



**Approved**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Minutes  
07.11.23**

**Absent:**  
**Guests:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Staff in attendance was City Administrator John Pechman.

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

**2. APPROVE AGENDA: July 11, 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: June 13, 2023**

President Peterson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June 13<sup>th</sup> 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 June 27<sup>th</sup>. Council approved the city standard plate changes and established two election precincts with Hwy 8 being the dividing line. They also accepted the retirement of Dawn Meridith from the DMV, she will be retiring at the end of September. The Park and Planning commissions will hold a public hearing to recommend the commissions be resized from 7 to 5 commissioners with the option for 2 alternates. Scooters had a request approved to block off a section of their parking lot for patrons to watch the Ki-Chi-Saga Day parade.

## **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**

Chisago City Council will be having workshop meetings for the Highway 8 project, these meetings will help the city and county work together to get a scope of the project, what impacts the city will have, and the type of work being completed. Staff and council want to know the fine details. Commission discussed having a joint workshop with the council.

### **2. Downtown Street Project and Revitalization**

The project is in full swing, paving is being done now and curbs are in. The project is on schedule and should be completed prior to Ki-Chi-Saga days.

### **3. Land Development Activity**

There is interest in the property. Hoffman has visitors from DEED scheduled to visit the Chisago Lakes area this week and will show them the land.

### **4. Business Retention Initiative and Visits**

There have been 17 information letters sent out to business, 3 visits are completed. The last group of letters were sent to Gregory Contracting, Brinks Market, and Veritas Academy. Gregory Contracting is leaving the city and moving to Wyoming. Brinks Market is looking at possible expansion. Veritas has occupied the old Fairview building for a few years, Pechman would like to see them schedule a visit, Hoffman mentioned they contacted the county about the childcare programs and a potential childcare center in that building.

### **5. LEI Packaging**

## **9. NEW BUSINES**

Dunne wanted to give an update to the commission; there was a Lake Improvement District meeting, they are forming a task force to work on widening the channel between North Lindstrom and North Center Lakes. The LID is reaching out to all surrounding cities for anyone interested in participating.

## **10. ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Alisa Bodell  
Executive Assistant