

CITY OF SHOREWOOD
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021

5755 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. CONVENE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Labadie called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Labadie; Councilmembers Johnson, Siakel, and Callies; City Attorney Keane; City Administrator Lerud; Finance Director Rigdon; Planning Director Darling; Director of Public Works Brown; City Engineer Budde; and Julie Moore Communications and Recycling Coordinator.

Absent: None

B. Review Agenda

Johnson moved, Siakel seconded, approving the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Labadie reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda.

Callies moved, Gorham seconded, Approving the Motions Contained on the Consent Agenda and Adopting the Resolutions Therein.

- A. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2021
- B. Approval of the Verified Claims List
- C. LMCIT Insurance Waiver
- D. Calling for Special Meeting for Retreat, Adopting RESOLUTION NO. 21-083, "A Resolution Calling for Special City Council Meeting to Hold the City Council-Staff Retreat."
- E. Approve Mary Lake Agreement, City Project 19-09, Adopting RESOLUTION NO. 21-084, "A Resolution to Approve Agreement for the Mary Lake Outlet Project City Project 19-09."

All in favor, motion passed.

3. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Kristine Sanschagrín, 27725 Island View Road, stated that her family has lived in Shorewood for sixteen years and moved here because they were looking for the same small-town values that she and her husband grew up with in Maine and southeastern Minnesota. In the last five years, she has realized that the rights of citizens are unequal in the City and the only day of the year where citizens are valued equally is on election day. For the other days, certain citizens rights, and speech, are more valued more than others. The Shorewood City Council states in their public document, Shorewood City Values, a list of twelve values that the City makes decisions and acts on. She explained that two of the values are: fair and equal interpretation and enforcement of the City Code; and a reputation for dependability and integrity. She stated that if that was the case, why would City Attorney Keane state at a recent public hearing that Shorewood is a complaint-based community. She asked if that meant a fair and equal interpretation of the Code is based on complaints. The Council's responsibility is to provide fair and equal interpretation of the enforcement of the City Code and it should not matter if a complaint exists. The City Attorney has stated publicly, in a courtroom, that the City enforces all zoning violations and if that were true she would expect the Council to have a responsibility to live by and enforce codes they see that are not upheld. She stated that if that is not happening, it would be considered a dereliction of duty under the previously stated values. Mayor Labadie's private property has adjacent properties that violate the City zoning code, yet she chooses to ignore the violations and selectively enforce the code against other citizens in the community. She asked how Mayor Labadie is upholding the values that are one of the guiding principles of the City Council that she leads. She stated that her question for the community is how the citizens can believe equal enforcement of the zoning code should occur and if they choose to allow complaints as the enforcement, because it runs the risk of allowing the Mayor and the City Council the opportunity to choose who they enforce violations against. If enforcing all zoning code is the bedrock of our community, then it would make sense for the City Council members properties to be reviewed to determine if they meet City Zoning Codes.

Ms. Sanschagrín stated that engaging elected community members outside of the Council to review whether current code specifically impacts health, safety, and general welfare of the community could be a means to maintain and repeal codes in a timely manner. There is much more to comment on regarding inconsistent enforcement of citizen rights in this community, including the rights to free speech, access to public meetings, and public safety on the City streets.

Annika Sanschagrín, 27725 Island View Road, read aloud a letter from her father that expressed his opposition to the sign rules and any other new ordinances that the City is contemplating that unnecessarily restrict freedom, and expressed his opinion about enforcing the City Code through a complaint-based system.

Alan Yelsey, 26335 Peach Circle, asked if the meeting was operating under *Robert's Rule of Order*. Mayor Labadie stated that this portion of the meeting is not designed for questions and answers, but is a time for residents to make comments on items not on the agenda. She explained that she tries her best to follow *Robert's Rules of Order* and will follow the agenda that has been prepared and distributed by staff.

City Attorney Keane confirmed that the Council conducts its meetings under *Robert's Rules of Order*. Mr. Yelsey stated that he has a few points of order questions that are legitimate questions and are allowed under *Robert's Rules of Order*. He asked if the Council had authorized the interactive features in Zoom so that people at home can talk during the meeting.

Mayor Labadie stated that the Council has not authorized that. Mr. Yelsey asked if the Council intended to do so in the near future. Mayor Labadie asked City Attorney Keane to weigh in because he has thoroughly researched the issue.

