



Approved

**REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
06.13.23**

Absent: Dallas Fischer
Guests:

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Kyle Peterson called the meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance, Marie Rivers, Jason Houle, Jeremy Dresel and Marlys Dunne.

Staff in attendance was City Administrator John Pechman.

Nancy Hoffman from the Chisago County HRA/EDA was present.

2. APPROVE AGENDA: June 13, 2023

President Peterson asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Commissioner Rivers made a motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner Dresel seconded; all ayes; motion passed.

3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: May 9, 2023

President Peterson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the May 9th minutes. Commissioner Rivers made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Dresel seconded; all ayes; motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS AND PETITIONS

5a. City Council Liaison Report

Commissioner Rivers gave an update on the council meeting that was held on May 23rd. Council approved the annual financial report for 2022. The Parks Department made a couple of purchases out of the Park Capital Fund, a 2014 Ford Explorer and used hockey boards for Chuckie Lundquist parks ice rink. There was a request for funding from Home Town Internet that was denied, council wants to save the money for sewer installation on Hwy 8. Council decided to move forward with the installation of sewer and water on Karmel Ave. near the Public Works building and will get bids for the work to be completed. William Hooey was approved for the Public Works position and will take on the role of caretaker at Ojiketa.

Administrator Pechman commented on the East Viking Blvd project that will be a joint effort between the city of Wyoming, Polaris and Chisago City to fix the conditions of the road.

The Chisago Lakes Triathlon will be discontinued after this year. Justin Kral was issued a permit to continue to run Captain Shawn's boat rentals.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. Monthly Financial Report.

Finance Director Gemuenden submitted the monthly financial report.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Highway 8 Project

The County is sponsoring a thank you reception at Lord of the Lakes Church this week. The Highway project has been fully funded.

Commission discussed the design and the cross ability of the new four lane Highway. Pechman stated that there are two underpasses in the design.

2. Downtown Street Project and Revitalization

The east side downtown project is underway, curbing is getting done this week. August 15th is the final deadline for completion.

3. Land Development Activity

The lease agreement to farm the EDA purchased land was agreed upon for the season.

DEED has sent some potential projects to the county and city for review. Pechman stated that the projects are large, and a lot of resources would need to be available to make them work. Peterson asked about the interest Kendall Howard had in expanding to that site, they are still interested but are focused on the addition they are building right now. Hoffman commented on a loan forgiveness program they qualified for through the County.

4. Business Retention Initiative and Visits

Applewood Nursery participated in a visit. Pechman will get an update from Leah on contacts and what future visits are scheduled.

5. LEI Packaging

Payments are on track and coming in each month.

9. NEW BUSINESSES

Hoffman wanted to discuss with the commissioners the need for childcare providers in Chisago County. The County HRA/EDA is trying to help create new childcare businesses. The County is hosting Childcare Resource Fairs in a few areas around the area, the goal is to attract people that are thinking about going into the childcare business. There are 6 grants available to be awarded to new providers.

Dunne stated that the County is hosting a follow up meeting to the Economic Growth Summit which was held in February. The Chisago Countywide Economic Growth Collaborative Meeting will be held on Thursday June 29th at 6:30pm at the Chisago Lake Township Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to find ways and areas to improve and collaborate among Chisago County entities. Dunne encouraged attendance and gave the commissioners the agenda for the meeting.

10. ADJOURN

Commissioner Rivers made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Dresel seconded; all ayes; the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Alisa Bodell
Executive Assistant