



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS THE CITY OF NEW BRIGHTON

Pursuant to notice thereof, a regular meeting of the New Brighton City Council was held Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the New Brighton Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas, Councilmembers Abdulle, Allen, Axberg and Dunsworth
Absent:

Also Present: Devin Massopust-City Manager, Sarah Sonsalla-City Attorney (attending remotely), Gina Foschi-Finance Director, Dustin Lind-Engineering Supervisor, Craig Schlichting-Director of Community Assets and Development, Ben Gozola-Assistant Director of Community Assets and Development

Call to Order

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Forum

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas opened the Public Forum for comments from the public. There were no comments from the public.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the October 10, 2023 Council Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Abdulle, seconded by Councilmember Dunsworth to approve the agenda as submitted.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried

Special Order of Business

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Consider Approval of Payments.
2. Approve City Council Minutes:
 - a. September 26, 2023 Worksession Meeting Minutes.
 - b. September 26, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Accept Receipt of Commission Minutes: None.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Forum

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Special Order of Business

Consent Agenda

1. Consider Approval of Payments.
2. Approve City Council Minutes:
 - a. September 26, 2023 Worksession.
 - b. September 26, 2023 City Council.
3. Accept Receipt of Commission Minutes: None.
4. Res. Approving a Lease Agr. with Dish

4. Consider a Resolution Approving a Lease Agreement with Dish Wireless LLC to Authorize Installation of Communications Equipment on the City Water Tower at 700 Silver Lake Road.
5. Consideration of F-250 with Plow Purchase.
6. Consideration of F-150 with Lift Gate Purchase.
7. Consider Resolution Ordering No Parking Signage on Searles Street Adjacent to Lions Park.
8. Consider Authorization for the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the MN Department of Public Safety for Multicultural Driver Education.
9. Consider Authorization to Purchase Splash Pad Equipment from CRS for Lions Park.

Motion by Councilmember Dunsworth, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried

Public Hearing

1. Project 22-1, 2022 Street Rehabilitation Assessment Hearing.

City Manager Massopust indicated Engineering Supervisor Lind would be presenting this item to the Council.

Engineering Supervisor Lind stated the approval of City Project 22-1, 2022 Street Rehabilitation included the recommendation that costs associated with the street rehabilitation portion of the project be funded by general taxes and assessments against benefiting properties in the project area. The history of this project was reviewed in detail by staff and it was noted Minnesota State Statute 429 requires a Public Hearing be held to adopt the proposed assessments. The final project costs were discussed with the Council. The 2023 Special Assessment Report was reviewed in further detail along with the project costs, assessment rates, project location maps, and the resolution necessary for the adoption of the assessments.

Motion by Councilmember Abdulle, seconded by Councilmember Allen to open the Public Hearing.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:47 p.m.

Julie Foster, 779 7th Avenue NW, asked if the interest would be charged monthly on the unpaid balance of the assessment until it is paid off. She questioned who would be profiting from this interest over the ten year period.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas asked for additional comments, there were none.

Wireless LLC to Authorize Installation of Communications Equipment on the City Water Tower at 700 Silver Lake Road.

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Public Hearing

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Motion by Councilmember Dunsworth, seconded by Councilmember Axberg to close the Public Hearing.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

Councilmember Allen explained recent legislation from the State ruled that cities could not assess for mill and overlay projects. He questioned how this would impact the City long term. Community Assets and Development Director Schlichting reported staff has identified costs based on two miles per year being replaced and noted the City was in a good position. He indicated the City typically does a full rehab of streets, versus mill and overlay projects, in order to get a longer life out of its streets.

Councilmember Abdulle asked how a mill and overlay project was defined. Community Assets and Development Director Schlichting stated a mill and overlay project was in the 2" range.

Councilmember Abdulle requested further information on how corner lots were assessed. Engineering Supervisor Lind described how corner lots were assessed by the City, stated the short side of the lot was assessed and not the long side. He noted these properties were only assessed once.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas requested staff speak to the questions that were raised during the Public Hearing. Community Assets and Development Director Schlichting discussed the cost of carrying assessments with the County. He noted the 3% interest rate charged by the County was rather low when considering the current value of money. He explained residents would have the option to pay off their assessment early without a penalty if funds became available.

Councilmember Abdulle asked if the City always charged a 3% interest rate. Community Assets and Development Director Schlichting reported this was the case noting the City tries to keep its assessments as low as possible.

Motion by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Axberg to adopt a Resolution approving the 2023 Special Assessment Report for Project 22-1, 2022 Street Rehabilitation.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried

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None.

Commission Liaison Reports, Announcements and Updates

Devin Massopust

City Manager Massopust reported Tails on the Trails was held on Sunday, October 8. He thanked Maria Larson and the entire Parks and Recreation Department for coordinating this event.

Graeme Allen

Councilmember Allen reported the Planning Commission would meet next on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Emily Dunsworth

Councilmember Dunsworth reported the Public Safety Commission met on Monday, October 9 and reviewed and scored three different RFPs for the staffing assessment.

Pam Axberg

Councilmember Axberg reported PREC met on Wednesday, October 4 and the group reviewed

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their work plan. She acknowledged that today was World Homelessness Day and thanked the City for all the good work they do to address homelessness.

Abdullahi Abdulle

Councilmember Abdulle reported the EDC did not meet in October. He acknowledged that Monday, October 9 was Indigenous Peoples Day.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas

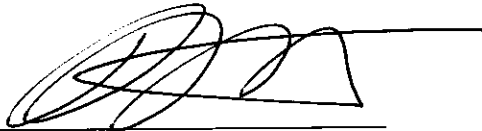
Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas reported Wednesday, October 11 would be the last outdoor farmers market and this would be held at the Community Center from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. She noted the indoor winter market would begin on Wednesday, November 8 at the Community Center. She wished the Irondale Knights the best of luck at the Youth in Music State Competition. She stated the historical society would be hosting an event on Sunday, October 15 at the Community Center. She noted on Monday, October 16 she would be participating in a Keller Williams State of the City event in Roseville. She indicated the Equity Commission would be meeting next on Thursday, October 19. She invited the public to attend the pumpkin walk on Saturday, October 21 at Veteran's Park. She stated the City Council would meet next on Tuesday, October 24.


Adjournment

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

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The meeting adjourned
at 7:09 p.m.


Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Terri Spangrud, City Clerk