City Attorney Keane stated that the legislature provided specific authorization for interactive non-attendee participation at meetings or remote participation, under the circumstances of the pandemic emergency and other qualified declared emergencies. He stated it is a narrow 'carve out' in the statute that allows for remote interactive participation under those circumstances. He stated that the City has returned to regular order and the meetings are conducted in the public forum. He stated that the City does, as a service, offer the function to attend the meeting via Zoom through the website, but the statute does not allow or authorize remote participation in regular order or when there is not an emergency declaration.

Mr. Yelsey stated that he has informed the City that they are in violation of discrimination laws because he has asked them to enable the feature of speech for people in the City, including members of his family who are unable to attend this meeting and speak, but can do so from home. He stated that State laws regarding discrimination, including the City's own laws and Federal laws require making accommodations in a public forum for anyone receiving a service from the government. He asked if the City was aware of those laws.

City Attorney Keane stated that he is aware of the accommodation requirements for those with special needs and disabilities. Mr. Yelsey stated that he has formally requested those accommodations and it is illegal to not respond and to not provide those accommodations if they are easily and readily available without any undue stress on the City.

City Attorney Keane stated that the legislature has set forth statutes that clearly enunciate certain meeting protocols, requirements, and among those, the legislature addressed when remote participation is authorized.

Mr. Yelsey stated that he is not referring to remote participation at all and stated that he has not brought it up. He stated that he is talking about making accommodations for people who are seniors, have mobility issues, are homebound, or people that do not want to risk coming into a public forum and getting COVID. He asked why the City is not making the accommodation as he has formally requested in a letter to the City two weeks ago.

City Attorney Keane stated that they have not done it because it is contrary to State statute to have remote participation when regular order is returned. Mr. Yelsey stated that the Minnesota Open Meetings law has a segment that is relatively new that says if you are using a social media, which is Zoom, during the meeting, you must make it available to all residents. He stated that it says that explicitly in the Minnesota Open Meetings law and he called that to the attention of the Council two weeks ago.

Mayor Labadie suggested that Mr. Yelsey can reach out to City Attorney Keane to deal with this specific issue at a different time. She stated that he has already exceeded his three minutes and stated that she was willing to give him some leeway, but asked him to finish up his comments.

Mr. Yelsey stated that this is an example of the Council's inability to accommodate the citizens of the City. He read aloud a statement that stated that they demand a, by the people democracy, that embraces free and participative speech. The people of Shorewood, expect our Mayor, City

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Council and staff to treat all residents equally, be completely open, honest, and inclusive, to proactively embrace the diverse needs of its residents, to protect free speech, to follow the will of the electorate, and above all, always reach out to the community for input before any plans, budgets, or actions are initiated and input throughout any project, including measurement. The Mayor, City Council and staff have been asked to fully honor these reasonable expectations for a healthy democracy. Voices have been consistently denied, ignored, and sometimes treated with contempt. He stated that the Mayor had asked them to be respectful in this meeting and she treated him with contempt when he spoke last time because she made comments as soon as he sat down that were disrespectful, sarcastic, and damaged the integrity of what he was saying. He shared a list that he stated documented actions by the Mayor and City Council that dismantle the fragile and precious democracy that included things such as, denial of seniors and people with disabilities the right to speak from home via Zoom during meetings, passed a right-of-way ordinance that prohibits any signs from being placed in the right-of-way, and consistently refuses to solicit citizen input in the form of surveys.

Mayor Labadie thanked Mr. Yelsey for his comments and stated that they have been noted for the record.

City Attorney Keane stated that to address the question presented by Mr. Yelsey regarding access and participation remotely, that would require a change in State Statute and explained that the remedy Mr. Yelsey seeks would be with the State legislature to provide that mechanism. Mr. Yelsey presented a copy of the Minnesota Open Laws Meeting Statute to City Attorney Keane. Mayor Labadie asked that copies of this document be distributed to the Council.

David Cooley, 24725 Smithtown Road, stated that from his viewpoint, he sees a bench full of upper middle class, condescending individuals. He stated that he is a veteran and feels that the Council has treated Mr. Yelsey terribly and should be ashamed of themselves. He stated that he risked his life to fight in a war for the United States for them and stated that if he had his way, he would kick every one of them off the Council, which has been done in the City's past. He stated that he would like to have something in written form of what the citizens have to do to have a recall election and to be able to have citizen initiatives, which he feels they all should be armed with. He stated that they were put on the Council to represent the people and they do not sound anything like that is what they are doing. He stated that he was ashamed of Mayor Labadie's behavior tonight. He stated that when it comes to signs, he does not want to see one single contractor sign along the roadside or a sign that represents law enforcement or one U.S. flag along the road. He stated that the Council is looking for a sanitary, pie in the sky situation where nobody does anything.

