

COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The second regular meeting of the Coon Rapids City Council for the month of January was called to order by Mayor Jerry Koch at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Ethan Hofstedt, a Star Scout in Troop 518, led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Jerry Koch, Councilmembers Brad Greskowiak, Kari Rehrauer, Wade Demmer, Jennifer Geisler, Brad Johnson, and Pat Carlson

Members Absent: None

ADOPT AGENDA

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

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. JANUARY 4, 2021, COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GRESKOWIAK, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2021, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA/INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS

2. ACCEPT MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3, 2020 CRHIF MEETING AND DISSOLVE THE COON RAPIDS HOME IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION
 3. APPROVE THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE ENTERPRISE LICENSE FOR PEL SALON LLC AT 3510 124TH AVENUE NW, SUITE 110
 4. ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-27 ACCEPTING DONATION FOR PARK BENCH
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5. ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-25 CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE WATERMAIN EASEMENT FOR MENARDS AT 3045 MAIN STREET
 6. ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-24 CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT AT 9032 NORWAY STREET NW/799 90TH AVENUE NW
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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Councilmember Greskowiak requested the minutes from the December 3, 2020 CRHIF Meeting be amended to show he was in attendance, as a matter of record. He thanked the Heals family for their generous donation to the City for a park bench in Crooked Lake Park.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

BID OPENINGS AND CONTRACT AWARDS

7. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 18-13A(9) AWARDED CONTRACT FOR BRIDGE 4575 REPAIR PROJECT
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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO REMOVE THIS ITEM FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Demmer explained the Council had questions and held a worksession for this bridge repair project. He stated he appreciated the discussion that was held about the future of this bridge.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 18-13A(9) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO REDSTONE CONSTRUCTION, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$203,410.00 FOR THE BRIDGE 4575 REPAIR PROJECT.

Councilmember Greskowiak thanked the Council and staff for the discussion that was held. He commented further on the work that would be done on the bridge and trail.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR NEW GOLF CART FLEET AND RESOLUTION 21-28, AMENDING 2021 GOLF FUND BUDGET FOR NEW GOLF CART FLEET

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Greskowiak asked if the E-Z-GO Golf Carts were electric. Bunker Hills Golf Director Anderson reported this was the case.

Councilmember Greskowiak questioned how the extra expense would be covered. City Manager Stemwedel explained the overage would be paid for through an interfund loan and would be paid back over time.

Councilmember Demmer inquired how old the current golf carts were. City Manager Stemwedel indicated the carts were six years old and were amortized over a four or five years schedule.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO RECOMMEND ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH VERSATILE VEHICLES FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE GOLF CART FLEET AND AUTHORIZATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-28, AMENDING THE 2021 GOLF FUND BUDGET FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE NEW GOLF CART FLEET. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

9. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-26 APPROVING MNDOT CONTRACT NO. 1036860, COOPERATIVE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR ROUND LAKE BOULEVARD SIDEWALK OVER US HIGHWAY 10

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Demmer asked if the City had the proper equipment to remove snow from the proposed sidewalk and bridge. Public Works Director Himmer reported there was no concern that the City would need additional equipment.

Councilmember Johnson inquired if the sidewalk would be part of the existing bridge deck. Public Works Director Himmer explained the sidewalk would be at a higher grade adjacent to the highway, similar to the Foley Bridge.

Councilmember Greskowiak questioned if there would be any traffic signal changes that would occur. Public Works Director Himmer discussed the layout of the traffic signal with the Council and noted a better alignment was being proposed for the sidewalk. He reported the City does not have any say with the programming of the signals.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRESKOWIAK, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-26 AUTHORIZING MNDOT CONTRACT NO. 1036860, A COOPERATIVE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT, WITH MNDOT AND ANOKA COUNTY, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-6(8) ACCEPTING PLANS/SPECIFICATIONS FOR CROOKED LAKE BOULEVARD/ROBINSON DRIVE MILL AND OVERLAY, AND AUTHORIZE SOLICITATION OF BIDS
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Demmer discussed the Crooked Lake Boulevard portion of the project and questioned why only one block was being done. Public Works Director Himmer reported this was a block that the City wanted to complete in 2020, but became a budget issue. He explained the one block was then carried over into the 2021 mill and overlay project.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-6(8), ACCEPTING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CROOKED LAKE BOULEVARD AND ROBINSON DRIVE MILL AND OVERLAY, AND AUTHORIZE THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE REVISING CITY CODE 12-201 AND 12-202
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch questioned if there was ever a time the City did not adopt a State building code. Chief Building Official Brady stated not to his knowledge.

