

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

**Tuesday, October 11, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bartholomay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Also present were Council Members Schweigert, Percy, Runbeck and O'Brien and City Administrator Antonen.

3. SETTING OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. COMMENTS

a. Taxpayer Comments

There were no Taxpayer comments.

b. Council Member Comments

There were no Council Member comments.

c. Mayor Comments

Mayor Bartholomay commented on the following:

- Leaf pick-up October 8 and November 5
- Wood chipping October 10-21

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Park Board

City Administrator Antonen reported the board met last week and approved a park user application for Centennial Youth Hockey. He said the board also heard the annual Golden Lake Park report and discussed improvements to use of the park.

An audience member commented how nice it was to have the summer concerts at the park and said she hopes they continue.

b. Fire Steering Committee

Council Member Percy reported the committee met October 6 and discussed equipment purchases and financing options for the new engine. He said they also approved adjustments to the policy for service credit.

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Consent Agenda

Items included:

1. Minutes: 09/27/16 Regular Council Meeting
2. Licenses
3. Fire Disbursements
4. Police Disbursements
5. Resolution No. 2016-22 Appointment of Election Judges

Mayor Bartholomay commented his wife is an election judge during this year when he is not currently on the ballot.

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

b. AFS Students Recognition

American Field Service volunteer Sue Davis mentioned there are three AFS students at Centennial High School this year.

Alberto Benito from Spain spoke about his family and participation in varsity soccer and classes at Centennial High School. Michela Barioglio from Italy introduced herself and commented on her family, participation on the CHS swim team and compared school in Italy to classes here. Pusa Kannikar from Thailand spoke about her family and participation in choir at CHS and said she's looking forward to seeing snow for the first time. Mayor Bartholomay presented each student with a Certificate of Appreciation and Proclamation.

c. North Metro Telecommunication Commission/North Metro TV Services

Heidi Arnson, executive director of North Metro TV, gave a summary of the services provided by NMTV that includes technical services, video production services and franchise administration services. She also provided an update on the current HD upgrade process, new studio, training and the new truck.

City Administrator Antonen noted that invoices received for the HD upgrade require approval from the city council since the city is the fiscal agent for the HD upgrade.

Mayor Bartholomay mentioned asked if HD capability would be available for city hall equipment after the upgrade is finished. Arnson said typically her staff will work with the city's vendor to determine how programs are produced and what the budget is before determining a solution. She noted modulators at city hall will also need to be replaced with HD modulators and NMTV will work with Comcast to do that. She said Comcast will not be putting out the city's signal in HD, but CenturyLink will be.

Council Member Runbeck stated that Comcast has lost customers and expressed concern that with the variety of streaming options available to customers today, the result would be that there may not be enough franchise fees generated to pay for cable equipment. Arnson responded there is a recent report from a company that does media analysis that said the prognosis for broadband and cable companies over the next 10 years is extremely high.

Runbeck noted franchise fees are charged on television service and not internet service. Arnson stated the cable industry is very strong and is expected to be very strong for at least 10 years. She said a recent J. D. Powers survey in August indicated that people who drop their cable service entirely and just stream are the least satisfied with their video service, and those with a cable or satellite service and streaming were the most satisfied.

Arnson mentioned with the HD upgrade loan, they only borrowed \$1.8 million because they put \$200,000 into the account, so they're already down to \$1.4 million. She said there will be another payment in February that will bring the amount down to \$1.2 million. She said there are enough assets to pay off the loan amount and she is extremely confident the cable industry is going to be very strong going forward as Circle Pines is one of the strongest cities for cable service with 45 percent of its residents with cable.

Council Member Percy mentioned there was a local story this week that Comcast is changing their service to include streaming options. Arnson said Comcast is coming up with ways to continue to make money and Netflix is now offered through them. Percy commented that election coverage by NMTV is excellent with debates and meetings coverage.

d. 2017 Proposed Centennial Fire District Budget

City Administrator Antonen mentioned Fire Chief Lundstrom wanted to be here, but is teaching a class at Fire Academy. He noted there is a small increase in the budget due to an increase in calls, with a decrease in calls expected for the future. He noted Centerville has approved their portion of the budget.

