

# MINUTES

## Greenwood City Council

7pm, Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Deephaven Council Chambers

20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331



### 1. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL | APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

**Mayor Kind called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.**

Members Present: Councilmembers Tom Fletcher, Brian Malo, Bill Cook, Kristi Conrad (arrived 7:02pm)

Staff Members Present: City Assistant Administrator Shanda Wilhelmy (via Zoom)

**Motion by Kind to approve the agenda. Second by Malo. Motion passed 4-0.**

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve: 03.01.23 Assessor Worksession Minutes
- B. Approve: 03.01.23 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- C. Approve: Feb Profit & Loss
- D. Approve: YTD Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
- E. Approve: Feb Cash Summary
- F. Approve: March Check Detail
- G. Approve: April Payroll Report
- H. Approve: Ordinance 329 Recyclables Collection Charges
- I. Approve: July 4<sup>th</sup> Contribution to Chamber of Commerce

**Motion by Kind to approve the consent agenda. Second by Cook. Motion passed 4-0.**

### 3. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

- A. Greenwood resident Keith Stuessi of 5000 Meadville Street addressed the council in regards to his concerns over property tax rate increases over the last couple of years.

### 4. PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, GUESTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Guest: Lt. Bret Cline, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, Annual Water Patrol Update

Lieutenant Bret Cline addressed the city council with the first annual water patrol update. He presented statistics from over the last few years. Approximately 90% of calls from St. Albans Bay were disturbance related calls. There were 1,701 traffic violations on Lake Minnetonka with 1,485 of those were given a verbal warning. There were 48 Boating While Intoxicated citations in Minnesota last year with 15 of those citations from Lake Minnetonka over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. There has been a decrease in boating activity on the lake since the end of the Covid 19 pandemic with 5,000 fewer boater registrations.

The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) voted to increase the no-wake zone to be within 300 feet of the shore, and this new rule will come into effect this boating season. The LMCD will purchase buoys for marking the new no-wake zone area on the lake. Water Patrol will be providing boater education about this change.

**No council action taken.**

- B. Announcement: CliftonLarsonAllen, Status of Required Reports to the Office of the State Auditor

The city's auditor completed the financial reports for 2022 and filed those reports to the Office of the State Auditor on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The reports were emailed to the city council. The reports are also available to the public upon request.

- C. Announcement: Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting Convenes, 6pm 04.13.23

- D. Announcement: City Council / Planning Commission Joint Worksession, ~~8pm~~ 7pm 05.10.23

### 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. NONE

6. ACTION RELATED TO PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. NONE

7. PLANNING, ZONING & SUBDIVISION ITEMS

A. NONE

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consider: Greenwood Market Tobacco and Gas Station Licenses for Mar-Dec 2023, 21380 State Hwy 7

At the January city council meeting, the council approved the tobacco and gas station licenses for the Greenwood Market through March 2, 2023. At the March city council meeting, the council approved the tobacco and gas station licenses for the Greenwood Market through April 6, 2023. This item was added to the agenda for council consideration to extend the licenses beyond April 6, 2023.

Councilman Fletcher provided an update. The extra dumpster on the property has been removed. The remaining dumpster still needs to be put into the enclosure. Curb Waste is the new provider and needs to move the dumpster into the enclosure. The enclosure is also in poor repair. Greenwood resident Brandon Full of 21320 Excelsior Blvd. spoke about the security issues and concerns with the Greenwood Market. There have been break-ins with the windows broken as a result. Councilman Fletcher said it is a management issue more so than a security issue.

**Motion by Cook to extend the tobacco and gas station license for the Greenwood Market until the 05.04.23 and add this item to the May council meeting agenda to consider extending the license beyond 05.04.23 pending the dumpster is placed within its enclosure. In addition, a written notice will be sent to Greenwood Market with the 2024 renewal about the requirements to have the dumpster in its enclosure and its needed repairs to be completed for future license renewal. Second by Fletcher. Motion passed 5-0.**

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion: Proposed Legislation Regarding Met Council Climate Action Plan SF2790, Native Landscapes SF2613, and EMS SF2691

Councilman Fletcher provided an update on proposed legislation. Senator Morrison was invited to attend the April council meeting, but was not available.

