

COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The second regular meeting of the Coon Rapids City Council for the month of July was called to order by Mayor Jerry Koch at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Koch led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Jerry Koch, Councilmembers Denise Klint, Ron Manning, Wade Demmer, Jennifer Geisler, Brad Johnson and Steve Wells

Members Absent: None

ADOPT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. JULY 5, 2016, COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 5, 2016, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA/INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS

2. APPROVE GREEN VIEW INC. CONTRACTS FOR RECYCLING CENTER STAFF/PARK STAFF
3. ADOPT RESOLUTION 16-80, AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO APPLY FOR THE

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT
4. ADOPT RESOLUTION 16-82 ACCEPTING FIREWORKS DONATION

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Councilmember Johnson asked if the Metropolitan Council Grant had any guidelines or restrictions that would be attached to the funding. Community Development Director Fernelius reported he was not aware of any restrictions attached to the grant funding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

BID OPENINGS AND CONTRACT AWARDS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Koch reviewed the rules of order for the Open Mic/Public Comment portion of the meeting.

David Pernah, 1456 121st Avenue, stated he lost a child six months ago on the railroad tracks. He understood that Burlington Northern has erected no trespassing signs at 121st and on Northdale. He believed this was a good start, however he wanted to sit down with the City to see what more can be done to keep people out of the railroad right-of-way. He suggested the public be further educated as to the dangers of trains as well. He stated he would be more than willing to speak at the local schools regarding the tragedy that his family has endured.

REPORTS ON PREVIOUS OPEN MIC

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Koch reported Night to Unit would be observed on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. He encouraged residents to register their block parties with the Coon Rapids Police Department.

Councilmember Geisler stated the League of Women Voters would be folding a forum on Wednesday, July 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Manning reported Bunker Hills was in impeccable condition and invited the public to take in a round of golf at this fine course.

City Manager Stemwedel indicated the Farmer's Market would take place on Wednesday, July 20th at the Coon Rapids Ice Center and the theme would be wellness. He reported a summer concert would be held on Thursday, July 21st at the Coon Rapids Dam. He stated the next City in the Park meeting would be held at Vineyard Park on Tuesday, July 26th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Police Chief Wise discussed the recent tragedies in the nation and stated these were trying times for the Police Department. He explained that several officers attending the funerals in Dallas and several other officers would be attending the funerals in Baton Rouge. He was proud of these officers for showing their support, making this trip at their own expense and how warmly they are being received by the citizens of Coon Rapids. He appreciated the cards and treats the Coon Rapids Police Department has been receiving from the community. He discussed the professionalism of his officers and encouraged the public to participate in the upcoming citizen's academy.

Mayor Koch stated he was very proud of the Coon Rapids Police Department and appreciated the work of its dedicated officers on a daily basis.

ADJOURN

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:15 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jerry Koch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk