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} Special City Council Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2021

Conducted via GoToMeeting due to the COVID-19 Pandemic which is preventing attendance at the regular meeting location.

Mayor Duane Jirik called the online meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Jirik, Bass, Ryan, Seiler, and Wolf

Staff Present Online: Mike Johnson, Ken Ondich, Jim Gareis, Matt Rynda and Barb Ulschmid

Others Present Online: City Engineer Chris Cavett, Scott County Development Specialist Jo Foust and Patrick Fisher.

Mayor Jirik asked if there were any additions to the Council agenda? There being none, motion by Ryan, seconded by Bass to approve the Agenda as published. By roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

City Engineer Chris Cavett provided an update to the City Council on the TH#19/Main Street Reconstruction Project (2020-2021 CIP). Mr. Cavett explained that the contractor initially was predicting a late April start. However, after looking at the long-term weather forecast, the contractor decided to start three weeks earlier than originally planned. As of April 5th, Main Street was closed, and the detour was implemented. Removal of pavement, curb, and sidewalks from the west side of 1st Ave NE to 2nd Ave NW will begin April 6th. Removals will take place from east to west to utilize the existing roadway in hauling out materials to the staging site on the City lot north of Strike Force Bowl. All the sidewalks will be removed, rubber mats and safety fence will be installed so pedestrian's access can be maintained during the construction process.

Mr. Cavett also explained the week of April 12th will begin sanitary sewer construction with their 1st utility crew and progress east. The week of April 19th will begin water main construction with a 2nd utility crew. The water main crew will begin at 2nd Ave NW and progress easterly. The sanitary sewer construction with the 1st utility crew will continue east.

West end closure will reopen once the sidewalk is complete and have a partial opening in about a month. Ramps over the temporary water lines and dust control were also discussed. Mayor Jirik shared a resident's concern about how narrow the new main street will be. Mr. Cavett explained that the street width will be the same as the current street width by the funeral home which encourages drivers to slow down. City Administrator Johnson noted that all the parking that exists (adjacent to the railroad tracks, by Skluzacek's Meat Market) the City does not have a formal lease to be able to utilize that as parking. So, anyone parking there is parking there at their own risk being it's not a formal parking lot.

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Planning/Community Development Director Ondich provided details on the 2021 City Wide Clean Up Event - Recycling Program to take place on Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 6:30 a.m. to Noon. Staff has been working with Laker's New Prague Sanitary, Inc. and Scott County Environmental Services on this event which will operate similar to the event in 2020. There will be no curb side pick-up but rather residents will bring their items to the collection site which will be located at the Memorial Park Baseball Stadium parking lot (401 Lexington Ave. S.). A photo ID and utility statement will be checked by Laker's staff to verify city residency. Veteran Shredding will provide complimentary shredding services to city residents at the City Hall's South parking lot from 9 a.m. to Noon. As in past years, electronics, appliances, etc., must be disposed of elsewhere as noted on the flyer. New to the program this year is the recycling of mattresses and box springs. These items can be brought to the Street Department site for a fee of \$20 each from 9 a.m. to Noon.

The grant funding criteria from Scott County has changed for 2021. While the City is eligible for more funding than in previous years (\$2,305.89 in 2021 versus \$1,844.15 in 2020), the City is required to provide for one additional item to be recycled that has not been offered previously. The grant funding will be used to off-set the typical cost of recycling a mattress or box spring from \$25 per item down to \$20 per item.

Ondich explained the agreement is currently a draft, waiting for the final version from Scott County. Not anticipating any changes from what is presented.

After discussion, motion by Bass, seconded by Wolf to approve the 2021 COUNTY OF SCOTT RECYCLING PROGRAM AGREEMENT as long as there are no material changes to the agreement. By roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

Planning/Community Development Director Ondich presented the Second Reading and Adoption of the revised amending Ordinance No.321 pertaining to an indoor firing range within the City. In reviewing the inquiry, staff determined that the Zoning Ordinance did not adequately address indoor firing ranges. The topic was researched which resulted in a concept review and public hearing review with the Planning Commission for a potential zoning ordinance amendment to provide for a safe and nuisance free operation of an indoor firing range.

