

**DEEPHAVEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010  
MINUTES**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Paul Skrede called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Paul Skrede, Councilmembers John Wheaton, Steve Adams and Keith Kask

ABSENT: Councilmember Crockett

STAFF: City Administrator Dana Young

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Kask to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items:

- A. March 1, 2010 Minutes
- B. Adopt Resolution No. 07-10, Approving the 2030 Comp Plan Update
- C. Adopt Resolution No. 08-10, A Resolution of Appreciation to Outgoing Board Members

Seconded by Councilmember Adams. Motion carried 4-0.

4. **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Adopt Resolution No. 09-10, Authorizing Grant Application for Tennis Courts**

Administrator Young stated that City Staff had received authorization from the Deephaven City Council to submit two grant applications to the Hennepin Youth Sports Program Grant Program last October to reconstruct the Village Hall tennis courts and to purchase new playground equipment at Thorpe Park.

He stated that the Village Hall tennis court grant was in the amount of \$75,000 to reconstruct three courts at Village Hall and the City was responsible for 50% of the cost or \$37,500. The Thorpe Park playground equipment grant was in the amount of \$150,000 and the City was responsible for 50% of the cost or \$75,000. However, it was later learned that neither grant was approved.

He stated that the Hennepin Youth Sports Program Grant Program is now requesting grant applications for a second round of grant funding this spring. Grant applications are due on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Staff is requesting permission to resubmit the grant applications for the Village Hall tennis courts and the Thorpe Park Playground Equipment.

He stated that the Village Hall tennis court grant application would again include a request for \$75,000 in grant funds, with the City responsible for 50% of the cost or \$37,500. This would allow the Village Hall courts to be reconstructed at 50% of the estimated cost.

He stated that the Thorpe Park Playground Equipment grant application would be lowered from the original grant request of \$150,000 last year to \$75,000 for this application. The revised request would cover the newly projected cost of the playground equipment recommended by the Park Committee at the March 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting.

He stated that the total obligation for the City if awarded both grants would be \$75,000. The City's 2010 Budget for these two projects is currently \$105,000.

Councilmember Adams asked if adoption of the Resolution would obligate the City to fund the two projects.

Administrator Young stated that adoption of the Resolutions only provides authorization to pursue the grants from the Hennepin Youth Sports Program and the City would only be obligated to fund the two projects after entering into a grant agreement with Hennepin County.

Motion by Councilmember Wheaton to adopt Resolution No. 09-10, A Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application for Tennis Courts to the Hennepin Youth Sports Program. Seconded by Councilmember Adams. Motion carried 4-0.

**B. Resolution No. 10-10, Authorizing a Grant Application for Playground Equipment**

Motion by Councilmember Wheaton to adopt Resolution No. 10-10, A Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application for Playground Equipment to the Hennepin Youth Sports Program. Seconded by Councilmember Adams. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Crockett enters at 7:06 p.m.

**C. Discuss Town Hall Meeting**

Administrator Young stated that on March 1, 2010, the Council discussed the possibility of holding a Town Hall meeting to discuss potential future locations for communication towers. He stated that the attached notice would to be included in the Newsletter and proposes to hold a Town Hall meeting one hour before its Regularly Scheduled Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at Deephaven City Hall.

Councilmember Adams asked if the Council would have the recommendations from the Park Committee and Planning Commission on proposed cell tower locations by this date.

Administrator Young stated that both Committees should have their recommendations to the Council by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Kask recommended that the Mayor be selected as the facilitator of the Town Hall meeting.

Councilmember Wheaton asked if discussion would be limited to cell towers.

Mayor Skrede stated that any issue could be discussed but the main focus would be on cell tower locations.

Councilmember Crockett stated that the meeting should be contained to the information that we need to know on cell tower locations and the Council could hold another Town Hall meeting on a different topic at a later date.

**D. Other**

Mayor Skrede reminded the Council of the joint cities meeting on the Minnetonka Creek Watershed District in Mound on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discuss 2010 Lifeguard Services Proposal**

Administrator Young stated that, with the exception of 2005, when the City Council contracted with Minnesota Safety Services, the City has contracted with Minnetonka Community Education for Lifeguard Services. He noted that Minnetonka Safety Services no longer provides lifeguard services.

He stated that Minnetonka Community Education has submitted a quote in the amount of \$34,520 for 2010 Lifeguard Services. This is the same price as last year and includes 65 days of service from Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, with the same weekly schedule as 2009:

Deephaven Main Beach: 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. / 7 days per week  
Sandy Beach: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. / 7 days per week  
Robinson’s Bay Beach: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. / 7 days per week

A five-year cost comparison is shown below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>% Increase</b>	<b>Days of Service</b>
2006	\$30,396	0.2%	87
2007	\$31,612	4.0%	88
2008	\$32,876	4.0%	88
2009	\$34,520	5.0%	68
2010	\$34,520	0.0%	65

Administrator Young stated that Minnetonka Community Education has offered to provide additional cost options if the Council would like to reduce the number of daily hours at any or all of the three beaches. The 2010 Budget for lifeguard services is \$36,590.