Greg Larson, 25535 Orchard Circle, stated that last winter, supposedly at the request of Chief Meehan, the Council, through an ordinance, placed limits on public protest. He stated that the ordinance was not, and is not needed and, in his opinion, is an affront to free speech and assembly. He stated that he is not here to debate that ordinance but to suggest that the Council, for now, place a moratorium on new ordinances and instead focus on existing public safety laws such as reckless driving and speeding which have greatly increased over the last few years. He stated that he is tired of waiting for the City Council to prioritize public safety and tired of waiting for the police to enforce existing laws. He stated that sometime within the next month, he will be sponsoring, at his expense, a people's forum on street safety. He stated that he may hold it at the community center and the mayors of Shorewood, Excelsior, and Tonka Bay, along with the chief of police will be invited to listen. He explained that after that forum, they will expect the cities

and the police department to host a future forum and provide a unified and detailed plan on how to improve street safety across the entire community

Wallace W. Piroyan, Jr. 24845 Glen Road, stated that he met with the police chief last July regarding the issue brought up by Mr. Larson, regarding protesting. He stated that they had a good conversation and he was able to express what their intensions were at the time to protest what was going on and each of the Council's homes were going to be protested. He stated that he knows Chief Meehan is a man of integrity and will attest to the fact that at no time in the conversation was anything brought up about screaming, yelling, use of profanity, bull horns, or any type of thing that would disturb the neighborhood which is the definition of peaceful protest. He stated that has unfortunately fallen under the category of an ordinance so that first amendment right has also been blocked. He stated that he would guess that at some point in Chief Meehan's career, he swore an oath to the Constitution, just like he did when he served in the military. He stated that he takes the Constitution very seriously and knows that the First Amendment means a lot especially if it is done respectfully and honorably. He stated that the question becomes, now that they have passed this ordinance, what will be next. There are many communities moving towards amending things pertaining to the Second Amendment and he would be curious to find out what their private meetings are pertaining to finding out lists of people who own AR-15s or other assault weapons and find out what ways their rights can be truncated. He stated that it is really a shame and while he is proud that they recite the Pledge of Allegiance, he does not think the Council actually believes in any of it.

Rich Eng, 25170 Glen Road, stated that there is a famous man on the front of the two-dollar bill that he feels is appropriate for tonight who said, "when the people fear the government, that is tyranny, but when the government fears the people, that is freedom". This City Council and City staff are eroding the rights of the people and he questions where it will end. He stated that he is here to inform the Council that he does not fear them and would hope and pray that the rest of the City would also stand with him and tell them that they also do not fear this Council or their decisions. He stated that they are here to ensure that the Constitution and their rights will be followed through because they all took an Oath of Office for this City.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Mike Meehan, Chief SLMPD – 2022 Budget Presentation

Chief Meehan, SLMPD gave an overview of the 2022 Budget and noted that the operating budget was unanimously approved by the Coordinating Committee on July 14, 2021. He noted that the overall increase was 3% and the effect on the cities, minus the reallocation of the funding formula was 3.9% which was due to a drop in the surplus revenue from the previous year so there was not as much roll-over. He explained that 2022 will be a lean year, for the department, budget-wise.

Councilmember Siakel stated that there were some public comments shared this evening regarding speeding and thinks that there is an impression that the Council does not take those concerns seriously, which she disagrees with. She asked Chief Meehan if he had any comments that he could share regarding this issue.

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Chief Meehan stated that they get a lot of traffic complaints from many neighborhoods. He stated that there are a department with sixteen sworn officers and have other calls for service. There is a directed patrol program when they take complaints from neighborhoods and have periods where they can concentrate enforcement in that area and rotate that around between the speed trailer and enforcement. The list of neighborhoods has grown exponentially since he started the program around 2016. He explained that it is a difficult thing and they do their best to fairly enforce the traffic laws and speed limits and many times ticket people who live in the neighborhood.

