

**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 Hearnden, 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

#23-08-125 “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

#23-08-126 “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

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

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Resolution was accepted.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

#23-08-128 “RESOLVED that the Council approves Consent Agenda items #7A through 7F for the August 15, 2023 meeting as follows:

- A. Consider Approving Claims #83944 Through #84024 and Electronic Claims #1902 Through #1905 for Payment
- B. Consider Approving Joint Powers Agreement with Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and Department of Public Safety (Resolution #23-08-129)
- C. Acknowledge and Accept Donations to Vadnais Heights Fire Department
- D. Approve Deer Bowhunting Permits
 - 1.HB Fuller (Dan Severson); 1200 Willow Lake Road
 - 2.Frank Frattalone; 3205 Centerville Road
 - 3.Rick Kohler; 428/434 County Road F and 3951/3967 Centerville Road
 - 4.Jacob Krey; 0 Kohler Road
 - 5.Robert Krey; 0 Kohler Road
- E. Consider Authorizing Ramsey County to Hold Special Permit Deer Hunt in Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park
- F. Commons Fee Update”

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Resolution was accepted.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. New Natural Resources Specialist

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

Upon motion by Goebel, seconded by Jozwowski, it was

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

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Resolution was accepted.

B. Vadnais Elementary Donation

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

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

#23-08-131 "RESOLVED that the City Council approves an \$8,000 donation to Vadnais Heights Elementary to assist with installation of new playground swings to be paid for from the Gambling Fund

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Resolution was accepted.

CITY COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

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

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

Hauth – Public Works staff is busy supporting Heritage Days.

Doll Kanne – wishes success for bowhunters.

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

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

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

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

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Watson, City Administrator

