

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. CALL TO ORDER 2

2. PRESENTATION 2

3. CITIZEN INPUT 2

4. APPROVE AGENDA 4

5. CONSENT AGENDA 4

6. PUBLIC HEARING 5

6.01: Public Hearing: Introduce Proposed Ordinance #20-11 Implementing a Gas Franchise Fee on Centerpoint Energy for Providing Gas Service Within the City of Ramsey, Introduce Proposed Ordinance #20-12 Implementing an Electric Franchise Fee on Connexus Energy for Providing Electric Service Within the City of Ramsey and Introduce Proposed Ordinance #20-13 Implementing an Electric Franchise Fee on the City of Anoka Electric for Providing Electric Service Within the City of Ramsey 5

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS 12

7.01: Approve a Professional Services Contract Extension for the Tinklenberg Group 12

7.02: Introduce Ordinance #20-10 Amending Bulk Standards in the R-1 Residential District 13

7.03: Adopt Resolution #20-149 Formally Canceling the 2020 Happy Days Festival 13

7.04: Introduce Ordinance #20-15 Approving an Addition to Chapter 54 of the City Code: Traffic and Vehicles (Municipal Parking Ramp Regulations) 14

7.05: Motion to Update the Remote Attendance Policy 14

7.06: Adopt Resolution #20-143 Approving Second Addendum to Lease with Youth First Community of Promise for Use of Outdoor Areas 15

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT 17

9. ADJOURNMENT 17

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor John LeTourneau
Councilmember Mark Kuzma
Councilmember Jeff Menth
Councilmember Debra Musgrove
Councilmember Chris Riley
Councilmember Dan Specht

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
Finance Director Diana Lund
Police Chief Jeff Katers
Deputy City Administrator Timothy Gladhill
Communications and Events Coordinator Megan Thorstad (attended remotely)
City Attorney Joe Langel

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor LeTourneau called the regular meeting of the Ramsey City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor LeTourneau.

City Administrator Ulrich stated that all members of the Council are attending in person, but members of the public are invited to participate in person (in limited capacity) and virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. PRESENTATION

None.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

Scott Newman, 16411 Dysprosium St NW, stated that he is present to speak about the ongoing code violations at 5431 164th Lane NW. He stated that he went around the neighborhood the previous day to speak with the neighbors and their concerns related to this property. He stated that there are vehicles, trash, a number of barking dogs, and other issues that have existed since 2012. He stated that the Council adopted a Resolution #19-187 last August in attempt to resolve the situation. He noted that a follow-up Resolution #20-025 was adopted by the Council in January.

He stated that has not done anything either. He stated that the neighbors repeatedly call staff and he has yet to see even one day of compliance. He noted that one day there were 12 vehicles/trailers on the property. He stated that the neighbors are very frustrated that there has not been any progress on this property. He noted that sometimes there are a few days when the number of vehicles is reduced to six, but the number of vehicles simply goes back up after a few days. He stated that staff has decided that eight vehicles could now be on the property due to the number of licensed drivers and yet the property still remains out of compliance. He stated that the neighbors are concerned that some of these issues could cause other problems, using the example of rodents coming because of the trash on the property or groundwater issues that could arise from the vehicles on the property. He stated that after two Resolutions adopted by the Council there is still no progress being made and the neighborhood simply wanted to express concern that it is still not being addressed.

Mayor LeTourneau thanked the resident for providing this input. He stated that this input is an important step for the nuisance case and noted that staff can work with the resident in another way. He recognized that there are cases in the City that continue to have Code violations and require more work.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill stated that he can speak to the vehicles and items allowed, but not the barking dogs. He stated that he was told that the owner obtained the necessary licensure for the animals. He confirmed that there was a major issue with the vehicles and storage on the property, which was more noticeable when Community Development took on the case. He stated that there was more junk and debris in the backyard. He noted that the resident is a senior citizen and does not have much family in town, therefore staff was willing to work with the resident to provide additional time. He stated that there is an active abatement notice that was sent earlier this week with a ten-day compliance period. He noted that action would bring the total number of vehicles under the number of six. He provided an update on the fines and future abatement that could continue to occur for the property.

Mayor LeTourneau summarized that there was a period of time in which the property came into compliance and therefore that case was closed out. He noted that when the property had additional violations, that triggered a new enforcement case, which started the clock over again but now that the abatement process has begun, enforcement can continue on a more swift schedule.

Mr. Newman stated that he disagrees that the property came into compliance at any time during that period. He noted that the number of trailers continues to not be counted in the total number of items allowed on the property. He stated that there are five pitbulls on the property and if a kennel license was going to be issued, that would require a public hearing.

Greg Drahosh, 5451 164th Lane NW, stated that he is the neighbor to the west of the property in discussion. He asked if the dog licensure mentioned by staff was a kennel license. He stated that he was informed that a kennel license would require a public hearing and he would be notified of such action. He stated that he has yet to be notified of that request. He stated that the dogs bark at all times of the day and night and is a nuisance. He stated that this has been a frustrating issue that this property has not come into compliance.

Mayor LeTourneau encouraged the residents to call to voice their issues with the dogs in order to have those issues documented.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill stated that he has yet to hear the dogs bark when he is on the site. He stated that there was flexibility given through the winter and due to COVID, but noted that enforcement will happen more quickly and aggressively going forward.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor LeTourneau noted that it has been requested to move Item 5.10 from the Consent Agenda to the regular Council Business for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor LeTourneau, Councilmembers Riley, Musgrove, Kuzma, Menth, and Specht. Voting No: None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Menth, seconded by Councilmember Kuzma, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- 5.01: Approve the following Meeting Minutes:
 - 1) City Council Work Session dated June 23, 2020
 - 2) City Council Regular dated June 23, 2020
- 5.02: Approve Business Licenses
- 5.03: Approve Rental Licenses
- 5.04: Approve Revisions to the Staff Allocation in Building Inspections
- 5.05: Adopt Resolution #20-145 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of June 18, 2020 through July 8, 2020
- 5.06: Adopt Resolution #20-139 Approving Corrections to the Plat Known as Pearson Place (Project No. 16-31a); Case of Otto Associates
- 5.07: Adopt Resolution #20-140 Appointing Election Judges for the Primary Election on August 11, 2020
- 5.08: Adopt Resolution #20-141 Authorizing Use of Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Funds for Puma Street Improvements, Improvement Project #20-04
- 5.09: Adopt Resolution #20-142 Authorizing Requests for Quotes to Relocate Sand Stockpiled on The COR Infiltration Basin Site to Municipal Plaza Park
- ~~5.10: Adopt Resolution #20-143 Approving Second Addendum to Lease with Youth First Community of Promise for Use of Outdoor Areas~~ This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as Item 7.06
- 5.11: Adopt Resolution #20-147 Approving Expansion of Lawful, Non-Conforming Driveway at 15710 Saint Francis Boulevard NW