Mayor Labadie asked Chief Meehan if he would be willing to accept questions from the audience. Chief Meehan stated that he would be happy to answer questions. Greg Larson, 25535 Orchard Circle, stated that he thinks the police department should ask for more money and clarified that he is not a 'defund the police' guy.

Chief Meehan stated that this is a police department that services four different communities and they all have different budget concerns. Mr. Larson stated that he respects that Chief Meehan is trying to keep the budget down, but he feels the police department should be first in line to be able to get a few extra officers that can be put on patrol to specifically go after the few people who are the ones who are really causing problems.

Councilmember Siakel stated that she thinks the City has been very supportive of public safety and are one of four cities who share in the budget and have sat at the table and spoken up on behalf of that. Chief Meehan stated that he would not disagree and noted that there are four communities that all have different priorities. He stated that if he thought he could get a 12% budget increase, he would present it.

Kristine Sanschagrín, 27725 Island View Road, asked about the placement of stop signs and asked if that the is the responsibility of the police department. Chief Meehan stated that it was not the responsibility of the police department and would be city engineering and Public Works departments.

Ms. Sanschagrín stated that with regard to public safety, she has three young drivers and as she has driven around with them in the community, she has noticed how many stop signs are impossible for young drivers to accurately stop and be able to see down the street for oncoming traffic. She stated that she thinks this is a huge problem in the City and stated that she has begun taking photographs of all the poor stop sign placement throughout the City. She stated that if the City is concerned about public safety, she would recommend that this be a high priority for the community and that it be addressed. She stated that there are also a lot of overgrown bushes and trees that get in the way of seeing either bicycles, pedestrian, or vehicles.

Mayor Labadie noted that the City has the See-Click-Fix program where people can report issues. A man from the audience asked if he could ask Chief Meehan a question that was outside of the financial scope of the budget.

Mayor Labadie stated that the scope of tonight's presentation was the budget, but she was sure Chief Meehan would be happy to receive a phone call to discuss other issues. Rich Eng, asked if Chief Meehan takes a squad car home to his personal residence day in and day out. Chief Meehan stated that he takes a department car. Mr. Eng asked how many other officers do that on a weekly or monthly basis. Chief Meehan stated that there are three officers in total.

Mr. Yelsey asked what two more officers who would focus somewhat on traffic issues would cost the City. Chief Meehan stated that an officer generally costs between \$100,000 to \$115,000/year. He stated that if you were to try to hire someone just to do traffic stops, that may be a difficult hire, considering the hiring environment right now.

Mr. Yelsey asked if those costs would also cover a squad car. Chief Meehan stated that there are operating costs that go along with the position but does not know, off the top of his head, if they would need to add another squad for two more officers.

Mayor Labadie asked how many new officers were recently sworn into the SLMPD. Chief Meehan stated that they had five officers sworn into the department and noted that there are more coming. He explained that right now, it is a challenging environment to hire and retain law enforcement officers because of the current climate. He stated that they have lost quite a few officers and have hired a lot of good, young officers, but it is a very competitive and challenging hiring environment.

Johnson moved, Siakel seconded, Approving the 2022 Operating Budget for the SLMPD as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

Chief Meehan stated that the support of the elected officials and the community from the four cities matters a great deal to the department.

B. GreenCorps Presentation – Keely Shultz

Keely Shultz, GreenCorps gave a brief presentation of GreenCorps and her time serving the City. She stated that her service time began in September 2020 and will end in August of 2021. She explained that she worked with the City on waste reduction, recycling, and organics management. She reviewed the overall goals of reducing waste, increasing and improving recycling and composting and equipping residents and staff with knowledge. She stated that one of the big areas where she has focused this year was on recycling education and noted that she was supervised by Julie Moore who is the Communications and Recycling Coordinator for the City which has allowed for some good channels for broadening the educational reach of the programs. She stated that she has utilized social media to post throughout the year and noted that the City has received a 136% increase in their Instagram followers. She stated that she also worked on updating the disposal directory binder that outlines things like where people can dispose of tires or mattresses. She stated that she has written monthly articles for the City newsletter and reviewed some of the topics she covered in recent months as well as some of the social media posts that she made in an effort to educate people. She noted that another project she worked on was the community facilities benchmarking project which was initially supposed to just cover City Hall, the Community Center, and the Public Works building with the goal to improve recycling, composting, and waste reduction infrastructure in City facilities, however due to COVID-19 and working remotely for a large portion of the year, many of the in persons aspects had to be delayed or taken out. She stated that what she worked on instead was doing a lot of research and creating a report of how similar facilities have reduced their waste as a resource for the City. She surveyed staff about their habits with throwing things away, composting, and recycling at work to garner ideas and these have also been included in her report. She stated that SLMPD and Excelsior Fire District reached out to her to assist with recycling at their facilities. She stated that she was able to conduct an audit, give them suggestions, and make signs to assist in their efforts. She stated that one of the tedious duties that she did was unsubscribe staff from various junk mailings that they had been receiving to help reduce the unwanted mail and the time staff deals with their