**Motion by Cook to formally invite Senator Morrison to attend the May council meeting, and write a letter to her asking that legislation SF2790 and SF2613 be considered local initiatives. Second by Conrad. Motion passed 5-0.**

B. Discuss: St. Alban's Bay Lake Improvement District Contribution

**Motion by Malo to defer consideration of the St. Alban's Bay Lake Improvement District contribution until further information is available on SABLID and to have this item put on the July city council meeting. Second by Cook. Motion passed 4-0.**

10. OTHER BUSINESS

A. NONE

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Conrad: Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission, Park & Tennis Court

- LMCC – Conrad unable to attend the LMCC scheduled conference on 3/16/23. Councilman Fletcher attended this event on behalf of Conrad. LMCC revenues have decreased as more people are not purchasing cable TV services. Cable franchise fees are their only revenue source. There will be a shortfall, and the member cities could possibly make up the shortfall. Greenwood's share would be about \$5,000 per year. Recorded city council meetings provided by the LMCC is a public service. Tonka Bay is no longer a member of the LMCC. They provide their council meeting recordings online, but it is a poorer quality recording compared to what is provided by the LMCC. Councilman Cook asked that an updated balance report from the LMCC be provided to the council, and inquire with DeePhaven and Excelsior as to their plans on continuing to be a member city of the LMCC.

- Park & Tennis Court – No updates.
- Trees – City Forester Manuel was unable to perform the planned city ash tree treatments in 2022 due to drought. He also inquired if the city would like him to apply for tree grants from Hennepin County. Councilman Fletcher asked that Conrad inquire with Manuel about his costs of preparing the grant versus the amount of potential grant money available. It will be \$2,000 to take down a tree that is a safety issue at the park.

**Motion by Fletcher to authorize Conrad to coordinate with the City Forester to remove the park tree that poses a safety issue. Second by Cook. Motion passed 5-0.**

*View report at LMCC-TV.org.*

B. Cook: LMCD, SABLID, Public Works Committee, City Docks

- LMCD – LMCD is in the process of developing a new vision for the executive manager. The permanent executive manager position should be filled around September/October of this year. Previous candidates were city government/administrative personnel, which is more expensive. Communications and office management are more important skills when selecting the next candidate.
- SABLID – No report.
- Public Works – No report.
- City Docks – There was no turnover in the dock assignments this year. The dock waiting list currently has 50 residents waiting for a dock slip.

*View report at LMCC-TV.org. No council action taken.*

C. Fletcher: Fire, Administrative Committee

- Police – Malo attended the police ceremony to swear in the newly hired officers to the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department. Fletcher attended the retirement celebration for Sergeant Williams on 2/27/23.
- Fire – Fletcher believes that the budget next year will be flat. In 2025 budget will increase as costs increase. Assistant Chief interviews have been conducted for three talented candidates, and a candidate has been selected for the job.
- Administrative Committee – No report.
- EMS – Hennepin Health response times, and fire response times discussed with concerns that response times to Greenwood (and other surrounding communities) are slow compared to other cities in Minnesota. Majority of the fire calls are medical calls, approximately 80%.

*View report at LMCC-TV.org. No council action taken.*

D. Kind: Police, Administrative Committee, Public Works Committee, Mayors' Meetings

- Police – Stats reports were emailed to councilmembers.
- Administrative Committee – Luck of the Lake event resulted in resident complaints on not being able to access or leave their residences for an excessive amount of time due to the event road closures. Councilmember Cook also experienced excessive wait time and rude behavior from officers at the event. All three access points to the city were shut down for about an hour and a half.

**Motion by Fletcher that the Administrative Committee work with SLMPD to develop and present a set of written expectations at the next council meeting for all events that occur within Greenwood. Second by Conrad. Motion passed 5-0.**

- Public Works Committee – No report.
- Mayors' Meetings – No report.

*View report at LMCC-TV.org. No council action taken.*

E. Malo: Planning Commission, Minnetonka Community Education

- Planning Commission – The March and April meetings were canceled.

- Minnetonka Community Education – MCE had a customer feedback event. The top costumer registered for 32 events in one year. Their ratings were 4.2 stars for quality and 4.3 stars for service.

*View report at LMCC-TV.org. No council action taken.*

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Cook to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. Second by Conrad. Motion passed 5-0.**

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