

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



City Council Meeting  
Monday, November 21, 2011

Prior to the meeting, the Council held the 2012 Budget Workshop at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Nickolay called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Nickolay, Bartusek, Bruzek, Guerrette, Ryan.

Staff Present: Mike Johnson, Ken Ondich, Mark Vosejпка, Dennis Seurer, Mary Jo Hruby

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Nickolay moved Agenda Item #5 as the first item. Chamber of Commerce Request for Christmas Event in Memorial Park on December 2, 2011.

Chamber Executive Director Kristy Mach proposed a Holiday Celebration in Memorial Park including fireworks at 7:30 p.m. This would be held on December 2, 2011 following the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Parade of Lights.

It was moved by Bruzek and seconded by Bartusek to approve the Chamber of Commerce request for the Christmas Event in Memorial Park including fireworks at 7:30 p.m. on December 2, 2011. Subject to Fire Chief Novak's approval and the certificate of liability insurance. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

Planning Director Ken Ondich reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Ordinance Amending Parking Requirements in the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance Amendment would eliminate the requirement that only 50% of the parking for any property can be located between the building and a street and instead adding a new provision that in the B-1 Central Business District, no off-street parking shall be located on a property between the building and the street (which will keep the buildings up along Main Street in the downtown area and not pushed away from Main Street by parking lots.) The Ordinance Amendment would become effective 30 days from its publication date.

It was moved by Bruzek and seconded by Guerrette to adopt Ordinance #251 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 718 OF THE CITY OF NEW PRAGUE ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

Public Works Director Seurer reviewed the Amended Snow Plowing and Ice Control Policy. The primary reason for the revisions that were made in the policy were to address issues related to the City's Surface Water Management Plan which are to minimize the amount of chemicals getting into the storm water system.

It was moved by Ryan and seconded by Bartusek to approve the Amended Snowplowing & Ice Control Policy. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

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Planning Director Ondich reviewed the Park Board's recommendation for the youth ball field reservation policy and fees. The Park Board reviewed and considered the previously adopted "City of New Prague Park and Recreation Facility Policy" which was approved by the City Council in 2008 when considering whether or not to suggest fees for the youth teams. The policy states that only "basic and routine" maintenance will be provided that "extraordinary" maintenance, etc. "deemed necessary for competition and events shall be the responsibility of the competitive sponsors or the participants". Based on this policy and the discussion, the Park Board recommends that fees for youth teams be established identical to those in place for adult teams based on actual maintenance costs associated with the use of the fields by the competitive teams. The annual operation and maintenance cost for the competitive use of the youth fields actually exceed that of the adult fields.

After Council discussion, it was moved by Ryan and seconded by Bartusek to table the youth ball field reservation policy and fees until after the Park Board meets on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Invite youth team contacts to attend the December 13<sup>th</sup> Park Board meeting so they can be involved with determining the fees and reservation policy. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

City Administrator Johnson reviewed the Resolution calling for a Public Hearing on December 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. on the Proposed Modification of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for Tax Increment Financing District No. 4 of the New Prague Housing and Redevelopment Authority. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider modifications to the Redevelopment Plan for the purpose of enlarging the boundaries of the Redevelopment Project Area and modifying the TIF Plan to authorize the use of tax increment revenues from the TIF District to fund additional public redevelopment costs within the Redevelopment Project Area.

It was moved by Bruzek and seconded by Guerrette to approve RESOLUTION #11-11-21-01 RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 4 OF THE NEW PRAGUE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

Mayor Nickolay noted the high priority goals for the next 3 years as listed in the City Council/Staff 2011 Leadership /Planning/Team Building Retreat Report. Staff is working on the specific action steps, timelines and position responsibilities associated with accomplishing the short term goals and hope to have this for the Council to review in December.

It was moved by Guerrette and seconded by Bartusek to adopt the City Council/Staff 2011 Leadership/Planning/Team Building Report. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

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It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Guerrette to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approve previous meeting minutes
- B. Approve claims for payment
- C. Approve Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for St. Patrick Athletic Association on January 27, 2012 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

It was moved by Ryan and seconded by Bruzek to go into closed session at 7:55 p.m. pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.06 Labor Negotiations Strategy. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

The City Council came out of closed session at 8:23 p.m.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Ryan to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

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Charles L. Nickolay  
Mayor, City of New Prague

ATTEST:

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Michael J. Johnson  
City Administrator