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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 26, 2024
5:00 PM

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Rick Blake. **ABSENT:** Councilor Tom Sutherland

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Travis Cole, Kevin Ott, Chery Pierzina, Barb Baird, Laura Pfeifer, Jeremy Nelson, Andy Morgan, Sean Smullen, Heath Smith, Sam Hussman

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Mayor Connelly provided an overview of 2024 Safety Camp and thanked all those who participated.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, August 12, 2024 Worksession and Regular meetings and summary for Monday, August 12, 2024 Closed meeting.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period August 6, 2024 to August 19, 2024 in the total amount of \$997,797.87.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consider approving the School Resource Officer Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year with Independent School District #318
4. Consider approving the final pay estimate and change order 1 for the Hwy 169 Lighting Project, Phase 2.
5. Consider revisions to Pay Range for PT, Seasonal, and Temporary Employees.
6. Consider Transfer for Civic Center Employees and Rehiring Seasonal PT Employee.
7. Consider approving revised Human Resources Officer job description with an effective date of October 1, 2024; and approve the revised job descriptions for Security Officer, as well as Lead Hospital Security Officer, effective date August 26, 2024, for both positions.
8. Consider revised definition of Immediate Family in Personnel Policies
9. Consider approving change order for Yanmar Arena Project
10. Consider approving proposal from ICS for construction management services related to acoustical improvements at Yanmar Arena
11. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$1,048.37 additional training reimbursement from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education for the Grand Rapids Fire Department.

Adopted Resolution 24-74

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

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

12. Consider an agreement with Greg Mueller for the creation of a sculpture at Crystal Lake Park located on the east shore of Crystal Lake

It is noted that the attached contract has a project completion date of July 2024 and the correct date is July 2025. This date will be correct in the contract prior to execution.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve agreement with Greg Mueller, with correction to project completion date as noted. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

13. Consider appointment of Sarah P. Phillips to the position of Police Officer with the Grand Rapids Police Department.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Adams to appoint Sarah Phillips to the position of Police Officer. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

14. Present Life Saving Awards to Sergeant Heath Smith, Officer Sean Smallen and Officer Sam Hussman

Captain Ott presented background information and presented the life saving awards to Police Department personnel.

15. Consider retirement of Lead Hospital Security Officer Gary DeGrio and authorize Human Resources to begin the process of advertising and hiring for the open position of Lead Hospital Security Officer

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake to accept the notice of retirement from Gary DeGrio and authorize staff to move forward with filling the position. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

16. Consider accepting the resignation from August Stovall from his position as full-time Security Officer and authorize Human Resources to begin the process of advertising and hiring for the open position of full-time Security Officer.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Blake to accept the resignation of August Stovall and authorized staff to move forward with filling the position. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

17. Consider authorizing Human Resources to advertise for part-time Hospital Security Officers and to begin the process of interviewing and hiring for part-time Hospital Security Officers.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor MacGregor authorizing staff to move forward with the process of filling vacancies for part-time Hospital Security. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

FINANCE:

18. Consider adopting a resolution awarding the sale of the \$8,380,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2024A.

Rebecca Kurtz, Ehlers, presented proposed bond sale, noting that eleven bids were received and the updated amount of \$7,725,000.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Adams to **adopt Resolution 24-75**, awarding sale, updated amount of \$7,725,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series

2024A. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

19. Consider adopting a resolution awarding the sale of the \$1,055,000 General Obligation Equipment Certificates, Series 2024B.

Rebecca Kurtz again presents bids, noting change in bond amount.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake to **adopt Resolution 24-76**, awarding sale, updated amount of \$975,000 General Obligation Equipment Certificates, Series 2024B. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

FIRE:

20. Consider allowing the Grand Rapids Fire Department to upgrade gear room ventilation and purchase and install a SCBA Decon washer.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Blake authorizing upgrade to gear room ventilation and purchase/installation of SCBA Decon washer. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Adams, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk