

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Kirby presiding. Council Members present: Huntington, Schlueter, Touhey, and Williams. Also participating: City Administrator, Joe Roby, City Clerk, Lindsey Dhaene

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Huntington seconded by Council Member Schlueter to agenda as presented. Voting in favor: Kirby, Huntington, Schlueter, Touhey, and Williams. Motion carried 5-0.
4. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Touhey seconded by Council Member Schlueter to approve the following consent agenda as presented:
 - 4A. City Council Minutes 06/26/2023
 - 4B. Disbursements Through July 10, 2023 Meeting
 1. Purchases over \$25,000
 - i. MMPA c/o Avant Energy- June Purchased Power- \$826,994.33
 - ii. Bremer Bank- 2022A Debt Service- \$100,222.36
 - iii. MN Department of Revenue – June 2023 City Sales Tax - \$56,206.00
 - 4C. Approve Giant Days Street Closure Application
 - 4D. Approve Giant Days Temporary On-Sale Liquor License
 - 4E. Approve Applefest Temporary Liquor License
 - 4F. Approve Giant Days Public Dance Permit
 - 4G. Approve Giant Days Parade Permit
 - 4H. Approve Giant Days Le Sueur Rotary BINGO Permit
 - 4I. Approve Giant Days Fireworks Permit
 - 4J. Approve Payment Application #3 – Airport North Taxilane Construction ProjectVoting in favor: Kirby, Huntington, Schlueter, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion carried 5-0.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **City Administrator Update:**

Administrator Roby updated City Council that he along with Public Service Director Kucera and HR Director Lawrence, finished up interviews for the Public Works Manager position and is hopeful an update will be brought to the next meeting. There is an MRVT meeting tomorrow (7/11/23) and Council Member Touhey will be in attendance. An RPAC meeting will be held Tuesday as well at 5pm. Mr. Roby added that he will be attending a League of MN Cities Policy Committee meeting and Thursday morning there is a Climate Smart Municipalities meeting with the special guest being someone who works on biodigesters so Le Sueur will likely be brought up as it usually is. A Planning Commission meeting will also be held Thursday with two public hearings being held regarding 811 South 4th Street (Oak Terrace Senior Living). Also on Thursday, there will be a Veteran’s Memorial Task Force open house at the library at 7pm.

7. Regular Agenda:**7A. First Reading of Ordinance 598: Mobile Food Trucks**

Administrator Roby presented City Council with Ordinance 598 pertaining to mobile food units (food trucks). Mr. Roby added that the increase in popularity has driven municipalities to establish such ordinances to ensure public health, safety of residents and customers, and to ensure that liabilities are covered. Jon Tagatz, 313 Cedar Trail, spoke to City Council that he opposed the proposed ordinance for its restrictive nature but didn't oppose a license being required. Mr. Tagatz continued that he also didn't like that the use of city utilities was prohibited. Jamie Erickson, 324 S. 4th Street, agreed that not being able to use the electric utilities during Giant Days and asking the vendors to use generators for four days just wasn't going to work. He also argued that if this ordinance passed the corn feed held at Giant Days would have to be canceled. Administrator Roby assured City Council that the corn feed wouldn't need to be canceled and wouldn't fall under this ordinance. City Clerk Lindsey Dhaene shared with City Council that exemptions could be added for town events to address the electricity concern and that this is the first reading so any changes would need to be made at that time and staff would present an amended ordinance for the second reading. Discussion continued as to whether city utilities should be provided, what other communities are doing for food trucks, and why brick and mortar businesses were exempt from obtaining a food truck license.

Motion by Mayor Kirby seconded my Council Member Touhey to waive the first reading and to amend ordinance 598 by striking section C(6) as it would otherwise exempt brick and mortar businesses from the requirement of a food truck license and to add an exemption in D(2.i), to allow food trucks to connect to city utilities during city-sponsored community events. Voting in favor: Kirby, Huntington, Schlueter, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion carried 5-0.

7B. W/WW Electrical and Controls Improvements

Public Service Director Rich Kucera provided City Council with a plan to upgrade the controls and associated electrical/equipment related to the Water and Wastewater SCADA systems. The upgrades were included in the Water/Wastewater CIP 10-year plan. If approved, final design and bidding is anticipated for Spring 2024 and due to material lead time being greater than a year, planned construction would begin in 2025.

Motion by Council Member Huntington seconded by Council Member Schlueter to approve the proposed agreement for electrical and controls improvement with AE2S as presented. Voting in favor: Kirby, Huntington, Schlueter, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Comments/Reports/Items of Appreciation:

- Huntington: RPAC meeting tomorrow at 5.
- Schlueter: Climate Smart Municipalities meeting on Thursday as well at Planning Commission with two public hearings.
- Touhey: Will be attending the MRVT meeting.
- Williams: No HRA meeting last month due to lack of quorum but will hopefully have one next week.
- Kirby: None

Mr. Kucera added that this week would be Public Works Manager Scott Schroeder's last week with his last day being Thursday and thanked him for his work and wished him well in his future endeavors.

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Motion by Council Member Huntington to adjourn meeting at 7:52pm. Voting in favor: Kirby, Huntington, Schlueter, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 5-0.

Lindsey Dhaene
City Clerk