

State of Minnesota  
Counties of Scott & Le Sueur  
City of New Prague



City Council Meeting  
Monday, April 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Duane Jirik called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Maggie Bass, Shawn Ryan, Duane Jirik, and Bruce Wolf. Members absent: Rik Seiler

Staff Present at Meeting: City Administrator Joshua Tetzlaff, Police Chief Tim Applen, Community Development Director Ken Ondich, and Public Works Director Matt Rynda

Mayor Jirik made a proclamation calling April 30, 2023 National Therapy Animal Day in New Prague.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Councilmember Wolf requested item 12B be moved to General Business for discussion. Motion by Councilmember Ryan, seconded by Councilmember Bass to approve the Agenda, as amended. All voted in favor. Motion carried (4-0).

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Councilmember Bass, seconded by Councilmember Wolf to approve the Consent Agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried (4-0)

- A. March 20, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes and March 20, 2023, Special City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Claims for Payment: \$151,717.40

CITY ENGINEER PROJECT UPDATES:

City Engineer Chris Knutson provided a memo with updates from various projects taking place around the City. No action was taken.

2023 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

A. Public Works Director presented a proposal for Construction Materials Testing Services on the project. After discussion, motion by Mayor Jirik, seconded by Councilmember Ryan, to approve the proposal. All voted in favor. Motion carried (4-0).

PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No participants spoke at the meeting

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Amending and Restating the Enabling Resolution Establishing an Economic Development Authority for the City of New Prague. After a presentation by City Administrator Tetzlaff, the City Council requested a few changes be made to the document and returned at a later date. No action was taken.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:

No ordinances were presented for introduction.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR ADOPTION:

No ordinances were presented for adoption.

RESOLUTIONS:

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- A. #23-04-03-01 - Variance #V-2023 to Allow the Construction of a Garage Addition to an Existing Detached Garage Located at 215 Main Street East, as Proposed by the Church of St. Wenceslaus, New Prague, MN. After discussion, Councilmember Bass made a motion to the approve the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Ryan. All voted in favor. Motion carried (4-0).
- B. #23-04-03-02 - Conditional Use Permit #C3-2023 to Allow 5,000SF of Retail Use in a Business Located in the I-1 Light Industrial Zoning District at 100 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Southwest, as Proposed by Corey Newby (Urban Flea Market). After discussion, Mayor Jirik motioned to approved the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Wolf. All voted in favor. Motion carried (4-0).

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Award Tree Inventory Contract to Bolton & Menk. After discussion, Councilmember Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Bass. All voted in favor. Motion carried (4-0)
- B. True North Vulnerability Assessment Update. After discussion, the Council asked that staff bring back a summary of each item listed in the assessment worksheet provide.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- A. Commission and Board Meeting Minutes - Planning, Utilities, and Golf
- B. True North Vulnerability Assessment - Moved to General Business B.
- C. Tobacco Violations - Informational on letters previously sent. Discussed what future violations may look like.
- D. Police Reports - Councilmember Ryan asked why the police reports in the paper have gotten longer. Police Chief Applen explained the Paper is requesting all interactions. Councilmember Ryan asked if people will get pulled over for going 2 MPH over the speed limit or doing a slow roll through a stop sign, because that can anger some people. Police Chief Applen explained that speeding nationally is a leading cause of road deaths. Councilmember Wolf and Councilmember Bass mentioned they have seen a lot of people rolling through and even disregarding stops.
- E. Retail Space in Light Industrial - Councilmember Bass brought forward a concern that a business had with only 30% allowed retail in industrially zoned areas. Community Development Director Ondich explained that a variance could be applied for.
- F. Tree City USA - City Administrator Tetzlaff stated that New Prague has been granted Tree City USA status.
- G. Comprehensive Plan Update - Community Development Director Ondich stated that a new website has been created for the website NewPraguePlan.com.
- H. Traffic Deaths - Police Chief Applen shared that in 2023, there have been 47 deaths to date. 17 were directly related to speed infractions. There is a big push across Minnesota to slow people down.

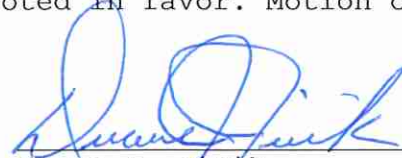
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Motion by Councilmember Bass, seconded by Councilmember Ryan, to adjourn at approximately 7:10 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried (4-0).

ATTEST:



Duane J. Jirik  
Mayor



Joshua M. Tetzlaff  
City Administrator