mail. She assisted with the City's spring clean-up event and shared examples of some of the projects she worked on to help with the event. She stated that she took pictures of all the dogs that came through the event and, with the owner's permission, posted them on the City's social media accounts and explained that ended up being the most liked post from her time at the City. She noted that she also worked on recycling at the parks because there had been a lot of contamination in the recycling bins and due to their efforts, they have seen the contamination rates decrease. She gave an overview of the Feet on the Street recycling project and the preliminary results of the program. She expressed her appreciation to City staff and residents for the opportunity to work with them this past year.

A gentleman from the audience expressed his appreciation to Ms. Shultz for her time and wanted her to know she really did make an impact in the community.

Councilmember Callies stated that she feels that the City was very lucky to be able to have Ms. Shultz and noted that she feels she has great communication skills and is glad she will be putting those to use in her future career path. Mayor Labadie thanked Ms. Shultz for her work over the last year and stated that she thinks residents learned a lot from her and she will be missed when she leaves.

6. PARKS

A. Report by Commissioner Heinz and Commissioner Hirner on July 27, 2021 Park Commission Meeting

Commissioner Hirner gave an overview of the July 27, 2021 Park Commission meeting as reflected in the minutes, especially surrounding the Three Rivers LRT Trailhead Connection in Freeman Park.

Mayor Labadie suggested that interested audience members attend the next Park Commission meeting on August 10, 2021 in order to get more information and ask questions of the entire Commission.

Commissioner Heinz gave an overview of the July 27, 2021 meeting including some of the upcoming things related to parks in the City.

B. Three Rivers LRT Trailhead Connection in Freeman Park

Planning Director Darling explained that the Three Rivers Park District approached the City about the idea of adding an official trailhead connection to the Lake Minnetonka LRT. They are proposing to pay for the initial trail connection, with the City being responsible for maintaining the trail in the future. She stated that the Parks Commission spent time discussion pros and cons of all the options and their preferred option was Option #3.

Councilmember Gorham asked about the next steps and when Three Rivers Park District would come back to the City. Planning Director Darling stated that they will put together a preliminary report and then get their Board's approval of the final design. City Administrator Lerud stated that the agreement will come back before the Council and they will share the plans for the work.

Johnson moved, Labadie seconded, to Authorize staff to begin discussing an agreement with Three Rivers Park District on the preferred location of Option #3 for an LRT Trailhead Connection in Freeman Park. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilmember Johnson noted that there is some graffiti on the Freeman Park sign. Planning Director Darling stated that was unfortunate because the City had just had the sign cleaned a few weeks ago.

C. Authorize Purchase of Community Garden Fence at South Shore Park

Planning Director Darling stated that the Park Commission has been working over the last year to expand the community gardens at South Shore Community Park due to the increased demand for garden plots. She stated that the City has informally added nine garden plots just by using more portable fencing and would like to now add those within the permanent fencing. She stated that the quote to extend the chain link fence is \$3,705 which would not be installed until sometime in the fall after the gardening season. She stated that they have considered expanding the gardens even more but believe that they are at capacity due to the amount of sun and trees in the park. Staff and the Park Commission recommend approval.

Johnson moved, Gorham seconded, to Approve RESOLUTION NO. 21-087, “A Resolution Approving the Extension of Fencing and Accepting a Quote from Dakota Unlimited for a fence at South Shore Community Park gardens.”

7. PLANNING

8. ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS

9. GENERAL/NEW BUSINESS

A. Repeal Section 110 of City Code – Domestic Partner Registry

City Administrator Lerud stated that the City has been engaged in a review of the City Code to update language and remove sections that are no longer relevant or needed. He explained that ten years ago, the City adopted an Ordinance that created a domestic partner registry in order to allow residents who were not married, but in committed relationships, access to benefits by registering. Minnesota law changed and a certificate from the City is no longer needed in order for domestic partners to access these benefits. He noted that only three couples have registered under the program and the most recent was 2013. He stated that repealing this portion of the Code will not have any impact on anyone currently registered. Staff recommends repealing this section of the Code.

