

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



City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Mayor Nickolay called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the following members present: Nickolay, Bruzek, Jirik, Ryan,  
Absent: Tuma

Staff Present: Mike Johnson, Ken Ondich, Jim Gareis, Glen Sticha,  
and Mary Jo Hruby

City Attorney David Anderson, Kennedy & Graven was also present.

Mayor Nickolay amended the Agenda by adding Item 9D *Approve Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for New Prague Ducks Unlimited to Conduct Raffle on March 3, 2017 at the Park Ballroom, 300 Lexington Ave. S.* and an addition to Agenda Item 9B *Claims for Payment - Cedar Lake Arbitration Matter Additional Requests for Reimbursement.*

It was moved by Jirik and seconded by Ryan to approve the amended Agenda. All voted in favor of the motion except Tuma who was absent.  
(4-0)

City Administrator Johnson reviewed the Small Cities Development Program 2017 Grant Application. The City's pre-application for an expanded Small Cities Development Program to provide rehabilitation funds for additional downtown commercial buildings and also for rehabilitation funds for rental and owner occupied homes in a new target area survived the first round of cuts. Final applications are now due on February 23, 2017.

Chelsea Alger with the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership provided a summary of the proposed activities in the application, along with the proposed target area map and improvements eligible for funding.

Mayor Nickolay opened the Public Hearing at 6:22 p.m. for Small Cities Development Program Project. With no public comment, it was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Bruzek to close the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion except Tuma who was absent.  
(4-0)

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Jirik to approve RESOLUTION #17-01-17-01 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEW PRAGUE IN SUPPORT OF A SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROJECT. All voted in favor of the motion except Tuma who was absent. (4-0)

City Administrator Johnson presented the Draft Ordinance Creating a new Chapter 94 as to Predatory Offender Residency Regulations. Mr. Johnson introduced representatives from the Minnesota Department of Corrections Mark Bliven, Tim Cleveland and Brian Collins.

Mr. Mark Bliven from the Minnesota Department of Corrections provided an overview of predatory offenders and clarified issues on predatory offender residency.

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Mayor Nickolay opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance Creating New Chapter 94 as to Predatory Offender Residency Regulations at 7:35 P.M. With no public comment it was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Ryan to close the Public Hearing at 7:35 P.M. All voted in favor of the motion except Tuma who was absent. (4-0)

Planning/Community Development Director reviewed the maps that were created for predatory offender's setbacks with 1,000' and 1,250' setbacks from facilities including licensed daycares and also 1,000' and 1,250' from facilities not including licensed daycares.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table the Introduction of the Ordinance until next meeting when there is full Council and it allows the Council to do research and talk to residents about the proposed Ordinance. Residents will be able to view this City Council meeting presentation on the City Website.

Golf Board President Tom Mach reviewed the Golf Board's recommendation to purchase 50 new 2017 golf carts and trading in the existing 50 golf carts ranging in age from (20) at 9 years, to (19) at 14 years and up to (12) at 18 years of age, for an average fleet age of 13.25 years. Quotations were received from three (3) vendors. The lowest quotation for the purchase of 50 golf carts (with trade-in value of \$91,700) was Versatile Vehicles, Inc. at \$125,800.

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Bruzek to approve the purchase of 50 golf carts from Versatile Vehicles, Inc. in the amount of \$125,800 after trade-in. All voted in favor of the motion except Tuma who was absent. (4-0)

City Administrator Johnson informed the Council that he met with Golf Management Enterprises, Inc. (GME) to find a more acceptable compensation alternative for their 2017-2018 Contract. The proposed GME contract has the incentive payment deleted entirely and added is the performance measurement. Revisions will be developed for the contract and brought back at the February 6<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting for final approval.

Public Works Director Sticha reported that City Staff advertised for a Wastewater Operator II. After reviewing and rating all of the applicants, Staff is recommending Adam Jirak be appointed to the Wastewater Operator II position with an effective date of January 30, 2017.

It was moved by Bruzek and seconded by Ryan to approve appointment of Adam Jirak as Wastewater Operator II with the effective starting date of January 30, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion, except Tuma who was absent. (4-0)

Planning/Community Development Director Ondich reviewed with the Council the pricing for a 2017 Ford Escape for the building inspection vehicle. The total cost from Jeff Belzer's Ford is \$24,825.00 and the total cost from Nelson Auto Center is \$24,557.90. The State contract

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pricing only provided 1 dealer for State Contract pricing. The pricing between Nelson Ford and Jeff Belzer's is a difference of \$267.10, so it does not make sense to purchase out of town with having all maintenance and repairs of the vehicle being provided locally. The department's 2008 Ford F-150 will remain in use by the yet to be hired building inspector.

It was moved by Ryan and seconded by Jirik to purchase the 2017 Ford Escape from Jeff Belzer's Ford in the amount of \$24,825.00. All voted in favor of the motion except Tuma who was absent. (4-0)

Planning/Community Development Director Ondich reviewed the Summary of 2016 Growth Statistics Report. The number of new single family construction permits increased from 21 in 2015 to 33 in 2016. Value of the constructed single family home permits increased by approximately \$2,055,416 from 2015 to 2016. The average new construction single family home values decreased from \$195,984 in 2015 to \$187,002 in 2016. For the first time in 10 years, there were townhome units constructed. 18 townhome units (6 unit buildings) were constructed plus another 2 units of twin homes. Total housing units for the year was 53, which is the highest total since 110 were built in 2006. The number of commercial/industrial permits increased slightly from 18 in 2015 to 19 in 2016. The value of commercial/industrial permits increased from \$510,128 in 2015 to \$2,028,210 in 2016. Some commercial/industrial projects that were completed in 2016 include a new building at Autowash Systems, Inc., an addition to Great River Energy, a new building by Paul Hanzel Homes/Dynamic Woodworks in the Industrial Park as well as renovations at Mayo Clinic Hospital.

City Administrator Johnson reviewed the Weatherization Assistance Program Building Owner Agreement with Dakota County CDA for premises located at 208 Central Avenue North. The Agreement provides weatherization assistance for mechanical and shell weatherization work at the home. The work is being provided to Ms. Ellman because she qualifies for the program, but it requires the City to enter into the Agreement because the City is the building/property owner. The reason that the Agreement is coming from the Dakota County CDA is because they provide "weatherization services" for Dakota, Scott and Carver Counties. Funding for their program comes from the Federal Government and Center Pointe Energy. The term of the Agreement with the Dakota County CDA is for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 10, 2017.

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Bruzek to approve Weatherization Assistance Program Building Owner Agreement with Dakota County CDA for premises located at 208 Central Avenue N. All voted in favor of the motion except Tuma who was absent. (4-0)

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Ryan to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approve January 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve Claims for Payment including the Cedar Lake Arbitration Matter Additional Requests for Reimbursement

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- C. Approval of Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for New Prague Clay Target Club to Conduct Raffle on May 25, 2017 at the American Legion Clubroom, 300 Lexington Ave. S.
- D. Approval of Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for New Prague Ducks Unlimited to Conduct Raffle on March 3, 2017 at the Park Ballroom, 300 Lexington Ave. S.

All voted in favor of the motion except Tuma who was absent.  
(4-0)

City Administrator Johnson informed the Council that to date there are 12 applications submitted for the Stakeholder Advisory Committee. The deadline for submitting the applications is Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> with appointments being made at the February 6<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The Consensus of the Council is to review the applications and if needed meet on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. before the City Council meeting.

Council Member Jirik informed the Council that she will be attending the MMUA Conference on January 31<sup>st</sup> along with General Manager Reimers.

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 P.M. All voted in favor of the motion except Tuma who was absent. (4-0)

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Charles L. Nickolay, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michael J. Johnson  
City Administrator