

117   B.    Accept Bids and Award 2023 Street Crack Sealing Project

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119           Senior Engineering Technician Ousky presented the bid tabulation for the 2023 Street  
120           Crack Sealing Project and recommend award to Northwest Asphalt & Maintenance at a  
121           contract price of \$39,000, potentially up to \$45,000 to allow for errors in the estimate.

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123           Council Member Doll Kanne asked if the contractor has been used by the City before for  
124           this type of service.

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126           Mr. Ousky replied that the contractor has been used for different street projects, which  
127           have been significantly larger, and those have been good experiences.

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129           Council Member Doll Kanne explained that her concern was with the discrepancy  
130           between the bid amounts.

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132           Mr. Ousky replied that is most likely due to the small scale of the project.

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134 Upon motion by Council Member Jozwowski, seconded by Council Member Goebel, it  
135 was

136 #23-05-84 “RESOLVED, that the Council award the 2023 Street Crack Sealing  
137 Project to Northwest Asphalt & Maintenance at a contract price of  
138 \$39,000, as presented, potentially up to \$45,000.”

139 Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

140 The resolution was adopted.

#### 141 **COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

142 Fire Chief Hearden thanked firefighter Matt Montain for his years of service and wished him  
143 the best in the future. He thanked the Council for allowing him to refill that position.

144 Assistant City Administrator Clement stated that applications for the Public Works Director  
145 position close on Friday and encouraged interested individuals to apply.

146 Finance Director Sundberg had nothing to report.

147 Senior Engineering Technician Ousky echoed the encouragement for individuals to apply for  
148 the Public Works Director position.

149 City Planner/Community Development Director Wall stated that the Planning Commission  
150 will meet the following week to consider an application for a Conditional Use Permit.

151 City Attorney Backman noted that her office and the City of Vadnais Heights hosted the  
152 Ramsey County prosecutors for an event.

153 Council Member Jozwowski commented that her family has enjoyed participating in the  
154 scavenger hunt and encouraged others to participate.

155 Council Member Goebel had nothing to report.

156 Council Member Doll Kanne stated that she has been participating in Slow Mow May and  
157 has been mowing the majority of her yard at the highest setting. She stated that she attended  
158 the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and noted requests that will be coming  
159 forward to the Council at a future meeting.

160 Council Member Rogers noted that at the last meeting there was a presentation from the  
161 Many Faces of White Bear Lake which mentioned a pow wow. He commented that he  
162 attended the pow wow and it was phenomenal with full attendance.

163 Mayor Krachmer commented that he enjoys being Mayor, noting that there are so many great  
164 things going on in the city and county and it is inspiring.

165 **ADJOURN MEETING**

166 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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168 Respectfully submitted,

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Kevin Watson, City Administrator

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