

KASSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

6:00 PM

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular City Council meeting was held at City Hall on the 11th day of August, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Burton, Christensen, Egger, Ferris and McKern

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ABSENT: None

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Timothy Ibsch, City Clerk Linda Rappe, City Engineer Brandon Theobald, Police Chief Josh Hanson, City Attorney Melanie Leth, Finance Director Nancy Zaworski, Dave Dubbels, Tim O'Morro, EDA Consultant, Robert Harris III, Everett and April Paulson, Diane O'Brien, Kathy O'Malley, Paul Waushauer, Kenton Spading, Deborah Spading, Barbara Roushar, Justin Templen, and Mike Marti

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion to Approve the Agenda as presented made by Councilperson Christensen, second by Councilperson Egger with All Voting Aye

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from July 14, 2021

Claims processed after the July 14, 2021 regular meeting, as audited for payment

Committee/Commission/Board Minutes:

Fire Department Minutes July 2021

Fire Department Minutes August 2021

Library Board Minutes June 2021

Resolution for Delinquent Claims to be Certified to the County Auditor

Resolution #8.1-21

Resolution Certifying Delinquent Claims to the County Auditor

(on file)

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented made by Councilperson Burton, second by Councilperson Ferris with All Voting Aye.

VISITORS TO THE COUNCIL

KHP LLC Developers for the Historic Kasson School – Paul Warshauer and Kenton Spading – Paul Warshauer presented for Kasson Historic Properties (KHP). They have made an offer on the old school. This is to be called Water Tower Place. AWH is the Architect on this project and working with Widseth, Smith and Nolting (WSN) as their engineer. Their plan is to develop the school in to 28-30 market rate apartments for upscale seniors. There is no Section 8 or 42 or government sponsored affordable housing.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McKern highlighted the Festival in the Park coming this weekend. Mayor McKern thanked all of the volunteers and donors. Thanked Fiegel Farms for their large donation to Festival in the Park! The parade is on the NW side of town this year.

PUBLIC FORUM

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE REPORT

PZ Recommendation for Marti CUP – Administrator Ibisch stated that a conditional use permit is required to fill in the flood fringe. Mr. Marti would like to bring in 1000 yards of fill to make this lot ready for future construction. **Motion to Approve the Marti Conditional Use Permit made by Councilperson Burton, second by Councilperson Egger with All Voting Aye.**

Resolution #8.2-21

***Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit to Allow The Placement of Fill in Excess of 1,000 Cubic Yards in the Flood Fringe for the property at 603 3rd St SE
(on file)***

Fence Ordinance Recommendation – Administrator Ibisch stated that the Planning Commission defined what a wall is and the biggest changes is that if residents want to put their fence on the property line they have to go through a conditional use permit and there has to be an access agreement between the neighbors that would have to be filed with the properties. Councilperson Burton stated that one discussion was on the height of fence in the front yards and does not want to make decisions based on aesthetics. Councilperson Egger stated that aesthetics have been taken out of the ordinance.

Motion to Approve the Ordinance Revision made by Councilperson Christensen, second by Councilperson Egger with All Voting Aye.

Ordinance #8.1-2021

***Ordinance Regarding Fences and Walls
(on file)***

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution In support of MN Regional Transportation Planning – Administrator Ibisch stated that this is from the presenters at the last meeting. The language was amended to exclude specific dollar amounts but supports the Regional Transportation Planning.

Motion to Approve the Resolution made by Mayor McKern, second by Councilperson Egger with All Voting Aye.

Finance Director Zaworski asked where the money would come from, Administrator Ibisch stated it would come from ARPA funds but we are not putting any money into this until it takes effect.

Resolution #8.3-21

***Resolution In Support Of Southeast Minnesota Regional Transportation Planning for the creation of the Southeast Minnesota Regional Transportation System
(on file)***

NEW BUSINESS

Budget and Levy dates/Changes for December – Finance Director Zaworski stated that the County needs to know our dates for Levy for their advertisement. **Motion to Approve December 8, 2021 as the date of Levy Discussion and December 15 as a back up date for the Levy Discussion and Move the second Council Meeting in December from December 22 to December 15 made by Councilperson Ferris, second by Councilperson Burton with All Voting Aye.**

Proposed 2022 Budget – Mayor McKern asked everyone to go through this and we will discuss this at the next Council meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator’s Report – Administrator Ibisch went through his submitted report.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

PERSONNEL

Fire Fighter Leave of Absence Request – Skogerbo – Motion to Accept the LOA made by Councilperson Egler, second by Councilperson Christensen with All Voting Aye.

Fire Fighter Leave of Absence Request – Mickow - Motion to Accept the LOA made by Councilperson Ferris, second by Councilperson Burton with All Voting Aye.

Accept Lieutenant Alexander Request to step down from Lieutenant - Motion to Accept Alexander’s Request and thanked him for his service as Lieutenant made by Councilperson Burton, second by Councilperson Ferris with All Voting Aye.

Request from Fire Chief to Fill Lieutenant Position – Motion to Approve the Posting of the Position made by Councilperson Egler, second by Councilperson Christensen with All Voting Aye.

Request for unpaid LOA – Motion to Approve the Request made by Mayor McKern, second by Councilperson Burton with All Voting Aye.

ATTORNEY

Closed Session for Blaine’s Litigation

Closed at 6:33PM Pursuant to MN State Statute 13D.05

Opened 7:06PM – Update from Attorney on Litigation

Meeting Closed 7:07PM – Potential Reding Litigation

Opened at 7:22PM – Update from Attorney

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed

Administrator Ibisch highlighted the Article from the DCI and the Article on the Historic Wall – Update on the Wall from Park and Rec Director Unger stated that Mr. Dingly will start work on the wall in September. The Aquatic Center will be closing August 22 at 4:30PM

ADJOURN 7:33PM Motion to Adjourn made by Councilperson Christensen, second by Councilperson Ferris with all Voting Aye to Adjourn.

ATTEST:

Linda Rappe, City Clerk

Chris McKern, Mayor