The City Council introduced the ordinance and held the first reading at the March 15, 2021 City Council meeting. At the meeting, the City Council requested a couple of minor changes to the ordinance, including a typo in the definition of indoor firing ranges as well as the removal of item "c" from the proposed performance standard #7

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in relation to providing a photocopy of an individual's permit to carry a dangerous weapon. Additionally, the City Council requested information on the MPCA noise rules (information was provided in the packet) as well as what the City of Burnsville required for their newest firing range. Mr. Ondich did speak with the City of Burnsville and found out that they did not require any specific noise protection nor do they have any specific noise protection requirements for indoor shooting ranges and refer to the MPCA noise rules just as we do. They do not have any noise complaints from their firing ranges.

The City of New Prague Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by adding the following details: "Indoor Firing Range. A totally enclosed building that is equipped for the practice of shooting firearms at targets, including archery, where no activity associated with shooting is conducted outside the building and which is designed so that projectiles fired from firearms at targets are prevented by means of backstops, berms or other barriers from going beyond the walls of the facility."

After discussion, motion by Bass, seconded by Ryan to approve the SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #321 AMENDING SECTIONS 302, 611 AND ADDING SECTION 745 OF THE CITY OF NEW PRAGUE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO INDOOR FIRING RANGES. By roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

Public Works Director Matt Rynda presented the recommendation of the appointment of Ray Niedermayer to the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Operator I position. He stated that this appointment will fill a vacancy after employee Robert Brezina, WWTF Operator took a Generation Operator position within the New Prague Utilities Electric Department. Mr. Niedermayer currently resides in New Prague. He has strong mechanical experience and familiarity with different electrical and mechanical components. Director Rynda recommended the appointment of Mr. Ray Niedermayer to the WWTF Operator I position with an effective start date of April 27, 2021 and an initial starting wage of \$29.73 per hour (\$61,838.40 per year), Pay Grade 6 - Step 4 on the 2021 Wage Schedule. Mr. Niedermayer has successfully passed his education, criminal, employment, physical exam, and alcohol tests. At the time of the meeting, staff had not received the drug test results.

Motion by Bass, pending the successful passage of the drug test, seconded by Ryan to APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF RAY NIEDERMAYER TO THE WWTF OPERATOR I POSITION. By roll call, all voted in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

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Scott County Business Development Specialist Jo Foust shared information on the upcoming 5th Annual FAST-TRACK Challenge to be held Thursday, October 21, 2021. A brief overview of the FAST-TRACK Challenge was provided which included sponsorship opportunities, how entrepreneurs can apply and how the City can be involved and join in this collaborative effort. Ms. Foust thanked the Council for the opportunity to join the Council meeting and is looking forward to sharing information and discussing ways to cultivate entrepreneurial success in New Prague and Scott County which will include a student competition as well.

Mayor Jirik asked if there were any questions on the Consent Agenda. There being none, motion by Seiler, seconded by Bass to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. March 9, 2021, March 15, 2021, and March 23-24, 2021
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- B. Claims for Payment - April 5, 2021
- C. Approve Tobacco License for Hy-Vee, Inc., dba Hy-Vee Food Store at 200 10th Ave. SE, New Prague, MN
- D. Approval of Parade Permit Request from the New Prague American Legion Post 45 for Memorial Day Parade - Police Chief Jim Gareis said he is working with the American Legion in setting up the parade route which will travel on the side city streets due to the main street road construction.
- E. MN Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit (Raffle) for American Legion Post 45 event on May 2, 2021 at the New Prague Park Ballroom, 300 Lexington Avenue, New Prague

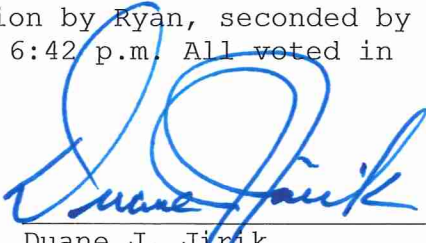
By roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

Miscellaneous Items: None

There being no additional business, motion by Ryan, seconded by Wolf to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:42 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

ATTEST:


Michael J. Johnson
City Administrator


Duane J. Jirik
Mayor