

**REGULAR MEETING
OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL
March 23, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oakdale was held on March 23, 2021, at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue, Oakdale, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Paul Reinke at 7:04 PM.

CALL OF ROLL

On a call of roll, the following were present:

Mayor Paul Reinke

Council Members: Jake Ingebrigtsen
Susan Olson
Colleen Swedberg
Kevin Zabel

Absent: None

Also Present: Christina Volkens, City Administrator
Jim Thomson, City Attorney
Brian Bachmeier, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Susan Barry, City Clerk
Alyssa MacLeod, Communications Specialist
Chelsea Petersen, Administrative Services Director (virtual)
Bob Streetar, Community Development Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Workshop, February 23, 2021
 Regular Meeting, March 9, 2021**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON, TO APPROVE THE WORKSHOP MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2021, AS PRESENTED.

5 AYES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON, TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2021, AS PRESENTED.

5 AYES.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Reinke invited comments from the audience; no comments were brought forth.

CONSENSUS MOTIONS

In response to a question from Council Member Ingebrigtsen, City Attorney Thomson stated that consent item b, requiring a four fifths vote, did not need to be acted on separately.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENSUS MOTIONS:

- a) Direct staff to again relax city regulations to allow mobile food vendors to sell in city parks or city parking lots until May 31, 2021 or until the Mayoral Emergency Declaration concludes; or as extended, if needed, as determined and authorized by the City Administrator until the Mayor Emergency Declaration concludes; and also to allow food service businesses to operate less than 2,000 feet from one another.
- b) Waive reading and adopt Ordinance 869, Renewing the grant of a franchise to Comcast of Minnesota, Inc., to operate and maintain a cable system in the City of Oakdale, Minnesota; setting forth conditions accompanying the grant of a franchise; providing for city regulation and administration of the cable system; terminating the prior franchise findings, as attached.

It is also requested that the City Council adopt a motion approving the associated summary of the ordinance and determining that the summary clearly informs the public of the intent and effect of the ordinance. (*This motion requires a 4/5s vote to pass*).

- c) Waive reading and adopt Resolution 2021-28, Approving the hiring of Michael Hornickle as a probationary, full-time Firefighter/EMT for the Fire Department, effective April 5, 2021, and at a rate of pay consistent with the existing labor agreement; waive reading and adopt Resolution 2021-29, Approving the hiring of Tyler Olson as a probationary, full-time Firefighter/Medic for the Fire Department, effective April 5, 2021, and at a rate of pay consistent with the existing labor agreement; and waive reading and adopt Resolution 2021-30, Approving the hiring of Zachary Wydra as a probationary, full-time Firefighter/Medic for the Fire Department, effective April 5, 2021, and at a rate of pay consistent with the existing labor agreement.
- d) Amend Policy MIS-013: Boards and Commissions Appointment, Reappointment, and Service.
- e) Waive reading and adopt Resolution 2021-31, Accepting a donation from Oak Terrace Senior Living. (*This motion requires a 2/3s vote to pass*).
- f) Waive reading and adopt Resolution 2021-32, Approving issuance of a Garden Center License for Hy-Vee to operate a temporary garden center located at 7180 – 10th Street, subject to conditions.

- g) **Waive reading and approve Resolution 2021-33, Approving issuance of a Garden Center License for Cub Foods to operate a temporary Garden Center located at 7191 - 10th Street, subject to conditions.**

5 AYES.

ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES

- a) **Environmental Management Commission: Minutes of February 9, 2021**

The City Council acknowledged receipt of the Environmental Management Commission minutes of February 9, 2021.

- b) **Planning Commission: Minutes of February 4, 2021**

The City Council acknowledged receipt of the Planning Commission minutes of February 4, 2021.

- c) **Tree Board: Minutes of January 19, 2021**

The City Council acknowledged receipt of the Tree Board minutes of January 19, 2021.

Council Liaison Updates:

Tree Board: Mayor Reinke noted that the Tree Board discussed the potential of hiring goats to remove buckthorn on difficult slopes but expressed concern with cost. They also discussed plans for the May 1 Arbor Day tree giveaway and having an information table at the Oakdale farmers market.

Economic Development Commission: Council Member Swedberg noted staff presented a comprehensive development update to the Economic Development Commission.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

- a) **City Project 2021-01 (2021 Street Improvements) Plans and Specifications**

Public Works Director/City Engineer Bachmeier reviewed a request to approve the plans and specifications for City Project 2021-01 (2021 Street Improvements) and to advertise for bids for same. He noted that the project would also include paving a section of trail in the Oakdale Nature Preserve from the Discovery Center to Granada Avenue, as reflected in the 2021 Park CIP. Public Works Director/City Engineer Bachmeier also noted that the project would not include the Hadley Avenue overlay project from 4th to 10th Street due to the significant amount of curb needing to be replaced; the project would be rescheduled in the CIP as a future reconstruction project.

In response to a question from Council Member Zabel, Public Works Director/City Engineer Bachmeier noted that the other sections of trail in the Oakdale Nature Preserve needing to be repaved were reflected in the park CIP as a 2023 project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, TO WAIVE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021-34, APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CITY PROJECT 2021-01 (2021 STREET IMPROVEMENTS) AND AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR AND COLLECTION OF BIDS.

5 AYES.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

a) COVID Recovery Business Loan Program – Recapitalize Deferred Loan Fund

Community Development Director Streetar reviewed a request to budget another \$50,000 to the city's COVID Recovery Business deferred loan fund. He noted that eight businesses had received loans and three additional businesses had inquired about or applied for a loan.

In response to a question from Council Member Swedberg, Community Development Director Streetar indicated that staff could provide options relating to any funding that might remain after the April 1 application deadline.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON, TO WAIVE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021-35, APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000 FOR THE COVID RECOVERY BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM TO FUND DEFERRED LOANS.

5 AYES.

COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

Council Member Swedberg announced that the Landscape Revival (native plant expo and market) would be held on June 12, 9 AM to 1 PM, in the City Hall parking lot.

CLAIMS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SWEDBERG, TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 6 TO MARCH 19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$540,990.15.

5 AYES.

ADJOURNMENT

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2021, AT 7:22 PM.

5 AYES.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Barry, City Clerk