

# City Council Proceedings

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City Council Meeting  
Wednesday, July 5, 2017

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

Absent: Bruzek

Staff Present: Mike Johnson, Ken Ondich, Glen Sticha, Bruce Reimers, and Deb Wegner

It was moved by Nickolay, seconded by Ryan to approve the Agenda. All voted in favor of the motion. (3-0)

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Ryan to approve RESOLUTION NO. 17-07-05-01 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JAMES B. WESTALL'S RETIREMENT. All voted in favor of the motion. (3-0)

General Manager Reimers presented a plaque to Jim Westall recognizing him for serving the City of New Prague in the position of Water Operator in the Water Department. It was noted that Jim's career encompassed 11+ plus years of service with the City of New Prague and that Jim brought significant technical expertise and has been very meticulous in the care and maintenance of the City's Water Treatment Plant Facilities. It was noted that Mr. Westall will be retiring on July 7, 2017.

Planning Director Ondich reviewed with the Council the Preliminary and Final Plat of Jirik Southside which contains two lots on 6.03 acres of land in Le Sueur County. He stated that the plat is located outside the City Limits but the City has enacted a 2 mile extraterritorial subdivision review area into Le Sueur County for purpose of reviewing plats to ensure they do not negatively affect the City's future growth in terms of roadway corridors and future utility extensions. He stated that Le Sueur County retains all zoning and permitting authority other than the review of subdivisions.

He stated that the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council approve the Preliminary and Final Plat of Jirik Southside with one finding and eight conditions as listed in the resolution.

It was moved by Nickolay to approve RESOLUTION NO. 17-07-05-02 RESOLUTION OF THE NEW PRAGUE CITY COUNCIL GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF JIRIK SOUTHSIDE CONSISTING OF TWO LOTS ON 6.03 ACRES, NEW PRAGUE, MINNESOTA, seconded by Ryan. All voted in favor of the motion. (3-0)

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Planning Director Ondich reviewed with the Council the Preliminary and Final Plat of Turek Estates 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition which contains one lot on 13.30 acres of land in Le Sueur County. He stated that the plat is located outside the City Limits but the City has enacted a 2 mile extraterritorial subdivision review area into Le Sueur County for purpose of reviewing plats to ensure they do not negatively affect the City's future growth in terms of roadway corridors and future utility extensions. He stated that Le Sueur County retains all zoning and permitting authority other than the review of subdivisions. He stated that this plat was previously reviewed by the City and was subject to a development agreement that remains in effect and that the original plat provided for future roadway corridors to accommodate future urban development once annexed into the City Limits.

He stated that the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council approve the Preliminary and Final Plat of Turek Estates 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition with one finding and eight conditions as listed in the resolution.

It was moved by Ryan to approve RESOLUTION NO. 17-07-05-03 RESOLUTION OF THE NEW PRAGUE CITY COUNCIL GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF TUREK ESTATES 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITION CONSISTING OF ONE LOT ON 13.30 ACRES, NEW PRAGUE, MINNESOTA, seconded by Jirik. All voted in favor of the motion. (3-0)

City Administrator Johnson reviewed the Form SC-17 "Schedule Form for Lump Sum Pension Plans Reporting Year 2017" for the New Prague Fire Relief Association. He stated that under the law, this document goes to the governing body for their consideration in the 2018 budget process. He noted that for 2018 the City's anticipated contribution is projected to be \$0.

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Ryan to acknowledge receipt of Form SC-17 from the New Prague Fire Relief Association. All voted in favor of the motion. (3-0)

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

- A. Approve June 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Claims for Payment
- C. Approve New Prague Chamber of Commerce Temporary On-Sale 3.2 Beer License for Czech Out New Prague Event in Memorial Park, August 3, 2017
- D. Approve Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Temporary On-Sale 1-Day Liquor License for August 4, 2017, with the following

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- condition: Clarification from the City Attorney referring to the Liability Insurance
- E. Approve St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church Festival Temporary On-Sale 1-Day Liquor License for August 13, 2017
  - F. Approve Scott/Le Sueur Chapter Minnesota Waterfowl Association Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for September 21, 2017 at the Park Ballroom
  - G. Approve New Prague Gymnastics Club Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for May 15, 2018 with the following condition: to provide a copy of the federal income tax exempt letter
  - H. Approval of Severance Payment (Retirement) Benefit for James Westall
- All voted in favor of the motion. (3-0)

Mitch Peterson informed Council that the Aquatics Center Open House is set for Thursday, July 6, 2017 and it is free to the public.

General Manager Reimers informed the Council that Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA) is buying electricity generated from a 5 Megawatt solar farm near Owatonna, MN. He stated that he plans on attending the open house which will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at the Lemond Solar Center, Owatonna, MN and invited members of the council to join him.

Public Works Director Sticha updated the Council that the demolition at the Memorial Baseball Stadium was complete and that the pre-con meeting with contractors will be held on Friday, July 7, 2017. He noted that a start date has not been determined.

Planning Director Ondich informed the Council that 56 housing units were issued for the year compared to 53 in 2016. He stated that 30 were for single family home permits so far in 2017.

Planning Director Ondich reviewed with the Council a project regarding Highway 19 turn lanes near Jeff Belzer's Ford. He stated the project will add a right-turn lane into Jeff Belzer's Ford, and add a center turn lane between Le Sueur County Road 3 and Scott County Road 89. He stated that these improvements are to improve safety and mobility on Highway 19 and also to reduce crashes. He noted construction is scheduled to start in September 2017 and that the project should not affect New Prague's downtown or Dozinky Weekend.

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City Administrator Johnson informed Council that the City's application for a 2017 Minnesota Small Cities Development Program grant was approved for funding in the amount of \$295,550 pending the award from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He added that Grant Agreements will be issued once DEED receives its award from HUD. He noted that funding's will be used for 8 commercial rehabs, 20 single family rehabs, and 6 rental rehabs for the downtown area on either side of the Main Street.

City Administrator Johnson informed the Council that a Special City Council meeting has been set for Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 6 p.m. to interview candidates for the vacant City Council seat. He stated that applications are due Thursday, July 6, 2017 by 4:30 p.m., and that two applications had been received. Mayor Nickolay stated the interviews could start at 6 p.m. with half hour time slots subject to change if additional applications are received.

Council member Jirik asked City Administrator Johnson for feedback and summary of the new process that was set-up for GME (Management Company for New Prague Golf Course).

Mayor Nickolay asked Public Works Director Sticha how many gallons of water is leaking from the outdoor pool. Sticha responded with a rough estimate of approximately 5,000 gallons per day. City Administrator Johnson has asked the school district to keep track of the attendance of the outdoor pool.

Mayor Nickolay asked about the letters/certificates of appreciation for those members who have served on various Boards and Commissions.

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Jirik to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion. (3-0)

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Charles L. Nickolay, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michael J. Johnson  
City Administrator