

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



City Council Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2016

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

Staff Present: Mike Johnson, Ken Ondich, Mary Jo Hruby

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Bruzek to approve the Agenda. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

Planning/Community Development Director Ondich updated the Council on the Log Cabin and proposed new building in Memorial Park. The Park Board met at the site of the Cabin during their annual Park Board tour on May 10, 2016 to discuss the New Prague Area Historical Society's idea for an accessory building to be constructed adjacent to the cabin to house some historic farm equipment to be used for when groups tour the cabin and site. The Park Board also received information regarding a grant from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation of Rochester, Minnesota that the Historical Society may apply for to provide funds for the construction of the accessory building and potentially also some rehabilitation of the historic cabin building. It was noted that the City has not had a full review of the needed maintenance and repairs that may be needed for the cabin and that information would be necessary to determine how much grant funding could be requested to aid in the maintenance of the cabin to ensure that it can exist for many years into the future. City Staff and the New Prague Area Historical Society contacted a couple of companies to provide an assessment in reviewing the cabin and what work may need to be done to it. The Company interested, charge \$450.00 for the consultation fee and would refund the fee if they were ultimately awarded work at the cabin in the future. The Park Board recommends approval to hire Edmunds & Company Log Home Restorations, LLC for \$450.00 to provide an assessment of the repair and maintenance needed to the cabin in Memorial Park.

It was moved by Ryan and seconded by Nickolay to approve hiring Edmunds & Company Log Home Restorations, LLC for \$450.00 to provide an assessment of the repair and maintenance needed to the cabin in Memorial Park. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

Planning/Community Development Director Ondich informed the Council that Little Chicago Band is proposing to have an open band rehearsal at Shelter #2 (closest to the Park Ballroom) in Memorial Park on Sunday, September 11, 2016 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The event would only involve live amplified music and would not involve any beverage or food sales. It would be open to the public and may draw 50 to 100 people. The Park Board unanimously recommended approval at their May 10, 2016 meeting with the conditions listed in the memo.

It was moved by Tuma and seconded by Bruzek to approve the Little Chicago Band open rehearsal in Memorial Park on Sunday, September 11, 2016. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

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Planning/Community Development Director Ondich informed the Council the State Bank of New Prague has requested that property located in Prague Estates 1st Addition be released from a Developer's Agreement dated October 31, 2000 in order to facilitate a sale of Lot 3, Block 2, Prague Estates 1st Addition. The original developers have completed all of the requirements stated in the Developer's Agreement and the buyer of Lot 3, Block 2 has requested that the property be released from the Agreement. City Staff concurs that no obligations remain towards any properties subject to the agreement and that it can be released.

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Jirik to approve the Release of Property from Developers Agreement document for property located in Prague Estates 1st Addition. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

The Council reviewed the municipal golf course survey results on employee memberships/discounts and had discussion on the topic.

Mayor Nickolay stated he is in favor of an employee discount. He sees employees are going to other golf courses and we are letting revenue leave our golf course. Thinks there should be some kind of discount. We need to entice people to use the New Prague Golf Course rather than others. It is a way of increasing revenue and is not costing taxpayer money.

Council Member Jirik stated she is not in favor of employee golf discounts. She stated there is a difference between a public course and a private course. It is using public tax dollars for employee discounts. The members that pay their fair share don't need incentives to become a member. We need to be loyal to our members that are members and paying their share.

Council Member Tuma stated she is in favor of an employee golf discount and having a wellness program option for staff. She would like to see it as an incentive for people to be active and get out. She would like to include the outdoor pool as an option for a discount. She sees it from a customer service component with staff being more knowledgeable and more engaged to provide customer service.

Council Member Bruzek stated he approves employee golf discounts but only if it is part of a wellness program package that is applicable to all employees. It would be part of the benefit package. We would need to find out how much does it cost the City to fund it, does it comply with the rules of the law and how much does it cost City taxpayers.

Council Member Ryan stated he is in favor of having employee golf discounts as part of a Wellness Program. He does not see it as costing taxpayers money if we limit it to times that are not being utilized by revenue generating persons. Many people will not golf by themselves and will bring friends that will pay and hopefully they may be buying beverages and food. It is win-win having more people on the course and with a wellness program it can potentially save money on insurance by keeping our employees active and engaged.

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It was moved by Tuma and seconded by Ryan for Staff to develop framework on having 50% golf discount for City employees on 9 or 18 hole green fees at non peak times and 50% discount for admission to the outdoor swimming pool under the theme "Wellness Program" for all employees including part time and firemen. All voted in favor of the motion except Bruzek and Jirik voted against. (3-2)

Mayor Nickolay recommended the following to fill the proposed Board and Commission vacancies with an effective date of June 1, 2016:

Park Board Youth - Katie Calliguri
(1 year term from June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017)

Utility Commission - Richard Jordan
(4 year term from June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2020)

It was moved by Bruzek and seconded by Jirik to approve the recommended Board and Commission appointments effective June 1, 2016. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

Mayor Nickolay suggested re-advertising to fill the following other vacant boards and commission positions.
Golf - 2 vacancies (3 year term from June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2019)
Park Board - 1 vacancy (4 year term from June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2020)
Park Board - 1 vacancy (1 year term from June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017)

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Bruzek to approve the following consent agenda items:
A. Approve the April 26 and May 2, 2016 meeting minutes
B. Approve claims for payment
C. Approval of Grant Contract with the Minnesota Dept. of Labor & Industry
D. Approve New Prague Chamber of Commerce Temporary On-Sale 3.2 Beer Licenses on August 4, 2016 for the Czech Out New Prague Event in Memorial Park and August 19, 2016 for the Bean Bag Tournament in Memorial Park.

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

Council Member Jirik requested an update on the cost of the baseball field improvements as to where we budgeted and where we are now.

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Bruzek to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

Charles L. Nickolay, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael J. Johnson
City Administrator