

City Council Meeting

Minutes

April 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers – City Hall
3rd Floor - 207 Lafayette Street
Winona, MN 55987



Members Present: Mayor Scott Sherman, Council Member Steve Young, Council Member Eileen Moeller, Council Member Pamela Eyden, Council Member George Borzyskowski, Council Member Michelle Alexander, Council Member Aaron Repinski

Staff Present: City Manager Stephen Sarvi, City Attorney Christopher Hood, Assistant City Manager Chad Ubl, Community Development Director Lucy McMartin, Public Works Director Brian DeFrang, City Engineer Ryan Meiners, Finance Director Jessica Wojahn, City Planner Carlos Espinosa, Assistant City Planner Luke Sims, City Clerk Monica Hennessy Mohan

1. Call to Order – Mayor & City Manager’s Comments

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Scott Sherman read a certificate of appreciation for Bill Pelowski, who has retired from Street Department. He also read a Proclamation for Earth and Arbor Days.

City Manager's Comments:

City Manager Stephen Sarvi welcomed home the 2nd Battalion of the 135th Infantry, who served for the past year at Horn of Africa. Mr. Sarvi noted that his son Dan serves in this group.

He also announced that the City has secured funding for updating the sidewalk crossings on Broadway, and thanked Public Works Director Brian DeFrang for his efforts on this project.

2. Required Public Hearings

None.

3. Petitions, Requests, Communications

3.1 Appointment to the Heritage Preservation Commission

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Moeller

That the Council confirm the appointment of Joseph Hughes to the Heritage Preservation Commission.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3.2 Massage Therapy Licenses

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Repinski

That the Council approve the Massage Therapist License and Massage Therapy Business for Kelsey Carlson doing business as River Valley Wellness.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3.3 Craft Beer Tour Agreement with Leighton Enterprises

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Eyden

That the Council approve the license agreement and to authorize administration to execute same.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3.4 Request for Temporary Wine and Beer License for Great River Shakespeare Festival

Council Member Moeller declared a conflict on this item. (Moeller abstained since she is employed by the GRSF.)

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Borzyskowski

That the Council approve the Temporary Liquor License.

Motion Carried

3.5 Request for St. Martin's Strawberry Festival in Sinclair Park

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Repinski

That the Council approve the request.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3.6 Walk to End Alzheimer's Street Closure Request

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Moeller

That the Council approve the request.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3.7 Street Closure Request for Sloppy Joe's

Moved by Council Member Borzyskowski
Seconded by Council Member Alexander

That the Council approve the request.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3.8 Request from Winona's Nursing Club to Hold Pinning Ceremony at Bandshell

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Repinski

That the Council approve the request.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3.9 Request for Winona Main Street Touch-A-Truck Parade

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Moeller

That the Council approve the request.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3.10 Chamber of Commerce Sign Request

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Repinski

That the Council approve the request.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3.11 Request for Amendment to Truck Route at 3rd Street and Ben Street

Alexander thanked staff for their work on this ordinance, and noted that she had received many complaints regarding trucks going off the designated routes.

Borzyskowski foresees less truck traffic in this area in the future.

Moeller concurred with Alexander.

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Borzyskowski

That the Council introduce the ordinance to amend the Truck Route.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3.12 Heroes Among Us Monument Sign Request

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Moeller

That the Council approve the request.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3.13 Request for Off-Site Permit for Lawful Gambling for the Red Men Club

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Repinski

That the Council adopt the resolution to approve the gambling permit.

Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Unfinished Business

None.

5. New Business

5.1 Gypsoil Pelletized – Subordination and Intercreditor Agreement

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Repinski

That the Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the document.

Motion Carried Unanimously

5.2 Water's Edge Apartments LLC—Tax Abatement Agreement

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Moeller

That the Council adopt the resolution to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the tax abatement agreement.

Motion Carried Unanimously

5.3 Reduce Liquor License Fees for 2021

Council Member Repinski declared a conflict on this item. (Council Member Repinski abstained since he has been issued a liquor license for the Winona Tour Boat.)

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Moeller

That the Council approve the amended fee schedule and payment plan for 2021.

Motion Carried

5.4 Amendment to Right-of-Way Ordinance and Small Cell Wireless Facilities Aesthetics Policy

Alexander thanked staff for staying on top of this issue.

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Moeller

That the Council introduce the ordinance.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Repinski

That the Council adopt the resolution.

Motion Carried Unanimously

5.5 Amendment to Chapter 25.22 - Trees

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Moeller

That the Council introduce the ordinance.

Motion Carried Unanimously

5.6 Comprehensive Plan RFP Review and Approval

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Moeller

That the Council approve the RFP and authorize staff to solicit proposals.

Motion Carried Unanimously

5.7 Plat Review – Kwik Trip Plat at 1058 Homer Road

Moved by Council Member Borzyskowski
Seconded by Council Member Repinski

That the Council adopt the resolution to approve the plat.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Reports of Committees

7. Council Concerns

Council Member George Borzyskowski commented that he liked the new look for the Council agenda packet. He also thanked the Public Works Director and staff for their work securing the funds to replace the ADA ramps on Broadway.

Council Member Michelle Alexander also liked the new agenda format, and requested additional time be scheduled for informational sessions so there is sufficient time for questions.

Council Member Pamela Eyden noted that the City's pothole repair program will begin soon.

Council Member Eileen Moeller commented on the "Minnesota Nice" culture, and noted there is a difference between being nice and being kind, and she encouraged people to acknowledge differences of those around us and to be kind and supportive.

Council Member Steve Young recently took a walk with a friend who uses a wheelchair, and the need for improvements in sidewalks and crossings was eye-opening for him.

Mayor Sherman wished Fern Girtler a happy 100th birthday.

8. Consent Agenda

Moved by Council Member Borzyskowski
Seconded by Council Member Alexander

That the Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried Unanimously

8.1 Approval of Minutes – April 5, 2021

8.2 Claim Against the City by Steve Jorde

9. Adjournment

Moved by Council Member Alexander
Seconded by Council Member Borzyskowski

The time being 7:20 p.m. and there being no further business to come before the Council this evening, we do now adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Mayor

City Clerk