

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Timmerman at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Acting Mayor Timmerman, Councilmembers: Berg, Novak and Styles

Members Absent: Mayor Julius

Also Present: City Administrator/Clerk Terry, Senior Planner Christianson, City Engineer Revering, Attorney Leah Koch, Police Chief Juell, Deputy Clerk Jirak, Patrick Fischer, Jodi Lucast. Scott County Commissioner Wolf and Gene Meger via Zoom

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting Mayor Timmerman led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) ADOPT/APPROVE AGENDA

Acting Mayor Timmerman advised the Council that Consent Item 6c was removed from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION by Councilmember Berg, second by Councilmember Novak to approve the revised agenda.

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4) PRESENTATION, PROCLAMATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (PP&A)

None.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

Jodi Lucast, 26501 Xerxes Trail, approached the podium and stated she is receiving messages from residents regarding some confusion with the aquifer well pumping test and wanted to clarify that the water at the Pete's Hill water tower was related to pumped water leaving the system. Staff affirmed this to be true.

Lucast asked Staff if the committee has been formed for the old police building. City Administrator/Clerk Terry stated that the Council will be asked to appoint the committee at the next City Council meeting.

Lucast stated that Janelle Kuznia had made a general data request regarding the DNR's information and was wondering when that data will be fulfilled. City Administrator/Clerk Terry responded that Staff would follow up with Ms. Kuznia.

Lucast asked for any new updates regarding Niagara with the DNR.

City Administrator/Clerk Terry responded that based on discussions with the DNR, Staff is expecting the DNR to issue the appropriations permit around the end of the month and that the permit is likely to be very close to the City's amended permit request. Discussions continued with Ms. Lucast, Councilmembers and City Administrator/Clerk Terry clarifying

the next step process for Niagara, the misconception that the DNR appropriation permit is issued to or for Niagara and the timeline for the permit from the DNR.

6) CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Councilmember Berg, second by Councilmember Novak to approve revised Consent Agenda.

- a. Approve Payment of Claims and Electronic Transfer of Funds
- b. Amend Subdivision Ordinance
 - i. Adopt Ordinance No. 293 Amending City Code Section 12-9-7: Public Utilities & City Code Section 12-9-5-1: Street Standards
 - ii. Adopt Ordinance No. 294 A Summary of Ordinance 293 Amending City Code Section 12-9-7: Public Utilities & City Code Section 12-9-5-1: Street Standards
- ~~c. Approve Hazardous Materials Abatement for 641 Main St and 251 Main St.~~
- d. Repeal Previous Approval and Reapprove Revised Master Partnership Agreement – MnDOT

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7) PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8) GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

9) REPORTS

- a. Administration
First Quarter Financial Report
City Administrator/Clerk Terry asked if Council had any questions regarding the First Quarter Financial Reports that were included in the Council Packet. Council had no questions.
- b. Public Works
April 2024 monthly report included in the packet.
- c. Engineering
City Engineer Revering provided the Council with a quick update on the Old New Market Reconstruction and 2024 Pavement Rehabilitation projects.

Councilmember Berg asked if there was any update to the homeowner with the retaining wall (Conkle). City Engineer Revering updated Council, explaining that Ms. Conkle has decided to replace or rebuild the retaining wall.

- d. Community Development
Senior Planner Christianson updated Council regarding the April 30, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting.

Acting Mayor Timmerman questioned when the Planning Commission will review the development application for the property to the north of City Hall. Christianson advised the Council that the Public Hearing for the proposed development has been continued to the May 28, 2024 Planning Commission.

Councilmember Berg questioned if the continued Planning Commission meeting will allow timelines for the property to the north of City Hall to continue as expected. Christianson affirmed if action is taken at the May 28, 2024 Planning Commission meeting, action can be taken within the 120 day statutory requirement.

e. Parks Department

Written Monthly Parks & Recreation update was included in Council Packet.
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City Administrator/Clerk Terry updated the Council on the last Parks Commission meeting that was held.

Councilmember Berg requested an update on the development of the Boulder Heights Park. City Administrator/Clerk Terry stated he did not have a specific timeframe for completion and noted the installation is handled by Weber Recreational Design. Terry further noted that the work to be completed by the City to prepare the site is complete. City Engineer Revering mentioned that a curb will be installed after installation of the equipment is completed.

Councilmember Berg mentioned posts to Facebook regarding the need for a stop sign in at the intersection of Oxford Lane and Andrew Avenue. Berg stated he reached out to the residents that placed the posts, explained the process that is required for placement of a stop sign and stated the timeline for this process can be lengthy.

f. Community & Civic Events Committee (CCEC)

Councilmember Novak commented that there were no new updates for CCEC and the upcoming meeting for May has been canceled. Novak asked if there were any updates to Fire Rescue Days (FRD). Acting Mayor Timmerman provided an update of events taking place for FRD. Timmerman asked Attorney Koch regarding the legalities of posting the sponsorships for FRD in the newsletter. Attorney Koch stated she would research this question and get back to Staff.

g. Police Department

April 2024 monthly report included in the packet.

Police Chief Juell presented to Council a Fire Suppression Tool (FST) device used to help control a fire before a fire department can respond. Juell advised the Council on the background and benefits of the FST. Juell further explained that the Farmington Masons of Corinthian Lodge No. 67 donated two-thirds of the cost for these units and the Fire Relief donated the remainder for eight devices for the Police and Fire Departments of Elko New Market.

Police Chief Juell informed the Council he submitted his resignation to City Administrator/Clerk Terry today. Juell's stated his last day with the City of Elko New Market will be June 7 and will be starting at the City of Savage on June 10. Juell thanked the Council, Staff and the community for the support and kindness shown to him these past years.

Acting Mayor Timmerman congratulated Police Chief Juell, thanked him for all he has done for the community and wished him the best of luck.

h. Other Committee and Board Reports

i. Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency (SCALE)

No report.

1. Executive Committee

No report.

2. Service Delivery Committee

No report.

ii. I35 Solutions Alliance

No report.

10) DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL

Councilmember Berg questioned how Staff will respond to the residents that had water quality concerns while the pump tests were being conducted and contacted the DNR with their concerns. City Administrator/Clerk Terry stated that the DNR has informed the City that they have received concerns from residents regarding issues with the water quality from the pump test that was done in fall of last year. Terry noted that the DNR will be requesting a plan for responding to water quality and well interference concerns as part of the appropriation permit. Terry further commented that the reports received from the DNR will be investigated pursuant to the approved plan and Staff is working with the DNR to set up meetings to discuss the development of the response plan.

Councilmember Berg asked how the grading at the Niagara site and communications with Niagara have been going. City Administrator/Clerk Terry answered that there is a General Contractor that is overseeing the site. Terry continued that any resident that has concerns can call City Hall. City Engineer Revering and Councilmember Berg added comments regarding driving by the site and attending a preconstruction meeting. Police Chief Juell advised the Council regarding safety and security measures and protocols Niagara will follow on the site.

Councilmember Berg informed the Council of legislative updates on rental licensing for group homes and municipal cannabis.

Senior Planner Christianson mentioned two additional items she wanted the Council to be aware of. The first item noted was that Scott County CDA will be hosting a bus tour on May

29 and Staff is looking to see which councilmembers would be interested in participating so this event can be posted properly, if needed.

The second item Christianson noted is that Old Town Apartments will be hosting an open house at the Firehouse Grille on Sunday, May 19 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Christianson further noted that this meeting has been posted, so all Councilmembers are welcome to attend.

11) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilmember Novak, second by Councilmember Styles to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by

Lynda Jirak, Deputy Clerk