

**City of North Saint Paul
February 15, 2022
Approved Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Furlong called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Thorsen
Council Member Petersen
Council Member Cole
Council Member Wong
Mayor Furlong

Staff: Acting City Manager Brian Frandle, Deputy Clerk Jennie Kloos, Communications
Consultant Kari Erpenbach

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Cole, seconded by Council Member Wong, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the agenda as submitted.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Wong, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the consent agenda, Resolution No. 2022-021 consisting of:

- A. February 1, 2022 special meeting minutes
- B. General Claims \$3,527,934.91
- C. HRA Claims \$355.58
- D. EDA Claims \$5,333.75
- E. LMCIT Municipal Tort Liability Waiver
- F. Resolution Approving Acceptance of Donations Received January 2022
- G. Building Permit Report – January 2022

VI. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

John Schmahl requested the City Council look into remaining non-profit organization funds and how they are being allocated.

VII. CITY BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no City Business Action Items and Recommendations.

VIII. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTS

Acting City Manager Brian Frandle provided updates on the electrical department, two new apprentice employees, and the five-year maintenance review cycle.

Mayor Furlong inquired about the city's plan to prepare for the use of electric cars and the energy consumption. Mr. Frandle stated the City has been planning for this and is looking into various options with different outlets, time specific programs or dual feed system.

Mayor Furlong questioned how the demand for power will be handled. Mr. Frandle stated the City will absorb some of the electricity based on time of day.

Mayor Furlong wondered if the city's current system could handle the increased usage during the summer months. Mr. Frandle stated in 1992 the City upsized the transformer to handle an increase in electricity load and the rest would be completed little by little by changing out wires.

Council Member Thoreson wondered if our electricity comes from different resources. Mayor Furlong added we only use Excel Energy to receive transmission lines.

Council Member Thoreson inquired about the rough breakdown of energy. Mr. Frandle stated approximately 20% is solar and wind and 80% is natural gas.

Council Member Wong spoke to how many residents are signed up for reusable energy sources and how that program is going.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Council Member Cole reported Silver Lake Improvement Association annual meeting was held February 7. He mentioned SLIA is still looking for two volunteers to serve a three-year term. He mentioned the website, www.silverlakensp.com for the more information. EDA meeting on February 8 was productive. A letter of intent to purchase buildings 2515 and 2517 7th Street is moving forward with the purchase agreement submitted before the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Furlong added he will be looking to set up a meeting with the Planning Commission, Economic Develop Authority and the City Council to look at contracts from the developers. Park and Recreation will meet next week to approve the Park and Recreation plan.

Council Member Wong mentioned the Arts and Culture Commission discussed partnering with Parks and Recreation during the summer months for some activities. She updated the appointments of chair and vice chair stating Commissioners Barton and Munge will co-chair. Planning Commission is working on the sign ordinance and discussed flooding concerns over the preliminary plat and variance.

Council Member Petersen attended League of MN Cities Advanced Leadership Conference. Council Member Petersen will put a notice out to residents stating the upcoming temporary noise. Mayor Furlong added the cold weather has hindered some progress but is looking forward to seeing the finished project.

Council Member Thorsen - none

Mayor Furlong stated the Highway 120 project had a public open house and discussed safety. Other meetings with multiple mayors discussed the current work force situation. Mayor Furlong met with the County Attorney, local police chiefs, other mayors, and City Council Members to discuss juvenile crime, primarily car theft, and come up with a plan to educate juveniles.

Council Member Cole noted a meeting March 1st at 10:30 am on zoom for Casey Lake wrap up.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no General Business.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Cole, seconded by Council Member Peterson, with all present voting aye (5-0), Mayor Furlong adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

/s/ Terrence J. Furlong, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Brian Frandle, Acting City Manager