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City Council Meeting
Monday, November 6, 2017

Mayor Nickolay called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bruzek, Jirik, Nickolay, and Ryan.

Absent: Bass

Staff Present: Mike Johnson and Ken Ondich.

It was moved by Ryan, seconded by Jirik to approve the Agenda. All voted in favor of the motion. (4-0)

Planning/Community Development Director Ondich introduced the proposed Ordinance No. 301 Amending Section 708 of the Zoning Ordinance relating to Fencing.

Mr. Ondich indicated that the Planning Commission had reviewed the Fence Ordinance following a May meeting at which a fence variance had been recommended for approval on an older lot for a 6' tall privacy fence to be less than 30' from a public right of way. The Commission indicated a desire to review fence regulations to determine if any other changes should occur. The fence regulations and possible changes were reviewed at the July, August, September, and October meetings.

The Commission's proposed changes ultimately determined that the fence height along the right of way was best addressed on a case by case basis with variance reviews, but did develop other changes to the fence ordinance for clear zone setbacks from trails and roadways. More specific language to owner acknowledgement when fences are installed in drainage and utility easements, added language for setbacks from municipal electrical boxes and more specific language for required sight triangles.

After discussion, it was moved by Nickolay, seconded by Jirik to introduce and approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 301. All voted in favor. Motion carried. (4-0)

It was moved by Ryan, seconded by Bruzek to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. October 16, 2017 Regular Meeting and October 30, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Claims for Payment

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C. Quarterly Financial Reports for July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017.

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed. (4-0)

Council Member Bruzek informed the Council that there had been a recall on plastic fire extinguishers and to go to <http://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/> to find out more information.

Councilmember Jirik informed the Council that the Veteran's Memorial Committee was not in favor of the back-in parking concept adjacent to Memorial Park/Library as was shown at the recent MnDOT 2020 Open House presentation.

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Bruzek to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed. (4-0)

Passed by the City Council of the City of New Prague, Minnesota this 6th day of November, 2017.

ATTEST:



Charles L. Nickolay
Mayor



Michael J. Johnson
City Administrator