Councilmember Greskowiak commented it appears the State has preempted the City's authority to not accept those codes. For this reason, he did not see a downside to streamlining this process. He asked how many other communities were adopting this as presented. Chief Building Official Brady indicated he was aware of two or three other communities that were adopting this as

presented. He stated he was not aware of anything that would not allow the City to adopt this code change.

Councilmember Greskowiak expressed concern with how the City would be impacted if the State were to suddenly require all 1950's ramblers to have sprinkler systems and by adopting this code the City's housing stock would be impacted.

Councilmember Johnson stated he appreciated this point. He commented further on the unintended consequences of adopting this code automatically each year. He questioned if staff should review and bring forward a summary of the changes to the code each year because this would allow the Council to weigh in on any matters of concern. City Manager Stemwedel indicated one way to address this would be for the Council to accept the updated code as informational on the Consent Agenda and if discussion was needed this could be held.

Councilmember Johnson supported this recommendation with the adoption date at the following meeting to allow for discussion if necessary. City Attorney Brodie reported if there were areas of concern the Chief Building Official would bring these matters to the City Council's attention. He indicated when he looked at five or six other cities, they all had an automatic approval process.

Councilmember Demmer questioned if the Minnesota Code could be altered or have things taken away from it. Chief Building Official Brady reported the Minnesota Code was the minimum standard and this would have to be enforced by the City. He explained the City could not make its own code more restrictive than the State building code. However, if someone wants to build above the building code, this would be their voluntary decision.

Councilmember Demmer stated he believed it made sense to him for the City to automatically approve the State building code.

Councilmember Geisler clarified that homeowners were not required to bring their home up to current building standards at this time. She reported homeowners were only required to bring things up to code if they were making modifications or renovations to the home. Chief Building Official Brady stated if a home has drywall removed, then this home has to be brought up to code. He explained he receives a notice from the State of the intent to adopt rules prior to November each year. He commented he could gather this data to provide the Council with lead time to review the data.

Councilmember Johnson indicated he would appreciate staff providing the Council with this data prior to November.

Mayor Koch considered the Ordinance amending City Code 12-201 and 12-202 to be introduced.

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Wayne Schwartz, 865 104th Avenue, reported there were currently five trash collecting companies in Coon Rapids. He reviewed the current haulers and explained each week he had five to 15 trucks drive through his neighborhood. He discussed how the noise from the refuse trucks were adversely impacting homeowners and the City's streets. He suggested the City Council consider having one refuse hauler as was done in the City of Blaine. He proposed the City put the refuse hauling out for bid and that the billing be handled by the refuse hauler. He commented one hauler would cut the number of trips from 15 down to three. He thanked the Council for their time and consideration.

REPORTS ON PREVIOUS OPEN MIC

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Koch stated he was pleased that the Snowflake Days Committee was planning events for 2021. He encouraged residents to visit the Snowflake Days website (coonrapidssnowflakedays.com) to see the list of events that have been planned, beginning on January 30, 2021. He commented further on the events that had been planned and noted he was looking forward to the parade. City Manager Stemwedel reported the committee had taken COVID-19 into consideration when planning these events to ensure public safety.

Councilmember Demmer reported the cross country ski trails were in great condition at the Bunker Hills Golf Course. He encouraged residents to get out and take advantage of these trails.

City Manager Stemwedel reported Anoka County had business and non-profit relief grants available and the application period would be open through March 2021.

Mayor Koch stated he appreciated going out for dinner on Saturday night. He encouraged residents to get out and frequent the location establishments.

ADJOURN

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:01 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED

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UNANIMOUSLY.

Jerry Koch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk