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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Ryan Heineman  
Councilmember Kirsten Buscher  
Councilmember Michael Olson  
Councilmember Eric Peters  
Councilmember Chris Riley  
Councilmember Dan Specht  
Councilmember Shanna Stewart

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Brian Hagen  
City Engineer/Public Works Director Bruce Westby  
Community Development Director Stephanie Hanson  
City Attorney Fritz Knaak

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Heineman 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 Heineman.

**2. APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Peters, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heineman, Councilmembers Stewart, Peters, Buscher, Olson, Riley, and Specht. Voting No: None.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.01: Proclamation declaring the month of May 2025 as ALS Awareness Month**

Mayor Heineman read the proclamation and declared May 2025 ALS Awareness Month.

Corrie Libby, 16127 Iodine Street, came forward and thanked the City for declaring May ALS Awareness Month. She noted this proclamation will increase the public's knowledge of ALS.

#### **4. CITIZEN INPUT**

Jan Michael, 14529 Willemite Street, came forward and shared that over the last few years, the City has removed all of the trees to the north and west of her property to put in a pond and a road. She said this is a 55+ community and the residents have started to notice that there is a lot of traffic that drives on this road very fast. She added that people often run the stop signs and ask the City to consider some kind of lights or speed bumps to help control the traffic in the area. She noted there is a large dirt pile near the pond and asked when this will be moved. She shared the request for a streetlight at Bunker and Center Street as this intersection is very dark.

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- 5.01: Receive Cash and Investments for Period Ending April 30, 2025
- 5.02: Note the following Boards, Commissions and Meeting Minutes:
  - Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - January 23, 2025, February 27, 2025, March 27, 2025
  - Environmental Policy Board Meeting Minutes - January 13, 2025, February 10, 2025, March 17, 2025
  - Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes - October 10, December 12, 2024 & January 9, 2025, February 13, 2025, March 13, 2025
  - Park and Rec Commission Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2025, March 13, 2025
  - Public Works Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2025, February 18, 2025, March 18, 2025
- 5.03: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:
  - 1) City Council Work Session dated April 22, 2025
  - 2) City Council Regular Session dated April 22, 2025
- 5.04: Approve Business License Applications
- 5.05: Approve Request to Declare Surplus Property
- 5.06: Authorize the Agreement Between the City of Ramsey and Anoka County for the Installation of Flock Cameras Purchased by the City of Ramsey to be Placed on Anoka County Roads.
- 5.07: Adopt Resolution #25-114 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of April 17, 2025 through May 7, 2025.
- 5.08: Adopt Resolution #25-091 Approving Participation in Anoka County's HUD Programs
- 5.09: Adopt Resolution #25-093 Approving a Development Agreement for PleasureLand RV Center's Parking Lot Expansion and Connection to Municipal Utilities at 7900 Riverdale Drive NW (Project No. 25-102); Case of PleasureLand RV Center - North Metro
- 5:10: Adopt Resolution #23-094 Approving Lease with Mille Lacs Motor Sports II, Inc. for Rear 18,200 Square Feet of Building at 6701 Hwy 10 NW

- 5:11: Adopt Resolution #25-095 Approving Lease with Mille Lacs Motor Sports II, Inc. for Outside Storage at 6701 Hwy 10 NW
- 5:12: Adopt Resolution #25-096 Approving Lease Agreement of 6781 and 6745 Highway 10 NW with Mille Lacs Motor Sports II
- 5:13: Adopt Resolution #25-097 Approving Lease Agreement of 6745 Hwy 10 NW (front) with Mille Lacs Motor Sports II
- 5:14: Adopt Resolution #25-098 Approving the Final Plat and Development Agreement for Riverstone South Sixth Addition (Project No. 24-127); Case of Pearson Properties of Ramsey, LLC
- 5:15: Adopt Resolution #25-100 Approving Change Order #1 for High Point Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #25-05
- 5:16: Adopt Resolution #25-101 Accepting Geotechnical Proposals for 2026 Pavement Management Program Projects
- 5:17: Adopt Resolution #25-102 Awarding Construction Staking Contract for High Point Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #25-05
- 5:18: Adopt Resolution #25-111 Authorizing Replacement of 2009 Jetter-Vacuum Truck

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heineman, Councilmembers Riley, Olson, Buscher, Peters, Specht, and Stewart. Voting No: None.

## **6. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **6.01: PUBLIC HEARING: Consider a request for an Easement Vacation in HY-10 Ramsey 2nd Addition and Final Plat of "Kwik Trip 1782."**

#### **Presentation**

Community Development Director Hanson reviewed the Staff report in regard to the easement vacation request and final plat for Kwik Trip 1782.

#### **Public Hearing**

Mayor Heineman opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

#### **Citizen Input**

None.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to close the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heineman, Councilmembers Riley, Olson, Buscher, Peters, Specht, and Stewart. Voting No: None.

#### **Council Business**

Councilmember Riley asked if one of the lots would be retained by the previous owner when the lot was split.

Community Development Director Hanson said yes.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Buscher, to adopt Resolution #25-087, Approving Vacation of Easements in HY-10 Ramsey Second Addition and to adopt Resolution #25-090, Approving the Final Plat of "Kwik Trip 1782."

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heineman, Councilmembers Riley, Buscher, Olson, Peters, Specht, and Stewart. Voting No: None.

## **7. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **7.01: Adopt Resolution #25-099 Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract for Dickenson's Mississippi Estate Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #25-04**

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the Staff report concerning the Dickenson's Mississippi Estate street reconstructions. He shared that the lowest responsible bid came from Dave Perkins Contracting, Inc. of Nowthen, Minnesota, in the amount of \$672,350.11.

Motion by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to adopt Resolution #25-099 Accepting Bids and Awarding a contract for Dickenson's Mississippi Estate Street Reconstructions to Dave Perkins Contracting, Inc. for the base bid total of \$672,350.11.

Further Discussion:

Councilmember Riley shared that Public Works wanted to make sure that they communicate with the residents on Rivlyn Avenue that the sanitary sewer system is not being touched during this project and will not be an issue. He added that they will also be going above and beyond with the main water improvements to make sure there are no effects on the neighborhood as they have already faced issues with the construction project last summer.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heineman, Councilmembers Stewart, Olson, Buscher, Peters, Riley, and Specht. Voting No: None.

### **7.02: Adopt Ordinance #25-07: Sign Code Update**

Community Development Director Hanson reviewed the Staff report in regard to updating the sign code.

Councilmember Specht thanked Staff for their hard work updating this code. He noted that there are some areas of the code that he finds to be restrictive, and he will not be supporting this.

Motion by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to adopt Ordinance #25-07, Amending Chapter 117 of City Code and the COR Design Framework and Creating Chapter 108 of City Code for Sign Regulations.

Further Discussion:

Councilmember Buscher noted that at the last meeting, she shared that she had some issues with certain policies that went along with sign regulations; however, she will be supporting this update as she believes the new code will help the City.

Mayor Heineman explained that he discussed this with City Attorney Knaak and he asked if this was a good execution of addressing sign codes and previous rulings of constitutionality, and City Attorney Knaak said yes. He said he would be supporting this item.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Buscher	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Councilmember Stewart	aye
Councilmember Olson	aye
Councilmember Specht	nay
Councilmember Peters	aye
Mayor Heineman	aye

Motion carried.

## **8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT**

### **8.01 Legislative Update**

City Administrator Hagen reviewed a legislative update with the Council. He shared that their TIF-14 request is included in a tax bill and their lawmakers will continue to advocate for language change for the sales-use tax exemption related to the water treatment plant.

Councilmember Riley asked about the status of the local zoning bills.

City Administrator Hagen said these bills have not died yet; however, he hopes that nothing passes this year, and the legislature works with cities on this before going into the next session.

City Attorney Knaak added that the League of Minnesota Cities is warning that these efforts are expected to continue and that some of these zoning regulation changes could be snuck into other bills.

City Administrator Hagen announced upcoming meetings and events.

Councilmember Riley reminded residents that property taxes are due on May 15.

Councilmember Buscher gave a shout-out to the Police Department as it is National Police Week. She welcomed the newest police officer in the department.

Mayor Heineman noted they have 93 Ramsey residents who will be participating in the City-wide garage sale. He added that May 14 will be Food Truck Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. outside of the Municipal Center.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Peters, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heineman, Councilmembers Olson, Peters, Buscher, Riley, Specht, and Stewart. Voting No: None.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian S. Hagen  
City Administrator

ATTEST:

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Katie M. Schmidt  
City Clerk

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