

**CITY OF HAM LAKE  
CITY COUNCIL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021**

The Ham Lake City Council and Economic Development Authority met for its regular meeting on Monday, August 2, 2021 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 Mike Van Kirk and Councilmembers Gary Kirkeide, Jim Doyle, Brian Kirkham and Jesse Wilken

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Attorney, Joe Murphy; City Engineer, 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 Van Kirk called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Martin Harstad was present and stated he owns 250 acres of land on the north end of city east of Highway 65. Mr. Harstad stated that 90 acres of the land is tillable and there are no buildings on the property. Mr. Harstad stated that he has previously rented the property for farming. Mr. Harstad stated that he is proposing to grow Christmas trees on the property and he currently has a 40-foot by 60-foot Quonset Hut building in Elk River that he would like to move onto the property to house equipment needed for the Christmas tree farm. Mr. Harstad added that electricity would not be run to the building. Attorney Murphy stated that he will review the information regarding the request by Mr. Harstad. Discussion followed and City Staff will be in contact with Mr. Harstad.

John Swanberg, 3905 149<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, stated that 149<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE was paved back in the 1990's and he never received his check for road right-of-way and the City never put his agricultural fence back up. Discussion followed and staff will research records to determine the status of this matter.

**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 July 19, 2021

4.2 Approval of claims in the amount of \$165,505.08

- 4.3 Approval of the Outdoor Lighting and Maintenance Energy Agreement for street lights in Crosstown Rolling Acres 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition
- 4.4 Approval of Resolution No. 21-25 scheduling a Public Hearing for the vacation of Baltimore Street NE right-of-way, south of Crosstown Boulevard NE
- 4.5 Approval of accepting the resignation of Firefighter James Thomas
- 4.6 Approval of Compensation Plan Adjustment
- 4.7 Approval of an Off-Site Gambling Permit Spring Lake Park Lions Club to conduct bingo and paddlewheel at Maxx Bar & Grill, 17646 Central Avenue NE on September 18, 2021 and November 6, 2021
- 4.8 Approval of appointment of Fire Department Officers for 2021-2022

**Motion by Kirkham, seconded by Doyle, to approve the August 2, 2021 Consent Agenda as written. All in favor, motion carried.**

#### **5.0 PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 Jason Yang requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate Sagewerkz LLC, an automotive repair shop at 13408 Highway 65 NE, Suite 114

**Motion by Van Kirk, seconded by Kirkham, to concur with the Planning Commission and approve the Conditional Use Permit as requested by Jason Yang to operate Sagewerkz LLC at 13408 Highway 65 NE, Suite 114 subject to the following conditions: (1) No motor vehicle sales (2) Five parking spaces. All parking to be on approved surfaces in designated areas as shown on the site plan: one in front of the suite the business is renting and four in the fenced area. (3) A maximum of three employees (4) No outside storage of liquids, tires, parts, etc. (5) All fluids to be contained and disposed of according to County and State requirements (6) All repairs to be done inside the building-repairs include general auto maintenance and mechanical work such as replacing brakes, headlights and bulbs (7) No bodywork or painting of vehicles at this location (8) Hours of operation to be 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday (9) Security Lighting required (10) Meeting all City, State and County requirements; In addition, it is recommended, per Building and Zoning Official Jones, that property owner, Anthony Revutskiy, have a compliance inspection done on the septic system, prior to acceptance of any other land usage applications for this location, modify the parking arrangement inside of the fenced area to conform with the site plan on file and to provide adequate fire lanes, stripe the parking lot and install handicap parking signs by October 29, 2021. Councilmember Wilken questioned complaints that were noted during the public hearing held by the Planning Commission regarding too many cars on the property. Zoning Official, Mark Jones, has been working with the owner of the property to keep the property in compliance. Councilmember Wilken noted that there is an October 29, 2021 deadline for some items noted in the Planning Commissions motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

**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

Councilmember Doyle stated that the Road Committee met prior to the City Council meeting and discussed future road project funding and further discussion will take place at the budget meeting that will be held immediately following the City Council meeting.

Mayor Van Kirk stated he would like to further review the Anoka County Sheriff Departments contract during the budget meeting that will be held immediately following the City Council meeting.

### 11.2 Discussion of an Ordinance regarding signage

Attorney Murphy stated that the City Council does not need to amend the sign ordinance at this meeting, but reminded the City Council that they cannot control content on a sign. Attorney Murphy stated that the Ordinance could differentiate between a sign or a cloth sign on a pole or rope. Discussion followed. **It was the consensus of the City Council to direct Attorney Murphy to draft an ordinance regulating residential signage for the City Council to review at their next meeting.**

### 11.3 Announcements and future agenda items

Councilmember Kirkham stated that the Fire Department Relief Association will be approaching the City Council requesting an increase in retirement pay-outs. This will first be discussed with the Fire Department Liaisons.

Councilmember Kirkham stated that the discussions will continue regarding the Fire Department utilizing the well on the property located in the plat of Harmony Estates.

**Motion by Kirkeide, seconded by Kirkham, to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.**

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Dawnette Shimek, Deputy City Clerk