Councilmember Gorham stated that he has not seen many other cities repeal their ordinance and noted that he wanted to make sure that things like hospital visitation rights are covered. City Administrator Lerud stated that he believes very few cities had even adopted a Domestic Partner Registry and thinks the City was one of only a handful of cities that did so. He stated that insurance rules and regulations have all changed since 2011.

Councilmember Siakel stated that the City put this progressive ordinance into effect a number of years ago and State law has caught up to the City so it is unnecessary for this to be on the books.

City Administrator Lerud stated that was correct and the fact that it is has been eight years since anyone registered is also an indication that the benefits that were provided by this portion of Code are available elsewhere.

Mayor Labadie stated that this was not a public hearing item, but offered the opportunity for members of the audience to weigh on this matter, however, no one expressed any interest.

Councilmember Gorham stated that if there is any chance that the City is limiting someone in the future to get employer benefits or some other right, that would concern him. City Administrator Lerud stated that the ordinance came about at a time when the City recognized those rights were not available and they are now. He explained that if there comes a time where there are rights that have been excluded, the City can step in and look at adopting an ordinance that would address those issues.

City Administrator Lerud stated that the Council is free to take no action and not repeal it and it will continue to stay on the books. He stated that making sure the City Code is relevant has been happening for years and this is one of those times when the Code is being cleaned up.

Councilmember Callies stated that she does not think the Council should be afraid to keep the Code current and relevant, and this is an appropriate housekeeping matter. Mayor Labadie stated that when she reviews the language, she is proud that the City was such a forerunner in guaranteeing domestic partner/same sex couple rights and the State has finally caught up to the City's forward thinking.

Callies moved, Johnson seconded, Adopting ORDINANCE NO. 580, "An Ordinance Repealing Shorewood City Code Chapter 110, Domestic Partnership Registry." Johnson, Siakel, Callies and Labadie in favor. Gorham opposed. Motion passed 4-1.

10. STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Administrator and Staff

City Engineer Budde stated that the Glen/Amlee/Manitou project is scheduled for paving next week and final restoration the following week. The mill and overlay project should be completed by the end of the week of August 23, 2021.

Planning Director Darling stated that the new permitting software is fully in operation and available on the website. She stated that contractors have been applying for permits and it seems to be working very smoothly. In general, City staff is happy about having cloud-based storage and not having to scan all of the documents that have been submitted and will eventually cut down on staff time spent doing this type of work.

City Attorney Keane explained that he had tried to make it clear in his earlier explanation about use of Zoom or remote participation that it is simply not allowed under State law and noted that the Statute, as amended in 2021 is clear. He encouraged people to talk to their legislators if they would like Council's to be able to entertain discussions from remote locations.

Councilmember Johnson asked about the comment made that Zoom is social media. He stated that personally, he views Zoom as a video conferencing tool, and not social media. City Attorney Keane stated that is correct and social media has typically been Twitter and Facebook platforms.

Councilmember Callies stated that in reviewing some of the materials submitted by Mr. Yelsey, there is an article that refers to Zoom as social media, but she agrees that the Statute, when it was amended in the last legislative session talks about interactive technology, and Zoom, in the common definition would be an interactive technology.

B. Mayor and City Council

Councilmember Gorham gave a brief update regarding the Tour de Tonka event held last weekend and explained that there had been a mistake and all the riders were directed to the longer route.

Councilmember Siakel commended Mayor Labadie for how she ran a difficult meeting tonight. She stated that there were a lot of people in attendance and felt some of the comments were inappropriate and misguided. She stated that the public is welcome to come forward anytime and you do not always have to agree with the Council, but the way you do it is important.

Mayor Labadie noted that several people presented documents this evening and assured the public that those documents will be reviewed and outlined the parameters for getting the documents to the City in time for it to be included in the meeting packets.


11. ADJOURN

Johnson moved, Siakel seconded, Adjourning the City Council Regular Meeting of August 9, 2021, at 8:50 P.M. All in favor, motion passed.

ATTEST:



Sandie Thone, City Clerk



Jennifer Labadie, Mayor