

**CITY OF HAM LAKE
CITY COUNCIL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023**

The Ham Lake City Council and Economic Development Authority met for its regular meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Ham Lake City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brian Kirkham and Councilmembers Gary Kirkeide, Al Parranto and Jesse Wilken

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Jim Doyle

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney, Mark Berglund; City Engineers, Tom Collins; City Administrator, Denise Webster; and Deputy City Clerk, Dawnette Shimek

1.0 CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M. – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kirkham called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

3.0 SPECIAL APPEARANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

These items are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in normal sequence. (All items listed on the Consent Agenda are recommended for approval.)

4.1 Approval of minutes of February 21, 2023

4.2 Approval of claims in the amount of \$112,200.94

4.3 Approval of the Plans and Specifications for Fire Station #3 and authorization to advertise for bids

4.4 Approval of Resolution No. 23-10 for a variance request for the design speed for the Crosstown Shopping Center reconstruction project

4.5 Approval of Resolution No. 23-11 requesting the use of Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) funds to pay for the 2023 Voluntary Cost Sharing Agreement

4.6 Approval of Resolution No. 23-12 accepting a \$5,000 donation from the Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce

4.7 Approval of Resolution No. 23-13 applying for the 2024 Community Project Funding Grant for Crosstown Business Park

4.8 Approval of an Off-Site Gambling Permit for the Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce to conduct bingo and pull-tabs on July 1, 2023 at Lion's Park (1220 157th Avenue NE)

4.9 Approval of hiring part-time snow plow driver

Councilmember Parranto thanked the Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce for all they do. **Motion by Parranto, seconded by Wilken, to approve the March 6, 2023 consent agenda as written. All present in favor motion carried.**

5.0 PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS - None

6.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – None

7.0 APPEARANCES - None

8.0 CITY ATTORNEY – None

9.0 CITY ENGINEER - None

10.0 CITY ADMINISTRATOR – None

11.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS

11.1 Committee Reports – None

11.2 Discussion of the Sunrise Watershed Management Organization Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

Mayor Kirkham stated that there was a meeting hosted by the City of Ham Lake on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Attendees included: himself, Councilmember Kirkeide, Ham Lake Administrator, Denise Webster; Engineer Tom Collins, RFC Engineering; representatives from each community; representatives from the Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization (URRWMO); representatives of the Sunrise River Watershed Management Organization (SRWMO); representatives of Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD); representatives from the Anoka County Attorney's Office; and representatives from BWSR (Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources).

Mayor Kirkham and the City Council discussed what the City's options would be to withdraw from the SRRWMO and the URRWMO. The options would be to create a watershed district over the small portions of the lake (Ham Lake) within the WMO's; expand the jurisdictional boundary of the CCWD; or have Anoka County take over the responsibilities for the portion of Ham Lake in the WMO's. Michelle Jordan, Board Conservationist for BWSR (Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Services), was present in the audience and confirmed the withdrawal options.

Councilmember Kirkeide stated that the City of Ham Lake does not benefit with projects being funded by the WMOs. Councilmember Kirkeide stated that it is the Council's responsibility to pay the lowest amount possible because of the lack of projects being completed in the City. Mayor Kirkham stated that he is not in agreement with a proposed SRWMO Joint Power Agreement (JPA) amendment that would revise unanimous approval of budgets to majority approval of budgets by member communities. Attorney Berglund agreed that unanimous approval should be required. Mayor Kirkham stated that the other member communities of the SRWMO are proposing a revision to the non-operating funding formula of the annual budgets from the current 50/50 of land area and market value, which is Scenario #1 to 50/50 of private land area and lakes/rivers, which is Scenario #4. Mayor Kirkham stated that the member communities cannot revise the funding formula of the JPA without the City of Ham Lake's approval, and that he does not recommend approval. Councilmember Kirkeide stated that the City should consider to pursue a JPA

revision to the operating funding formula from the current equal share between member communities to the same computed percentage as the non-operating formula (Scenario #1A or Scenario #4A). Mayor Kirkham stated that because Ham Lake's approval of JPA amendments is required, that the current funding formula has not changed from the Scenario #1 funding formula. Mayor Kirkham stated that the minutes from the Council meeting will be emailed to all attendees of the March 1st meeting.

Motion by Kirkham, seconded by Kirkeide, to create a Watershed Committee appointing Councilmember Kirkeide and Mayor Kirkham as liaisons; conveying to the SRWMO member communities that the City of Ham Lake is opposed to revising the JPA such that unanimous adoption is not required of budgets and to request that the member communities consider funding Scenario #4A as preferred by Ham Lake and Columbus. All present in favor, motion carried.

11.3 Announcements and future agenda items

Andre Kindvall, a Boy Scout from Troup 609, was present and stated he is working on his Merit Badge for Citizenship.

CLOSED MEETING - Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.05, Subd. 3(c)(3) to discuss the purchase of real property identified as PIN #08-32-23-12-0021 (during a recess of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting)

Mayor Kirkham called a recess at 6:29 p.m. in order to conduct a closed meeting.

Mayor Kirkham called the closed meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The closed meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Motion by Parranto, seconded by Wilken, to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. All present in favor, motion carried.

Dawnette Shimek, Deputy City Clerk