

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Meeting

January 25, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Sue Sandahl; Pat Elliott; Fred Wroge and Tom Fitzhenry.

Staff Present: Steven L. Devich, City Manager; Mike Eastling, Public Works Director; Jim Topitzhofer, Recreation Services Director; John Stark, Community Development Director; Dave Conrads, Building Maintenance Supervisor; Todd Sandell; Police Deputy Director/Chief; Corrine Heine, City Attorney; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant to the City Manager; and Cheryl Krumholz, Recording Secretary.

OPEN FORUM

None.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Goettel led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Wroge, S/Elliott to approve the minutes of (1) Special City Council Worksession of January 7, 2011; (2) Special City Council Meeting of January 8, 2011; and (3) Regular City Council Meeting of January 11, 2011.

Motion carried 5-0.

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| Item #1 | RECOGNITION OF DARRIN MAENKE, MAENKE BROS. OUTDOOR, FOR CONTRIBUTION OF SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES AT HONORING ALL VETERANS MEMORIAL |
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Len Gudmundson, representing the Honoring All Veterans Memorial, presented a certificate of appreciation to Darrin Maenke.

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| Item #2 | COUNCIL DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS |
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The City Council acknowledged the success of the recent Richfield Remodeling Fair.

Council Member Fitzhenry announced the January 31 open meeting regarding the preferred Revitalization Plan for the 66th Street Corridor.

Council Member Sandahl acknowledged the City's 100% timeliness of submitting workers' compensation claims to the MN Department of Labor and Industry.

Council Member Sandahl acknowledged the Richfield Water Division's recent upgrades to equipment at the water plant highlighted by Xcel Energy due to the resulting rebates and energy savings.

Council Member Elliott stated that at a recent meeting he attended, contractors expressed their pleasure working with City staff.

Mayor Goettel stated that during her meetings with businesses and the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, several businesses expressed their appreciation for the quick and professional responses by Richfield Public Safety.

Mayor Goettel reported on a recent Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class she attended.

Mayor Goettel stated she would not be holding Mayor's House on January 28.

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| Item #3 | COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AGENDA |
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M/Sandahl, S/Wroge to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

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| Item #4 | CONSENT CALENDAR |
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- A. Consideration of approval of resolution authorizing summary publication of an ordinance amending Richfield City Code Appendix D establishing a change to the fee for Public Works Section 3, Subsection 10 and to move the fees to the Appendix D resolution S.R. No. 14

RESOLUTION NO. 10473

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF BILL NO. 2011-1

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10473.

- B. Consideration of approval of first reading of an ordinance amending Subsection 305.05, Subd. 3 of the City Code to reduce the number of appointed Planning Commissioners from nine to seven members S.R. No. 15
- C. Consideration of approval of a resolution authorizing the City of Richfield to enter into a contract with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Traffic Signal Optimization along I-494 in Bloomington, Richfield and Edina S.R. No. 16

RESOLUTION NO. 10474

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHFIELD TO ENTER INTO Mn/DOT CONTRACT NO. 97459 WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA FOR THE OPTIMIZATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ALONG I-494.

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10474.

- D. Consideration of approval of a resolution requesting an advance payment of 2012-2013 Municipal State Aid (MSA) funds S.R. No. 17

RESOLUTION NO. 10475

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADVANCE OF 2012-2013 MUNICIPAL STATE AID STREET FUNDS

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10475.

- E. Consideration of approval of a purchase order to Elk River Ford Inc. in the sum of \$45,993.28 plus tax for two new squad cars S.R. No. 18
- F. Consideration of approval of a purchase order for an unmarked Public Safety vehicle to Thane Hawkins Polar Chevrolet for \$17,518.41, plus tax & license fees S.R. No. 19
- G. Consideration of approval of the purchase of two single axel dump trucks for use by the Street Maintenance Division in the amount of \$150,841.24 to Astleford International Trucks for chassis and \$156,529.12 to Towmaster Truck Equipment for box, hydraulics and snow fighting equipment S.R. No. 20
- H. Consideration of approval of a resolution accepting a donation of \$50 to the police safety vest fund from Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Auxiliary #435 S.R. No. 21

RESOLUTION NO. 10476

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RICHFIELD PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$50 FROM THE MINNEAPOLIS-RICHFIELD AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 435

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10476.

M/Goettel, S/Sandahl to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried 5-0.

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| Item #5 | CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR |
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| Item #6 | CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION ORDINANCE AND CONSIDER SETTING SECOND READING FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2011 (STAFF REPORT NO. 22) |
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Council Member Elliott presented Staff Report No. 22.

Council Member Fitzhenry stated he preferred a resolution supporting a domestic registry to submit to the State because it was a State responsibility. He added there did not appear to be any real benefit on a City level except on the cost of some City services.

Council Member Sandahl agreed it should be established at a State level but, in the meantime, the registry should start at the local level. She added that it could help with benefit eligibility with some employers.

Mayor Goettel expressed support for the ordinance and that Representative Slocum requested an ordinance, not a resolution, to assist with moving the registry forward at the State.

