

APPROVED

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNDS VIEW CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MOUNDS VIEW
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**Regular Meeting
May 26, 2020
Mounds View City Hall
2401 Mounds View Boulevard, Mounds View, MN 55112
6:30 P.M.**

1. MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Mueller explained due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting would be held virtually.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL: Bergeron, Gunn, Hull, Meehlhause, Mueller

NOT PRESENT: None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Tuesday, May 26, 2020, City Council Agenda.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Hull. To Approve the Tuesday, May 26, 2020, agenda as revised.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes: May 11, 2020.

B. Just and Correct Claims.

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Bergeron. To Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Proclamation: High School Senior Recognition Day.

Mayor Mueller read a proclamation in full for the record declaring June 1, 2020 to be High School Senior Recognition Day in the City of Mounds View.

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Resolution 9275, Approving Certain Employee and Volunteer Appreciation Events.

Human Resources Coordinator Ewald requested the Council approve a Resolution approving certain employee and volunteer appreciation events. She explained in 2001 the City approved Resolution 5617 which allowed certain employee and volunteer appreciation events and in 2005 the City revised the original Resolution in order to hold employee and volunteer events at the City's event center or City parks. She reported due to Coronavirus the 2020 employee appreciation luncheon has been canceled. She noted at the May worksession the Council suggested splitting the amount budgeted for the event amongst staff in the form of restaurant gift cards. She explained staff consulted with Kennedy & Graven and a Resolution was drafted for Council approval.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Meehlhause. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9275, Approving Certain Employee and Volunteer Appreciation Events.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

B. Resolution 9276, In Support of Protecting the Community Television Act.

City Administrator Zikmund requested the Council approve a Resolution in support of protecting the Community Television Act. He explained this Resolution was provided to the City from Dana Healy at CTV as part of the ongoing battle with the FTC.

MOTION/SECOND: Hull/Gunn. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9276, In Support of Protecting the Community Television Act.

Council Member Bergeron stated he fully supported the Resolution and commented on how unfair the FTC was being in trying to change the rules for multi-media conglomerates.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

C. Resolution 9277, Approving the Amended Contract with Paul Bunyan Plumbing.

Public Works Director Peterson requested the Council approve the amended contract with Paul

Bunyan Plumbing. He explained this was the second revision to the contract in order to allow for the contract to be extended to three years while also having a 3% increase in labor and materials each year.

MOTION/SECOND: Hull/Meehlhause. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9277, Approving the Amended Contract with Paul Bunyan Plumbing.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

D. Resolution 9278, Granting Flexibility to Local Businesses.

City Administrator Zikmund requested the Council approve a Resolution granting flexibility to local businesses due to COVID-19. He explained this Resolution was in response to the governor allowing businesses to slowly reopen, especially when it concerns local restaurants. He reported City Attorney Riggs drafted the proposed Resolution.

City Attorney Riggs discussed the Resolution in further detail with the Council and noted the Resolution would allow staff to implement the reopening of restaurants with outdoor food service and alcohol sales on June 1st. He indicated an application would be required and the Resolution would streamline the approval process.

Council Member Gunn asked if a SAC fee would be charged to these businesses for the expanded use. City Administrator Zikmund reported the Met Council would not be charging any additional fees.

Mayor Mueller requested further information on the checklist that would have to be followed in order for the City to approve outdoor seating for a local restaurant. City Administrator Zikmund explained a checklist would be created that would be reviewed with restaurant owners.

Mayor Mueller questioned how applications should be submitted to City staff. City Administrator Zikmund recommended the applications be submitted via email. He reported information regarding the application process would be posted on the City' website.

Mayor Mueller thanked City Administrator Zikmund and City Attorney Riggs for their efforts on this item.

Council Member Gunn questioned if the City would consider allowing local restaurants to expand out into their parking lot. City Administrator Zikmund stated this would be allowed through the proposed Resolution.

MOTION/SECOND: Hull/Bergeron. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9278, Granting Flexibility to Local Businesses.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

9. REPORTS

A. Reports of Mayor and Council.

Council Member Gunn thanked the Council and staff members for participating in the parade for Amy Hodges who was named Mounds Views Citizen of the year.

Council Member Meehlhause reported the executive committee for Twin Cities Gateway met recently in the Mounds View Council Chambers to review the 2020 budget. He noted significant cuts were made in marketing and no member city grants would be made.

Council Member Bergeron commented on how tremendously the City of Mounds View has “mobilized” to address the needs of the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Mueller stated she attended a conference call with the North Metro Mayors group. She noted the splash pad would be closed for the remainder of the summer. She reported City parks would remain open for use and encouraged the public to properly social distance.

Mayor Mueller explained Festival in the Park has been canceled for 2020, along with the car show.

Council Member Meehlhause reported NYFS would be holding a virtual board meeting on Thursday, May 28th.

B. Reports of Staff.

1. Asset Management for Municipal Water System.

Public Works Director Peterson discussed an asset management program that had been created by AE2S, an engineering firm. He described how this program would benefit the City’s municipal water system. He reported maintenance on all valves and motors would be tracked. He commented further on how the system would greatly benefit the Public Works Department and recommended the Council consider purchasing the asset management system at this time given the fact the water treatment plants are currently being worked on.

City Administrator Zikmund reported the system would cost the City \$5,000 per year and this expense would come out of the water and utility fund.

Mayor Mueller supported the City purchasing this system as it would assist staff with monitoring this system and to ensure there was not a failure.

Council Member Meehlhause also supported this purchase of this software in order to protect the investment the City has made in the water treatment plants. He asked that staff provide the Council with a report on how the system was working in six and twelve months.

Council Member Hull agreed with this statement.

Finance Director Beer questioned if this was a new SCADA system. Public Works Director Peterson reported this system as separate from the SCADA system. He described the differences between the SCADA and the proposed new asset management system.

Council Member Bergeron stated he supported the purchase of an asset management system that would assist the City in providing clean drinking water to its residents.

Council Member Gunn reported the tornado sirens are going off at this time and she would like the meeting to adjourn.

C. Reports of City Attorney.

City Attorney Riggs had nothing additional to report.

**10. Next Council Work Session: Monday, June 1, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.
Next Council Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.**

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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