



City Council

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

1408 Lake Street South
Forest Lake, MN 55025
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Karin Derauf, Deputy City Clerk

Monday, March 13, 2023

7:00 PM

City Center - Council Chamber

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mara Bain	Mayor	Absent	
Sam Husnik	Councilmember	Present	
Hanna Valento	Councilmember	Present	
Leif Erickson	Councilmember	Present	
Blake Roberts	Councilmember	Present	

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approve the Agenda (Action)

Comments:

Motion to: Approve the Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hanna Valento, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Leif Erickson, Councilmember
AYES:	Husnik, Valento, Erickson, Roberts
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Bain

5. Open Forum – Citizen Petitions, Requests, and Concerns

*The Open Forum is available for residents to express personal opinions for any item of business.
Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.*

6. Consent Agenda Considerations (Action Items)

Comments:

- a) Approve City Bills
- b) Approve Minutes from February 27, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
- c) Weidenhamer & Morin Enterprises LLC dba LiquiVape - 2023 Tobacco License – Renewal
- d) Waste Management of Minnesota, Inc. dba Waste Management - 2023 Refuse Hauler License



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e) Water Treatment Plant No. 4 – Contractor’s Request for Payment No. 10

Motion to: Approve Consent Agenda Items 6. a. through 6. e.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Leif Erickson, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Hanna Valento, Councilmember
AYES:	Husnik, Valento, Erickson, Roberts
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Bain

7. Regular Agenda (Action Items)

a. Resolution 03-13-23-01 – Authorize the City of Forest Lake to Apply for the Acquisition of Tax Forfeited Parcels

Comments: Public Works Director Adams provided comment on tax forfeited parcels that Washington County has available. He noted there are several parcels that would benefit the City for public works purposes of stormwater maintenance or wetland preservation. There was discussion about the Watershed meeting and discussion about applying for the same parcels. Public Works Director Adams noted that the Watershed has indicated they would withdraw their application if the City moves forward with applying. Councilmember Roberts asked where funding would come for to purchase the property. Public Works Director Adams indicated it would come from the capital fund or stormwater fund.

Motion to: Approve Resolution 03-13-23-01 to Authorize the City of Forest Lake to Apply for the Acquisition of Tax Forfeited Parcels

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Leif Erickson, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Hanna Valento, Councilmember
AYES:	Husnik, Valento, Erickson, Roberts
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Bain

b. Resolution 03-13-23-02 – Approval of Sale of Property to ISD No. 831 and Related Documents

Comments: Community Development Director Wittman provided explanation of the purpose of the resolution for the sale of property to ISD No. 831 which includes a parking lot agreement and terminating the ground lease of the property.



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Motion to: Approve Resolution 03-13-23-02 – Approval of Sale of Property to ISD No. 831 and Related Documents

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hanna Valento, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Sam Husnik, Councilmember
AYES:	Husnik, Valento, Erickson, Roberts
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Bain

c. Community Development Administrative Assistant New Hire

Comments: Community Development Director Wittman provided information on the Administrative Assistant new hire for the Community Development Department. She noted that a conditional offer has been made to Dawn Bugge. She noted that there were sixty-five (65) applicants for the position and noted that Dawn has approximately twenty (20) years of experience in this type of position.

Motion to: Approve Hiring Dawn Bugge for the Position of Community Development Administrative Assistant at Grade 6 – Step 1.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Husnik, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Hanna Valento, Councilmember
AYES:	Husnik, Valento, Erickson, Roberts
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Bain

8. Discussion

Comments:

9. Staff Updates

Comments: City Engineer Goodman indicated that Washington County will be at the April Council Workshop. He also commented on the Highway 97 project, and Highway 8 project. Police Chief Peterson commented on a vacancy in the Police Department and noted that there is a conditional offer of employment to one of the applicants. He indicated that if the candidate passes all background checks, etc., he will be presenting the information to Council. Assistant City Administrator Udem commented that the Council Workshop for next week has been cancelled. He also commented that the City is one of the finalists for the MN Real Estate Journal’s Municipality of



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the year Award. Deputy City Clerk Derauf commented that Monday, April 10, 2023, is the Local Board of Appeals Meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m.

10. Mayor and City Council Updates

Comments: Councilmember Roberts asked about the boat launch study the EDA approved and asked what the status is. Assistant City Administrator Udem noted that he will be getting an update from Bruce Chamberlain after the scheduled meeting with the DNR and will then bring back information to the EDA and the Council. Councilmember Erickson noted he attended the Watershed meeting last week. Acting Mayor Husnik commented that he attended the EDA meeting earlier this evening.

11. Adjourn

Motion to: Adjourn

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hanna Valento, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Leif Erikson, Councilmember
AYES:	Husnik, Valento, Erickson, Roberts
ABSENT:	Bain