

***REGULAR ANDOVER CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 21, 2022
MINUTES***

The Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Andover City Council was called to order by Mayor Sheri Bukkila, June 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m., at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, Minnesota.

Councilmembers present: Jamie Barthel, Ted Butler, Randy Nelson, and Valerie Holthus

Councilmembers absent: None

Also present: City Administrator, Jim Dickinson
 Others

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESIDENT FORUM

No one appeared before the Council.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Nelson, Seconded by Barthel, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 24, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Nelson, Seconded by Barthel, to approve the May 24, 2022 Workshop Meeting minutes and the June 7, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Item 2 Approve Payment of Claims
- Item 3 Approve Amendment to Hunting Map & Summary Ordinance for Publication (See Ordinance 537)
- Item 4 Accept Dedication of Right-of-Way Easement - 2159 153rd Lane NW
- Item 5 Accept Dedication of Right-of-Way Easement - 15293 Quinn Street NW
- Item 6 Approve Encroachment Agreement - 2159 153rd Lane NW
- Item 7 Approve Nightingale Villas Final Plat (See Resolution R049-22)
- Item 8 Accept Contribution/Pamela Sarne/Fire Department (See Resolution R050-22)
- Item 9 Accept Resignation of Ryan Eggink - Maintenance Worker
- Item 10 Receive May 2022 City Investment Reports
- Item 11 Receive May 2022 General Fund Budget Progress Report
- Item 12 Receive May 2022 Andover Community Center Update
- Item 13 Approve Park Exclusive Use Permit
- Item 14 Approve Tobacco License
- Item 15 Approve Auditing Services Contract/Redpath & Company

Motion by Butler, Seconded by Nelson, to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Motion carries unanimously.

ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT

Sergeant Justin Nelson provided a monthly report for May 2022, reporting 1,499 calls for service. Of those calls, 32 were thefts, 1 burglary, 210 traffic stops, 54 citations, and 3 DWIs. He reported 16 misdemeanor arrests and 5 gross misdemeanor arrests. Sergeant Nelson stated the Department began the Traffic Safety Enforcement and Education Initiative which will be ongoing throughout the summer. He stated the Department is stepping up enforcement to address unsafe driving and to reduce fatalities.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Discussion with State of Minnesota Elected Officials

State Representative Peggy Scott came forward to present a brief legislative session update. She stated the Legislature accomplished the back filling of the Unemployment Trust Fund and the Front-Line Worker Bonus Program. The State passed the Reinsurance Program which reduces the increase in health care insurance premiums. Representative Scott stated the Legislature was

not able to pass the Bonding Bill. She stated it affects Andover and the residents who are drinking bottled water due to well contamination. She recommended having an Emergency Bonding Bill that will be used for emergencies similar to what Andover is going through.

Councilmember Holthus asked how redistricting has affected Representative Scott. Representative Scott stated Andover will now have three Representatives. She will have three of the ten Andover precincts. Mayor Bukkila thanked Representative Scott for her help on the WDE waste pit removal and the Red Oaks well contamination.

Senator Jim Abler came forward and commended the City and State agencies that are working on the Red Oaks well contamination issue. He stated Andover will have 5 representatives advocating for them at the State. Senator Abler stated his son works for the Anoka County Sheriff's Department and recommended people apply to be a Deputy.

Councilmember Holthus asked which precincts Senator Abler represents. Senator Abler represents the southwest corner of the City.

Mayor Bukkila asked which committees Senator Abler is on. He stated he chairs the Human Services Committee and is concerned about elderly care funded by medical assistance.

Mayor Bukkila stated the Joint Law Enforcement Council is starting to have conversations about mental health services and what happens after. She stated the system is not built to handle the need, such as bed availability, referral services, and continuity of care.

Discussion with Anoka County Commissioners

Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte came forward and thanked City staff for working well with Anoka County. The City and County have collaborated on County road projects, improving turn lanes, and replacing median plantings with concrete. He stated City staff are cooperative and committed. Commissioner Schulte announced the 911 Center will be built in Andover. He stated the County needs a new jail and parking ramp which will be built in Anoka. The County lobbies for Highway 65 at the State and Federal level. Commissioner Schulte represents two Andover precincts on the west side of Andover.

Commissioner Holthus asked for an update on Highway 10 and if it is on schedule. Commissioner Schulte stated the project will continue for the next couple years. The detours of Bunker Lake Boulevard and Viking Boulevard have increased traffic, but it appears manageable. He stated MNDOT is working the Ferry Street Interchange and the bridge over the Rum River.

He stated the County and the City of Anoka are partnering on the Main Street roundabouts and Thurston interchange with completion expected in Fall 2024. When that is complete, the County will work on Sunfish Lake Boulevard and Ramsey Boulevard. He advised drivers to be aware when traveling on Highway 10, as construction changes.

Councilmember Holthus asked if there would be an overpass on Ferry Street over the railroad tracks. Commissioner Schulte stated it is a MNDOT project and a preferred route has not been selected. He said the County is part of the conversation but not a part of the project. Commissioner Schulte stated their new focus is Highway 65.

Mayor Bukkila thanked Commissioner Schulte for the improvements on Bunker Lake Boulevard at the Walmart entrance.

Councilmember Butler stated he hears positive comments from residents regarding implementing the flashing yellow arrow lights at controlled intersections. He also hears positive comments about the stoplights being reconditioned and repainted. Commissioner Schulte stated it has been a priority to figure out the stoplight situation throughout the county. He stated the County has begun using galvanized steel without paint, reducing maintenance and cost. He explained the County implements the flashing yellow arrow lights when replacing or installing a signal.

City Administrator Dickinson stated the partnerships between the County and the municipalities has benefited Andover. He stated Hanson Boulevard and Bunker Lake Boulevard are in very good shape. Mr. Dickinson noted there are projects in the mix for other county roads and intersections. He stated the City works well with the County Highway Department.

Mayor Bukkila thanked Commissioner Schulte and appreciates the relationship between the City and County at the staff and elected leader levels.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Staff updated the Council on the administration and city department activities, legislative updates, updates on development/CIP projects, and meeting reminders/community events.

(Administration) Mr. Dickinson stated code enforcement is up with the number one complaint being tall grass followed by vehicles parking in yards and roosters. The City is at 49 new home permits year to date. The emergency siren that was damaged in the storm is in the delivery phase. The 2022 Mill and Overlay project and the Street Reconstruction project are nearing completion. Water Tower #2 is painted, and logos are going up. The water tower is out of service and water

restrictions will be enforced. Mr. Dickinson stated development will pick up again in late July. He encouraged people to keep their garage doors closed to deter thefts.

Councilmember Nelson asked about how the water system loses pressure. Mr. Dickinson stated it is when the pumps can't keep up with demand or when the water is used so quickly the pressure drops.

MAYOR/COUNCIL INPUT

(811) Councilmember Nelson encouraged residents to call 811 two days before digging.

(Speeding on Veterans Memorial Boulevard) Mayor Bukkila received a comment from a resident about traffic patterns and speeding on Veterans Memorial Boulevard. She stated this is a recurring issue and encouraged residents to call the Sheriff's Office.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Barthel, Seconded by Nelson, to adjourn. Motion carries unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Kunza, Recording Secretary
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

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