

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS
AUGUST 21, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Vadnais Heights was held on the above date and called to order by Mayor Fletcher at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mayor Bob Fletcher, Councilmembers Terry Nyblom, Heidi Gunderson, Craig Johnson and Greg Urban.

The following member was absent: None.

Also present were: City Administrator Kevin Watson, City Planner/Community Development Director Nolan Wall, City Attorney Caroline Bell Beckman, Deputy City Clerk, Peggy Aho and Jeff Melcoch, Cable Producer.

City Administrator Watson provided several announcements.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Council Member Nyblom asked that Agenda Item #6 be amended to read: Approval of Minutes: Regular Workshop Meeting of August 8, 2018; ~~Regular Budget~~ Workshop Meeting of August 13, 2018; and the Regular Council Meeting of August 8, 2018.

Upon motion by Nyblom, seconded by Gunderson, it was

18-08-130 “RESOLVED, that the August 21, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda as amended be approved.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 8, 2018 Regular Workshop Meeting

Council Member Nyblom offered an amendment to the Regular Workshop Meeting minutes, he asked that Item #5 include language about him volunteering himself and his truck to rectify the problem at the Veterans home site.

Upon motion by Nyblom, seconded by Johnson, it was

18-08-131 “RESOLVED, to approve the August 8, 2018 Regular Workshop Meeting Minutes as amended.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

B. August 13, 2018 Budget Workshop Meeting

Upon motion by Nyblom, seconded by Gunderson, it was

18-08-132 “RESOLVED, to approve the August 13, 2018 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes as presented.”

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Abstain – 1 (Urban)

The resolution was adopted.

C. August 8, 2018 Regular Meeting

Upon motion by Nyblom, seconded by Johnson, it was

18-08-133 “RESOLVED, to approve the August 8, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Gunderson, seconded by Urban, it was

18-08-134 “RESOLVED, that the Consent Agenda 7A-7B items for the August 21, 2018, meeting be approved as follows:

- A. Approve Claims #76561 Through #76625 and Electronic Claims #1261 Through #1267 for Payment
 - 1. US Bank Visa Payment in the Amount of \$3,821.75
- B. Approve 2018 Bow Hunting Permit for:
 - 1. Frank M. Frattalone hunting at 3205, 3157, 3151, 3143, 3135 Centerville Road, and PIDS 323022330002, 323022330044, 323022330028, 323022330029, 323022330043 and 323022330023
 - 2. Robert Jon Krey hunting at PIN 293022430040
 - 3. Ross Adrian and Neryssa Adrian hunting at 3719 Centerville Road
 - 4. Rick Kohler hunting at 3711, 3701, 3951 and 3967 Centerville Road
 - 5. Nick Hendrickson hunting at 3951 and 3967 Centerville Road

6. Elliott Bucholz hunting at 3548 Edgerton Street and 3560 and 3568 Searle Court
7. H.B. Fuller hunting at 1200 Willow Lake Boulevard and at Willow Lake Nature Preserve
8. Dan Tschida hunting at 3568 and 3560 Searle Court and 3548 Edgerton Street

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Recognition of 31 Years of Service – Michael E. Bigelbach, Firefighter

Mayor Fletcher read the Proclamation Honoring Vadnais Heights Firefighter Michael E. Bigelbach. It read: on behalf of the Vadnais Heights City Council, the Mayor, does hereby join staff and residents of Vadnais Heights in expressing appreciation to Michael Bigelbach for his dedication and commitment to the City of Vadnais Heights and extended best wishes upon Michael’s retirement for continued success in his life pursuits.

B. Eagle Scout Project Presentation by Maximus Gregory

Mayor Fletcher gave an overview of Maximus Gregory’s Eagle Scout Project and the process on how a Scout achieves an Eagle Scout Badge. He said that an Eagle Scout project has to involve coordination with other resources and the project must make a positive impact on the community. Maximum Gregory gave a PowerPoint presentation on Eagle Scout Project - Texting and Driving. His presentation included proposed signage designs and sign placement.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Carrie and Marty Kottke, 42 Southwood Drive, came before the Council to suggest a change in the definition of accessory structures in the City Code. They explained the issue they are having with trying to sell their home because of the placement of a play structure next to their property. Ms. Kottke said that she has done some research on what other cities’ code read for accessory structures and found that some cities are changing their codes because of the size of play structures that are so popular. Planner/Community Development Director Wall said it is something that could be regulated within the zoning code but would need to be separated from an accessory building because we don’t want to lump the structures. Mayor Fletcher asked if there is a consensus from the Council that perhaps the City should have a larger setback for large accessory structures. He asked Wall to research what other cities are doing. Council Member Urban noted his concern that when issues such as this come up before the Council, the Council

tends to overreact. If you tighten the code for additional set back, you limit uses. Fletcher said it doesn't hurt to take a look around and see what others are doing.