Council Member Percy stated there were a lot of calls at the time the budget was being put together and that's the reason for the current budget, but the calls have been gradually coming down over the past few months which will affect next year's budget.

Council Member Runbeck commented he will support this budget, but it is \$200,000 more than what was spent when the department included three cities. He said we should've been finding ways to cut other budgets to control the costs.

MOTION: Schweigert moved, seconded by Percy, to approve the 2017 Proposed Centennial Fire District budget. **Motion carried 5-0.**

e. 2017 Proposed Centennial Lakes Police Budget

Mayor Bartholomay noted the budget is overall a 2.6 percent increase.

MOTION: O'Brien moved, seconded by Percy, to approve the 2017 Proposed Centennial Lakes Police Budget. **Motion carried 4-1** with Runbeck opposed.

Police Chief Coan presented the department's 2016 Annual Report. He mentioned the department transitioned to a new data record system – a county-wide public data system - in late 2015 and lost a certain amount of data as a result of that so this report was delayed.

Coan noted he recently attended a White House briefing on 21st Century Policing in Washington, DC with law enforcement executives, government officials and academics from all over the country. He named the "Six Pillars of Professional Policing" that were discussed at the briefing and said they are the foundation for professional policing throughout the country. He said his department has accomplished many of the goals and objectives set forth in the document and intends to accomplish even more. Coan also noted the department is conducting its first Citizens Academy eight-week session with plans to offer it on an annual basis.

Council Member Schweigert asked about the status of body cameras for officers. Coan responded his department is the only law enforcement agency in Anoka County that has never had in-car videos. He said the 2017 budget does include body cameras and the department wants to incorporate it in the right manner. Coan said the city of Blaine also recently approved body cameras so his department will parallel efforts with them in 2017.

f. 2016 Delinquent Utilities Hearing

Mayor Bartholomay opened the Public Hearing at 8:16 p.m.

Bartholomay mentioned there were two residents who spoke to him and City Administrator Antonen regarding when they'd be paying their bill. Bartholomay explained this process happens every year for accounts that are not up to date. Antonen mentioned delinquent utilities amounts had totaled about \$58,000 when the Utilities Commission first requested this hearing and now that total is \$41,000 and expected to be even lower before it is submitted to the county for assessment.

Bartholomay stated the amounts cover water, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, garbage and recycling, but not natural gas.

There were no public comments.

MOTION: O'Brien moved, seconded by Schweigert, to close the Public Hearing at 8:18 p.m. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Council Member Runbeck mentioned there is a house on his street in foreclosure and said the redemption period has lapsed and he asked who is responsible for the assessment. Antonen explained it would be the title holder which is the bank in this case and the bank or whoever purchases the property would satisfy the assessment before title transfer.

MOTION: Runbeck moved, seconded by Percy, to approve **Resolution No. 2016-23**, a Resolution Adopting a Certification of Delinquent Utilities. **Motion carried 5-0.**

g. 2016 Delinquent City Account Hearing

It was noted there is only one account on this list.

Mayor Bartholomay opened the Public Hearing at 8:22 p.m.

There were no members of the public present.

MOTION: O'Brien moved, seconded by Percy, to close the public hearing at 8:23 p.m. **Motion carried 5-0.**

MOTION: Percy moved, seconded by Runbeck, to approve **Resolution No. 2016-24**, a Resolution Adopting a Special Assessment. **Motion carried 5-0.**

7. ADJOURN TO WORK SESSION

Mayor Bartholomay reported the topic of the work session is discussion on an ongoing construction project issue.

MOTION: O'Brien moved, seconded by Schweigert, to adjourn to a work session at 8:24 p.m. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor

Clerk