

**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 Hearden, 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.

B. May 2, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

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

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

Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

- A. Consider Approving Claims #83550 Through #83617 and Electronic Claims #1879 Through #1882 for Payment
- B. Accept Resignation of Firefighter Matt Montain and Authorize Staff to Advertise and Fill Position of Fire Technician.”

Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Consider Approval of Liquor License Renewal

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

Upon motion by Council Member Goebel, seconded by Council Member Doll Kanne, it was

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

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

B. Accept Bids and Award 2023 Street Crack Sealing Project

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

## **COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

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

Finance Director Sundberg had nothing to report.

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

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

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

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

Council Member Goebel had nothing to report.

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

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

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

## **ADJOURN MEETING**

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Kevin Watson, City Administrator