Rod Raschke, 3847 Elmwood, addressed the Council and said that he also believes that texting and driving is an issue that needs to be addressed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider Approving Detachment/Annexation with the City of Gem Lake
Planner/Community Development Director Wall gave an update on the Gem Lake Detachment/Annexation that was discussed at the August 8th Workshop. The Council directed staff to continue discussions with Gem Lake. City staff were recommending a joint powers agreement with the City of Gem Lake for the development and Gem Lake's proposal was a concurrent detachment/annexation process. The City of Gem Lake declined the joint powers agreement option. They proposed instead a joint resolution approving concurrent detachment from Vadnais Heights and annexation to Gem Lake. The joint development would need to be approved by both cities. Wall noted that staff are recommending that the Council condition the approval of the annexation on approval of the entire project by the City of Gem Lake, compensation for loss of tax revenue, and reimbursement to the City of Vadnais Heights for City Attorney fees.

Upon motion by Gunderson, seconded by Johnson, it was

18-08-135 "RESOLVED, that the Council approve the proposed Joint Resolution requesting concurrent detachment for Vadnais Heights and annexation into Gem Lake, with the following conditions:

1. The City of Gem Lake reimburse the City of Vadnais Heights for the City Attorney's fees associated with coordinating this process;
2. The City of Vadnais Heights shall be compensated for the loss of taxable revenue of the current tax rate over a five-year period, payable in its entirety upon approval of the Joint Resolution and compliance with all applicable conditions;
3. The City of Gem Lake approves the proposed development project necessitating the requested concurrent detachment and annexation process; and
4. The Mayor and City Administrator be authorized to sign the Joint Resolution upon approval of the proposed development project by the

City of Gem Lake, once the final Joint Resolution has been reviewed by the City Attorney.”

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

B. Consider Setting Tuesday, September 4, 2018 Workshop and Agenda

City Administrator Watson reviewed a list of potential agenda items for the Tuesday, September 4, 2018 Regular Workshop including: continued discussion of the 2019 Budget; an update on the Planning Commission Public Hearing for the Codification process; the Facility Assessment Report; and possibly the survey of ditches prepared by Houston Engineering.

COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief, Ed Leier, thanked everyone who attended and helped out at Heritage Days.

Planning/Community Development Director Wall had nothing to report.

City Attorney Bell-Beckman noted that she had sent to the Council Members a memo regarding a ruling on the MN Supreme Court Case Harstad vs. City of Woodbury.

Council Member Heidi Gunderson noted that she had attended the Senior Lunch and that it was a great event. She said thank you to all the volunteers that helped out with Heritage Days. She also said that it was the best booya ever.

Council Member Nyblom thanked all the volunteers and staff that helped out with Heritage Days. He noted that on Wednesday evening, the Watershed will receive a report on Ditch 14.

City Administrator Kevin Watson noted that long-time firefighter and city employee Joe Mueller passed away this past week.

Council Member Urban agreed that it was good booya and thanked everyone for working on Heritage Days.

Council Member Johnson also thanked all that helped out at Heritage Days.

City Administrator Watson said thank you to Brigid Nault for all her hard work in coordinating volunteers and soliciting sponsors for Heritage Days. He noted that next week he and others will be doing interviews for the Assistant City Administrator position and engineering applications are coming in this week.

Mayor Fletcher said that the City needs to give Brigid Nault recognition for the work she has done for Heritage Days and he thanked all those that helped out at the Senior Picnic and Heritage Days. He noted that there was a renaming ceremony for the ice house in Community Park in honor of the Brandt Sisters. The ice rinks new name is the Hannah and Marissa Brandt Ice Rink.

ADJOURN MEETING:

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Watson, City Administrator