

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



City Council Meeting
 Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Mayor Nickolay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Nickolay, Bruzek, Ryan, Tuma
 Absent: Jirik

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

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

Police Chief Gareis introduced new Police Officer Jessica Born to the Council. Mayor Nickolay welcomed Ms Born and she took an Oath to be a Sworn Police Officer.

A proposal was received from Scott J. Riggs of Kennedy & Graven to continue as City Attorney for the year 2016.

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Tuma to approve the appointment of Scott J. Riggs of Kennedy & Graven as City Attorney. All voted in favor of the motion except Jirik who was absent. (4-0)

Mayor Nickolay recommended continuing with the same appointments to serve on the various City Boards and Commissions:

- Utility Commission - Amy Jirik
- Park Board - Amy Jirik
- Planning Commission - Jenna Tuma
- Joint Powers (City/School District) - Shawn Ryan
- Golf Board - Jenna Tuma
- EDA (Mayor and 1 Council Member) - Chuck Nickolay/Shawn Ryan
- Cedar Lake Sanitary District - Dave Bruzek
- Ambulance Advisory Committee - Chuck Nickolay
- New Prague Area Community Center Board - Dave Bruzek

It was moved by Bruzek and seconded by Tuma to approve the Mayor's nominations for appointments to the various City Boards and Commissions. All voted in favor of the motion except Jirik who was absent. (4-0)

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Ryan to appoint Council Member Dave Bruzek as 2016 Council Vice-President. All voted in favor of the motion except Jirik who was absent. (4-0)

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Bruzek to approve the following 2016 Personnel Appointments:

- City Administrator - Michael J. Johnson
- Police Chief/Emergency Management Director - James Gareis
- Planning Director - Ken Ondich
- Public Works Director - Glen Sticha
- Utilities General Manager - Bruce Reimers
- Finance Director - Patty Solheid
- Fire Chief - Jeremy Tikalsky (Appointed in January '2015 for a two year term)

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Fire Department Personnel:
 Jeremy Tikalsky - Chief
 Tom Soukup - 1st Asst. Chief
 Tom Musil - 2nd Asst. Chief
 Steve Rynda - Captain #1
 Phil Werner - Captain #2
 Curt Novotny - Captain #3
 Greg Pint - Lieutenant #1
 Brad Novak - Lieutenant #2
 Steve Rynda - Training Officer
 Bob Connelly - Dive Coordinator
 Brad Novak - Secretary
 Andy Tupy - President

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

It was moved by Ryan and seconded by Bruzek to approve the following
 2016 Official City Depositories

- Roundbank of New Prague
- State Bank of New Prague
- U S Bank of New Prague
- Wells Fargo Bank of New Prague
- Wells Fargo Advisors of New Prague

RESOLUTION #16-01-05-01 RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES
 FOR CITY FUNDS FOR 2016. All voted in favor of the motion except Jirik
 who was absent. (4-0)

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Bruzek to designate the
 New Prague Times as the City's official newspaper for 2016. All voted
 in favor of the motion except Jirik who was absent. (4-0)

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Bruzek to appoint the
 following consulting professionals for 2016:

- City Engineer - SEH (Chris Cavett)
- City Financial Advisor - Springsted, Inc. (Ms. Terri Heuton)
- City Bond Counsel - Kennedy & Graven, Inc. (Mr. John Utley)

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

Fire Chief Jeremy Tikalsky and Firefighter Greg Pint informed the
 Council of the Firefighters Grant offered by FEMA. The Federal Grant
 Funds would be used for SCBA equipment that is planned for purchase in
 2019. They are ready to apply for the grant this year in anticipation
 if they don't get it, apply next year and the year after that. The
 grant applying for is \$196,291.31. They would like to add a new air
 compressor into this grant which would be an additional \$20,000.00.
 The Grant is a matching grant with a 5% match. The 5% would be split
 between the City and the Rural Fire Association.

It was moved by Bruzek and seconded by Ryan to approve the New Prague
 Fire Department to submit an application for the 2016 Assistance to
 Firefighters Grant offered by FEMA for SCBA equipment in the amount of
 \$216,291.31 which includes the additional \$20,000.00 for a new air
 compressor. All voted in favor of the motion, except Jirik who was
 absent. (4-0)

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Planning/Community Development Director Ondich gave an update on the indoor swimming pool collaboration between the City and School District. Construction plans will be completed by the end of January. Bids will be awarded toward the end of February. Construction will commence once frost is out of the ground. The school's project oversight committee had recently discussed the merits of including three meter diving boards in the main pool area and had determined that the increased cost, increase liability and lack of potential usage did not warrant the inclusion of the three meter diving board in the main swimming pool. It was noted that the three meter diving boards could be bid as an alternate but would have to be picked up as a City cost.

Public Works Director Sticha presented an amendment to the City's sidewalk snow removal routes. Staff has received requests to remove the snow on a portion of sidewalk on the north side of 12th Street NW starting at the west end of the School property and going west to Science Ave. NW. According to City Ordinance, the property owners would be responsible to clear the snow on the sidewalks adjacent to their property. Staff feels this is a unique situation since this sidewalk is in the back yard of the property owners and with the Community Center, Gymnastics Building and two Schools all within walking distance and the number of young families living in the Homefield Addition, it warrants adding this section of sidewalk to the City Snow Removal Plan as a Priority Route #2. The sidewalks and trails that the City removes snow from are broken down into two priority routes. Priority Route #1 is basically the first route that is completed by Staff after a snowfall event, Priority Route #2 is completed as time allows with limited Staff and equipment available. Typically Route #2 is completed within 2 days of the snowfall event.

It was moved by Bruzek and seconded by Ryan to amend the City's Sidewalk Snow Removal Routes by adding a portion of sidewalk on the north side of 12th Street NW starting at the west end of the School property and going west to Science Ave. NW to the City's snow removal Priority Route #2. All voted in favor of the motion except Jirik who was absent. (4-0)

City Administrator Johnson informed the Council Mr. Ralph Sullivan, Lanesburg Farms LLC, has asked the City to consider extending his lease another three years starting in 2017 and ending in 2019. The City Council previously approved a lease for the 40 acres of land purchased for the future Athletic Complex land (located at the SW corner of the intersection of TH13/21 and County Road 29) which was effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Tuma to approve RESOLUTION #16-01-05-02 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASE OF PROPERTY BY CITY OF NEW PRAGUE FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES. All voted in favor of the motion except Jirik who was absent. (4-0)

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

- A. Approve previous meeting minutes
- B. Approve claims for payment
- C. Approve New Prague Firemen's Relief Association Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling on February 5, 2016

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

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Bruzek to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion except Jirik who was absent. (4-0)

Charles L. Nickolay, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael J. Johnson
City Administrator