

**CITY OF CIRCLE PINES, MINNESOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

1., 2. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Bartholomay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Council Members Schweigert, Percy, Runbeck and O'Brien and City Administrator Keinath.

3. SETTING OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. COMMENTS

a. Taxpayer Comments

Six high school seniors introduced themselves and announced plans for college.

b. Council Member Comments

There were no Council Member comments.

c. Mayor Comments

Mayor Bartholomay commented on the following:

- Fire Department Family Pride Day 4/30/16
- Fire Department retirement event for Randy Rolstad
- Scholarship night May 16 at Centennial High School

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Park Board

City Administrator Keinath reported the board had no major items on the agenda and they adjourned to a work session.

b. Fire Steering Committee

Council Member Percy reported the committee met May 5 and business included approval of cost of living increases for two employees, changed Dave Bruder's position to Assistant Fire Chief, heard an update on the budget, approval for the purchase of a new engine, approval of final payment to Lino Lakes, approval of

new training rules, approval of hiring instructors for the fire academy and EMS training, heard a personnel update and completed the audit.

Council Member Runbeck commented he also attended the same meeting and the department is currently 4 percent, or about \$24,000, over budget in spending with only \$124,000 in cash reserves. He expressed concern that if we continue on that rate, reserves will be dangerously low. He said administrators made a gratuitous offer to increase wages at a time when it is unknown whether the budget can be met.

Percy responded there was spirited discussion on this at the meeting and the consensus was that if you look at compensation for public employees across the country, it's averaging about 3 percent per year and we want to keep the people we have on staff as they are doing a good job. He said the attitude was that if current employees leave, it would be more costly in terms of time and training.

c. Police Governing Board

Mayor Bartholomay reported the board met last night and received the audit report, discussed the vehicle replacement policy and approved the chief's contract renewal with a 2.5 percent increase. He noted the police department just finished Police Officer Standards and Training certification for training and policy review and they were certified in compliance.

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Consent Agenda

Items included:

1. Minutes: 04/26/16 Regular Council Meeting
2. Licenses
3. Fire Disbursements
4. Police Disbursements
5. Amending Language JPA Anoka County Parks

MOTION: O'Brien moved, seconded by Percy, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

b. City Stormwater Permit Applications

City Administrator Keinath explained the city has sought and finally received from Rice Creek Watershed District the storm water permit authority. He said when development occurs or when the city does street projects, the city will be able to do its own permitting process. As a result, he said the application form has been adapted to Circle Pines and it requires approval of the council.

Council Member Percy asked if Rice Creek Watershed District gave input to make sure edits were complete from their perspective. Keinath said they did.

MOTION: Runbeck moved, seconded by Schweigert, to approve the City Stormwater Permit Application form. **Motion carried 5-0.**

c. Proposed Evergreen Plantings Adjacent to Community Gardens

Mayor Bartholomay explained that as part of the 2016 street project, there is a need to store dirt adjacent to the community garden at city hall. After discussion and analysis of trees in the area, it was decided to remove a large oak tree and clear that area.

City Administrator Keinath reported there is a list of suggested evergreen plantings that will be located along the back lot line of an adjoining lot. He presented an aerial view of proposed locations for seven trees.

Council Member Percy asked what else would be placed along the border with lots. Keinath said basically it would be native grass and would be maintained by the city. It is planned the plantings would be placed this fall.

Council Member Runbeck asked if the trees would affect the community garden. Keinath said there would be some shading impact from the trees, but they would be placed as close to the lot lines as possible to provide a barrier to the lots that may eventually be built on. He estimated it would take at least 10 years for the trees to have an impact on shading of the garden.

d. 2016 Street Project Stormwater Review

City Administrator Keinath mentioned that the temporary road constructed between East Golden Lake Lane and West Golden Lake Road is now open to allow residents a way out as work is done. He said curb removal will begin tomorrow and hook-up for temporary water will begin on the south phase from the cul-de-sac down to the lift station and to the other cul-de-sac. Once that is in place, he said sewer excavation will begin, probably sometime next week, prior to replacement of sanitary sewer, water and then storm sewer. He added that tree removals that were necessary to install the sewer laterals have been done.

Keinath said what is before the council tonight is a report from city engineering group WSB and Associates related to the 2016 street project stormwater implementation. He said the 141-page document was also reviewed by Rice Creek Watershed District to determine that the city has done appropriately what RCWD would have required which is basically putting in new catch basins with a two-foot drop. He said a part of the analysis in the plan also relates to the size of the project area and how much water we need to infiltrate into the ground to meet RCWD requirements, or requirements we have adopted by ordinance.

Keinath said the water infiltration system currently used in Golden Lake Park has been a creative reuse of existing stormwater - in the 2008 project we built underground water infiltration basins that are only active when it rains when the water off the street fills them. He said we are going to pump lake water into them so they are usable more than when it rains to help the city meet infiltration requirements, and we think it has the ability to help us also meet future street project needs now that RCWD allows us to infiltrate water on a regional basis.

Keinath explained this has significant capacity as it could pump 20 million gallons of water a year to be infiltrated. He said the one built for the 2014 project on Stardust Boulevard looks like it will reach about six million gallons a year, compared to the 300,000 to 400,000 we would typically get out of the Baldwin system that is being used to sprinkle storm water on the ball fields.

He said reuse of the system makes this very cost effective, we are probably on the creative side according to RCWD, and they are suggesting we may need a variance but we are waiting for that letter to see what our response will be. He reminded the council that RCWD has given the city permitting authority.

In relation to stormwater on the 2016 project, Keinath noted there are more catch basins that will be installed so water can be more efficiently removed from the streets, all as part of WSB's calculations in design of the project.

Mayor Bartholomay mentioned he noticed that potentially there would be 47 pounds of phosphorus a year reduction in Golden Lake. He said it is generally known that most of the phosphorus came from upstream and homeowners fertilizing, but because of new rules for water coming off developments, that water will probably be cleaner and in better condition.

Council Member Percy asked what a catch basin's two-foot drop would look like. Keinath responded that an old structure would have a pipe discharging near the bottom of its base, and under the new design the pipe is two feet higher. So, he said, there is effectively a sump in there and everything heavier than water will drop out to be cleaned out on a regular basis with the city's sewer vac truck. He said the catch basin is designed to minimize discharge and helps with the need for cleaning outlets.

Percy asked if the city has any water discharged into Golden Lake. Keinath said there are storm sewers that discharge into Golden Lake. He said about a third of them end up in the underground infiltration systems that let the water go down rather than into the lake unless they're full due to significant rain. He said the piping to the lake and to the wetlands is not being changed dramatically, we are just improving the catch basins that go into those discharges.

MOTION: O'Brien moved, seconded by Percy, to accept the Stormwater Management Plan for the 2016 Street Project. **Motion carried 5-0.**

7. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION**

MOTION: Schweigert moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss pending litigation at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Runbeck, **motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor

Clerk