Council Member Wroge expressed agreement with Council Member Fitzhenry. He discussed conversations he had with representatives from Best Buy, the Mayor of another city who has the registry, Fairview Southdale Hospital and Glenwood MN Hospital and concluded that State and Federal regulations are followed, not a local domestic partner registry. He added the registry should be on a State level so every community is fair and equitable. He also stated he believed the discussion was negotiating employee benefits at an open meeting when they typically are not.

Council Member Elliott stated he believed the independent research by Council Member Wroge and Council Member Fitzhenry was misguided. He said he didn't care about other communities or businesses in relation to a domestic registry. He expressed support for the ordinance because human rights is an entitlement to everyone and recognizes partnerships.

M/Elliott, S/Goettel that this constitutes the first reading of a domestic partnership registration ordinance and sets a second reading for February 8, 2011.

Mayor Goettel requested a roll call vote.

Elliott, Sandahl, Goettel aye.
Wroge, Fitzhenry nay.

Motion carried 3-2. (Wroge, Fitzhenry opposed.)

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| Item #7 | CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE SECTION 310.39, SUBD. 6, BEREAVEMENT LEAVE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, TO INCLUDE REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNERS AND CONSIDER SETTING SECOND READING FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2011 (STAFF REPORT NO. 23) |
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Mayor Goettel presented Staff Report No. 23.

Council Member Wroge questioned the negotiating of benefits at an open meeting.

City Manager Devich explained if the ordinance is approved at second reading, upon its effective date, General Services and Management employees will be eligible for this bereavement policy. Bargaining units will negotiate the policy.

M/Goettel, S/Sandahl that this constitutes the first reading of an amendment to City Code Section 310.39, Subd. 6, Bereavement Leave for City employees, to include Registered Domestic Partners and sets second reading for February 8, 2011.

Motion carried 3-2. (Wroge, Fitzhenry opposed.)

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| Item #8 | CONSIDER DIRECTING WOLD ARCHITECTS TO INITIATE A PROPOSAL REQUEST FOR A SOUND MASKING SYSTEM FOR THE NEW RICHFIELD MUNICIPAL CENTER (STAFF REPORT NO. 24) |
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Council Member Wroge presented Staff Report No. 24.

Mike Klass, WOLD, discussed the soundmasking performance standards. Their recommendation is to have soundmasking in the open areas and exclude private offices and conferences at this time.

M/Wroge, S/Goettel to initiate a Proposal Request for a Sound Masking system for the new Richfield Municipal Center.

Motion carried 5-0.

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| Item #9 | CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO CITY ADVISORY COMMISSIONS (STAFF REPORT NO. 25) |
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Council Member Sandahl presented Staff Report No. 25.

ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH

M/Sandahl, S/Goettel to make the following appointments:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
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| Kirsten Johnson | January 31, 2014 |

ARTS COMMISSION

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
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| Brianna Eicheldinger | January 31, 2014 |
| Claire Plank | January 31, 2014 |
| William Falwell | January 31, 2014 |

CIVIL SERVICE

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
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| Phil Mortenson | January 31, 2014 |
| Anthony Bradford | January 31, 2013 |

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
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| Gerry Charnitz | January 31, 2014 |
| Greg Mangold | January 31, 2014 |
| David Gepner | January 31, 2014 |
| LuAnn Werner | January 31, 2014 |

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
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| Lall Ram | January 31, 2014 |
| Philip Lowe, Jr. | January 31, 2014 |
| Julie Bagby | January 31, 2014 |
| Kristina Nesse | January 31, 2014 |

PLANNING COMMISSION

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
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| Dennis Schuller | January 31, 2014 |
| Rick Jabs | January 31, 2014 |

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
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| Beth Roberts | January 31, 2014 |
| Sara Nutter | January 31, 2014 |
| Peter Easterlund | January 31, 2014 |

Motion carried 5-0.

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| Item #10 | CITY MANAGER'S REPORT |
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| Item #11 | CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS |
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M/Wroge, S/Elliott that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

| U.S. Bank | | 1/25/2011 |
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| A/P Checks: 200687-200996 | \$ | 2,281,463.35 |
| Payroll: 72486-72806 | \$ | 549,366.39 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 2,830,829.74 |

Motion carried 5-0.


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| OPEN FORUM |
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None.


ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:12 p.m.

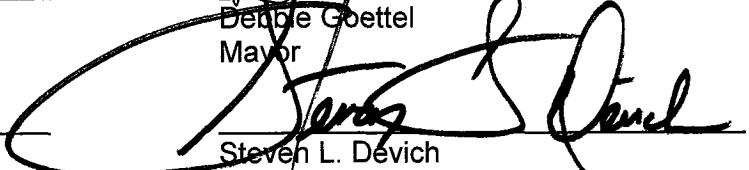
Date Approved: February 8, 2011



Debbie Goettel
Mayor



Cheryl Krumholz
Recording Secretary



Steven L. Devich
City Manager