

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS
AUGUST 15, 2023**

OPEN MEETING

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.

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; Chris Hearden, Fire Chief; Jim Hauth, Public Works Director; Phillip Lundquist, Deputy Clerk; and Caroline Beckman, City Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Administrator Watson provided several announcements.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Goebel, seconded by Jozwowski, it was

#23-08-126 “RESOLVED that the August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Workshop Meeting of August 2, 2023

Upon motion by Rogers, seconded by Goebel, it was

#23-08-127 “RESOLVED that the Regular Workshop Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2023, be approved”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Resolution was accepted.

B. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 2, 2023

Upon motion by Goebel, seconded by Rogers, it was

#23-08-128 “RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2023, be approved”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

37 Resolution was accepted.

38 **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

39 Upon motion by Jozwowski, seconded by Goebel, it was:

40 #23-08-129 “RESOLVED that the Council approves Consent Agenda items #7A
41 through 7F for the August 15, 2023 meeting as follows:

42 A. Consider Approving Claims #83944 Through #84024 and Electronic Claims #1902
43 Through #1905 for Payment

44 B. Consider Approving Joint Powers Agreement with Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
45 and Department of Public Safety

46 C. Acknowledge and Accept Donations to Vadnais Heights Fire Department

47 D. Approve Deer Bowhunting Permits

48 1.HB Fuller (Dan Severson); 1200 Willow Lake Road

49 2.Frank Frattalone; 3205 Centerville Road

50 3.Rick Kohler; 428/434 County Road F and 3951/3967 Centerville Road

51 4.Jacob Krey; 0 Kohler Road

52 5.Robert Krey; 0 Kohler Road

53 E. Consider Authorizing Ramsey County to Hold Special Permit Deer Hunt in Vadnais-
54 Snail Lakes Regional Park

55 F. Commons Fee Update”

56 Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

57 Resolution was accepted.

58 **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

59 **PRESENTATIONS**

60 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

61 **OLD BUSINESS**

62 **NEW BUSINESS**

63 A. New Natural Resources Specialist

64 Public Director Hauth presented the need for additional staff with expertise. Need is
65 documented in the memorandum. Seeking approval to post and hire in 2023 and the
66 amendment from the water utility fund to fund the position. 2024 funding is proposed. Support
67 from Council Members Goebel and Doll Kanne.

68 Upon motion by Goebel, seconded by Jozwowski, it was

69 #23-08-130 “RESOLVED that the City Council approves the job description and hiring
70 of a Natural Resource Specialist, paid for through the water utility fund and
71 approves the attached resolution, a resolution amending the Water Utility
72 Fund Budget in the amount of \$41,787.00, to cover anticipated personnel
73 costs for hiring a Natural Resource Specialist in 2023.”

74 Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

75 Resolution was accepted.

76 B. Vadnais Elementary Donation

77 Administrator Watson presented the topic and the need identified by the students of Vadnais
78 Elementary.

79 Upon motion by Jozwowski, seconded by Goebel, it was:
80 #23-08-131 “RESOLVED that the City Council approves an \$8,000 donation to
81 Vadnais Heights Elementary to assist with installation of new playground
82 swings to be paid for from the Gambling Fund
83 Ayes – 5 Nays – 0
84 Resolution was accepted.

85 CITY COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

86 Hearden – Heritage Days is here and Fire Department Booya serving starts at 8am, first come first
87 served. Do not bring own containers.

88 Clement – Tennis court resurfacing is complete, wind screens to arrive shortly. Heritage Days is
89 here.

90 Wall – Planning Commission meeting next week, one agenda item.

91 Hauth – Public Works staff is busy supporting Heritage Days.

92 Doll Kanne – wishes success for bowhunters.

93 Rogers – new signage at Berwood Park. Liaison to Ramsey County League of Local Governments,
94 and climate change presentation was done. Local governments are discussion climate action plans
95 to coordinate between local school districts and municipalities. Council will be walking in Grande
96 Parade with candy.

97 Jozwowski – shout out to Public Works especially after the recent storms, looks forward to seeing
98 the community at Heritage Days.

99 Krachmer – Present at Hot Dog with a Deputy event, spoke with the Neighborhood Watch, ages
100 6-11. Senior Picnic is Thursday. Heritage Days, the Council will be tabling and welcomes
101 conversations with residents.

102 Watson – Lily Pond Trail is being repaved, including erosion control which went up prior to the
103 work sparking questions.

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105 ADJOURN

106 Meeting was adjourned at 7:23, motioned by Jozwowski seconded by Goebel.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Kevin Watson, City Administrator