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GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 14, 2022
5:00 PM

Mayor Christy called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

CALL OF ROLL:

PRESENT: Mayor Dale Christy, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Michelle Toven, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Tasha Connelly

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Steve Schaar, Lynn DeGrio, Will Richter, Barb Baird, Lasha Karels

PUBLIC FORUM:

Donald Evans, 46823 Hawthorne, Deer River, MN Shotgun confiscated by local police department four months ago. Would like to follow up on how to get it back.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Christy recognized Finance Director Barb Baird and the Finance Department for receiving Excellence in Governmental Accounting Award. The City of Grand Rapids has received this award for a consecutive 28 years. Also recognized local high school sports teams and individual athletes who competed at the 2022 state tournaments.

Councilor Connelly provided updates on GREDA meeting including ASV expansion, industrial park signage and downtown master plan project.

Councilor Blake recommends residents encourage MN State Representative Igo & Senator Eichorn to push forward for more housing and childcare funding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, February 28, 2022 Regular meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Toven to approve Council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period February 23, 2022 to March 7, 2022 in the total amount of \$466,977.69.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake to approve the verified claims as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

3. Council acknowledged the minutes for the following:

December 15, 2021 PUC
January 4, 2022 Arts & Culture Commission
January 11 and 25, 2022 PUC
January 18, 2022 Golf Board
January 26, 2022 Human Rights Commission
January 27, 2022 GREDA
February 9, 2022 Library Board

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consider approving SLA 2003-18 amendment 2 with SEH for design and construction engineering services related to CP 2003-18, 21st Street SW Extension.
5. Consider approving an engagement letter with Dodd Advisory & Valuation
6. Consider adopting a resolution accepting an IRRR Development Partnership grant on behalf of GREDA for the Downtown Plan Project.

Adopted Resolution 22-27

7. Consider approval of a Subordination Agreement in favor of Freedom Mortgage Corporation for a SCDP mortgage on property owned by Brittany Adams.
8. Consider approving change order 2 with SEH for the Grand Rapids/Cohasset Industrial Redevelopment project
9. Consider adopting a resolution approving the plans and specifications and ordering the advertisement for bids for CP 2003-18, 21st Street SW Extension.

Adopted Resolution 22-28

10. Consider use agreements with the Blandin Foundation
11. Consider approving the purchase of tires for one of the loaders in the Public Works Fleet.

12. Adopt a resolution reestablishing precincts and polling places

Adopted Resolution 22-29

13. Storage Area Network Replacement

14. Adopt a resolution amending the City Wide fee schedule amending to include parking fees

Adopted Resolution 22-30

15. Consider adopting a resolution regarding the support of a Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Job Creation Fund application for the ASV/Yanmar Expansion Project

Adopted Resolution 22-31

16. Consider establishing an eligibility list for Police Officer.

17. Consider adopting a resolution supporting housing and local decision-making authority

Adopted Resolution 22-32

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve the Regular agenda as amended to include item 18a. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

ADMINISTRATION:

18. Accept the resignation of Amanda Watkins.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Toven accepting the resignation of Amanda Watkins, authorize filling the vacancies with a temporary hire and authorized staff to begin the process of filling the vacancy. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

- 18a. Consider appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Councilor Connelly recommends re-appointment of Doug Learmont and appointment of Ashley Goodman and Edward Krumpotich, each to a three term effective immediately, expiring March 1, 2025.

Councilor Blake recommends appointing Nancy Saxhaug to PUC for a four-year term effective immediately, expiring March 1, 2026.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Blake to appoint members to Human Rights Commission and Public Utilities Commission as recommended. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

CIVIC CENTER & PARKS:

19. Consider a grant application to the Blandin Foundation for the IRA Civic Center

Motion made by Councilor Toven, Second by Councilor Connelly authorizing staff to apply for Blandin Foundation grant for the IRA Civic Center. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

20. Consider resolutions (two) ordering the improvement and authorizing Phase 1, Best Value Procurement for a truss/roof system at the IRA Civic Center.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Connelly adopting **RESOLUTION 22-33 AND RESOLUTION 22-34**, ordering improvements and authorizing Phase 1 relative to truss/roof system at the IRA Civic Center. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Toven, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk