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City Council Meeting
Monday, July 17, 2017

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

Staff Present: Mike Johnson, Ken Ondich, Glen Sticha, Jim Gareis, and Deb Wegner

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

Mayor Nickolay stated that the Council met on July 13, 2017 to interview candidates to fill the Council Vacancy seat that was created by the resignation of Councilmember Jenna Tuma. He stated that three applications were received, reviewed and interviewed. He noted that following the interviews and discussion, the Council appointed Ms. Margaret Bass to fill the vacant City Council seat and that Ms. Bass will serve as an "interim" on the City Council until a special election is held in conjunction with the City's next regular election on November 6, 2018. He stated that Ms. Bass will take Oath of Office at the next City Council meeting on August 7, 2017.

Mayor Nickolay thanked James Morris, Annette Babione, and Margaret Bass for applying for City Council.

It was moved by Nickolay to approve RESOLUTION NO. 17-07-17-01 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER AND CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY and seconded by Jirik. The motion passed. (3-1 Bruzek)

Councilmember Jirik asked if the reappointments of committees would be done at the next City Council meeting on August 7, 2017 in the positions of Park Board, Joint Powers, Planning and Golf.

Planning Director Ondich reviewed with the Council the request for amending Conditional Use Permit #C2-2012 to expand the existing exterior storage area to include all existing gravel surface areas at 1100 1st Ave NW. He stated that the amendment would expand the designated storage areas from the original CUP located on the SE side of the site to include other gravel areas on the lot. He presented a power point presentation showing a site map of the area marked with suggested screening and fencing that would screen the view of the area from the adjacent residential homes.

Mr. Ondich stated that the Planning Commission met on June 28, 2017 and that the Commission recommended approval of the seven findings but amended the conditions to note that the trees by the North driveway access must be extended around the corner of the pond on the North to the end of the building for additional screening.

It was moved by Bruzek to approve RESOLUTION NO. 17-07-17-02 RESOLUTION OF THE NEW PRAGUE CITY COUNCIL GRANTING AN AMENDMENT TO

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CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #C2-2012 TO EXPAND THE EXISTING EXTERIOR STORAGE AREA TO INCLUDE ALL EXISTING GRAVEL SURFACE AREAS AT 1100 1st AVE. NW IN THE I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROPOSED BY CHART, INC., NEW PRAGUE, MINNESOTA and seconded by Ryan. All voted in favor of the motion. (4-0)

Police Chief Gareis reviewed with Council a letter he received from New Prague Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Debbie Kalousek requesting permission to hold the 2017 Dozinky Festival/Cruise Night on September 15 & 16, 2017. He stated that the letter makes several requests from the City, all of which have been granted in the past and have not been a problem. He added that the only additional request this year is to allow the band to play on the Beer Garden stage until midnight rather than 11:00 p.m. as it has in the past.

It was moved by Bruzek to extend the music on the Beer Garden stage from 11:00 pm until 12:00 a.m. no exceptions, seconded by Nickolay. All voted in favor of the motion. (4-0)

Public Works Director Sticha reviewed with the Council the purpose of the Pothole Repair Policy. He stated that its focus is identifying and maintaining potholes located on City streets and to reduce potential liability.

It was moved by Nickolay to approve RESOLUTION NO. 17-07-17-03 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POTHOLE REPAIR POLICY and seconded by Jirik. All voted in favor of the motion. (4-0)

Planning/Community Development Director Ondich reported the April 1, 2016 City Population Estimate from both the Minnesota State Demographer (for the Le Sueur County side of the City) and from the Metropolitan Council (for the Scott County side of the City) was 7,585 population and 2,789 households.

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

- A. Approve July 5, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes and July 13, 2017 Special Meeting
- B. Claims for Payment
- C. Approve New Prague Chamber of Commerce "Czech Out New Prague Event" in Memorial Park, August 3, 2017 with conditions listed in the Memo to the New Prague Park Board dated July 12, 2017

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

Police Chief Gareis informed City Council that he will be interviewing for a 3rd police officer, interviews will begin Tuesday, July 25th, 2017.

Planning Director Ondich updated Council on the restoration of the cabin. He stated that the Historical Society donated funds for the shiplap flooring in the cabin, working on the ramp and finishing up on

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the storage building. He stated that everything should be ready and open for Dozinky weekend.

City Administrator Johnson informed Council that the District Court Judge signed off last week on the City Council's recommended appointments to the Charter Commission.

City Administrator Johnson stated that he received a call today that the Makado Group closed on the purchase of property South of New Prague State Bank.

Mr. Johnson reviewed with Council the GME evaluation report and indicated that the 1st quarter consisted of 12 Bingo events and not much else making it difficult to apply the evaluation tool due to the lack of activity. He stated that he met with Contract Manager Wade Brod last week to go over the preliminary 2nd quarter to take a look at finances, event activity, talked to board chair and set dates for meetings in the next 6 months. He stated that currently finances are down \$26,000 due to late open and a very wet May, low green fee & cart fees as well as food and beverage purchases are down.

Councilmember Jirik asked to have the Stakeholder meetings added to the agenda. Next Stakeholder meeting is August 15, 2017.

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Jirik to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion. (4-0)

Charles L. Nickolay,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael J. Johnson
City Administrator