He stated that Aquatics Director Ben Bartell provided the following breakdown on the cost of providing lifeguard services for 2010:

Lifeguard salaries	-	\$25,480 (2,275 lifeguard hours x \$11.20 per hour)
Overhead	-	\$ 9,040 (18.6% of total overhead of \$48,544 - overhead consists of employee benefits, managers, supervisors, uniforms, training, mileage, phones, manuals, and supplies)

Councilmember Crockett stated that she would prefer to have more options on providers for lifeguard services and expressed her frustration that there is a lack of competition for lifeguard services.

Mayor Skrede stated that he was hopeful that the City Council might be able to review a few more options next year but it would have been premature to have presented these options for Council consideration this year.

Councilmember Kask stated that it is hard to imagine hiring lifeguards at a lower cost than what is currently being offered by MCE and that MCE's assignment of the overhead cost also seems very reasonable. He stated that the only legitimate cost reduction in lifeguard services would be to reduce lifeguard hours at the beaches, particularly when you see the very low attendance at some of our smaller beaches.

Mayor Skrede agreed that the 2009 Beach Report shows that the City is spending an awful lot of money to provide lifeguards to watch an average of only two kids.

Councilmember Wheaton noted that there are also a number of unattended swimmers that use the smaller beaches before and after the lifeguards are on duty from noon to 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Adams stated that once you calculate the number of swimmers by the cost of lifeguard services, it costs about \$12 per swimmer to provide lifeguard services.

Councilmember Crockett agreed that while Deephaven Main Beach is busy enough to justify lifeguards, there may not be such a need at the smaller beaches. She stated that we might be able to find some budget savings in this area during our review of the 2011 Budget.

Mayor Skrede also noted that the cost of lifeguard services equals an approximate 3% salary increase for our employees.

Motion by Councilmember Kask to approve the 2010 Lifeguard Service Contract with Minnetonka Community Education in the amount of \$34,520.00, which is the same cost as was offered in 2009. Seconded by Councilmember Adams. Motion carried 5-0.

## **B. Other**

There was no other New Business this evening.

## **7. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **A. Public Works Committee**

Administrator Young presented a review of the Public Works Committee meeting held on March 3, 2010 on the following items:

- Reviewed potential solutions to the parking congestion issues on Park Avenue resulting from Minnetonka Sailing School activities.
- Reviewed a complaint from Mike Pilkington on two snowbird tickets he received when he doesn't have an opportunity to park off-street during snow removal.
- Reviewed tennis court maintenance issues
- Discussed the "Complete Street Concept" with resident Adam Newton

### **B. Park Committee**

Administrator Young presented a review of the Park Committee meeting held on March 3, 2010 on the following items:

- Reviewed the issue of communication towers on public property with Councilmember Crockett and Mayor Skrede.
- Reviewed the content of the meeting with the City Council on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Discussed the development of an Request for Proposal for playground equipment

### **C. Boat Committee**

Administrator Young presented a review of the Boat Committee meeting held on March 10, 2010 on the following items:

- Repairs on Carson's Bay Launch
- Carson's Bay Dock Improvements
- Discussed forming a Subcommittee on Establishing New Dock Slips

Administrator Young stated that Boat Committee member Warren Nelson intends to contact each Councilmember to assess his or her interest in supporting additional dock slips in the Shore Space area, the Back Bay of Carson's Bay, and on Fire Lanes. He stated that the Boat Committee would like to assess whether it would be worth their time and efforts to establish a subcommittee to review the possibility of establishing additional dock slips.

Mayor Skrede stated that a copy of the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District's Strategic Plan has been included in the Council packet and noted that he objected to several objectives listed in their plan. He stated that Objective Five (promote public access to Lake Minnetonka), Objective 6 (ensure that Lake Minnetonka is safe), and Objective 8 (protect the Lake's ecological systems) are objectives that are the primary responsibility of other agencies such as the Water Patrol or the Department of Natural Resources and are not objectives that are under the purview of the LMCD's enabling legislation.

Councilmember Kask stated that the discussion of the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District's Strategic Plan predated his appointment to the LMCD Board of Directors but noted that Chair Whalen

had acknowledged that not all the members of the LMCD Board of Directors may be in agreement with each objective.

Councilmember Crockett stated that she couldn't understand why the LMCD listed the promotion of public access to Lake Minnetonka as an objective.

Councilmember Kask stated that the LMCD's enabling legislation makes it clear that one of the responsibilities of the LMCD is to promote public access to the lake. He stated that the LMCD's mission broadened when the harvesters were brought in to manage the milfoil but noted that there was no other agency that was willing to undertake this project. He stated that the new direction of the LMCD is towards the recent Bay Treatment effort in which a number of residents around the lake are requesting the same chemical treatment that had proven to be so successful last year in Gray's Bay. He stated that there is not universal agreement that the LMCD should be involved in this effort.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Kask, seconded by Councilmember Adams. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana H. Young  
City Administrator