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DATE : December 5, 2023
TIME STARTED : 6:33 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 7:11 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT : Councilmember Carr, Tufty, Rog, Giefer,
and Mayor Huber
MEMBERS ABSENT : None

Staff members present: City Attorney Nick Vivian; City Planner, Jennifer Swanson; City Treasurer, Sharon Schwarze and Administrator/Clerk, Kim Points

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

State Representative Mark Wiens came forward and advised he is working on a task force to look at the Metropolitan Council. A Public Engagement meeting is being held in Lake Elmo that will include public comment. He encouraged Council Members to attend and speak at that meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SETTING THE AGENDA

Council Member Rog moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Council Member Giefer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

October 3, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
November 2023 Bill List, \$89,234.00	Approved
City of Mahtomedi, 4 th Quarter Fire Contract, \$40,555.25	Approved
City of Stillwater, 2 nd Half Fire Contract, \$90,610.00	Approved
Croix Valley Inspector, \$64,786.67	Approved
Kline Bros. Excavation, Road Work, \$48,688.75	Approved

1 Resolution No. 2023-26, Summary Publication,
2 Ordinance No. 2023-79, Outside Storage Approved

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4 Resolution No. 2023-28, County Hazardous Approved

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6 **Council Member Giefer moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Council Member**
7 **Rog seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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9 **STAFF AGENDA ITEMS**

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11 **City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck (no action items)**

12 **City Planner, Jennifer Swanson**

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14 **Consideration of Ordinance No. 2023-80, Ordinance Repealing Temporary Moratorium**
15 **Ordinance, Storage** – City Planner Swanson advised in February 2023 the City adopted a
16 moratorium with the purpose of allowing for study and potential revision to the Exterior Storage
17 regulations contained in the City’s Code of Ordinances. City Staff researched ordinances in other
18 communities with similar lot configurations and sizes and conducted a survey with the City Council
19 to solicit direction and feedback. After compiling all information, a draft ordinance was considered
20 by the Planning Commission and the City Council, and a duly noticed public hearing was held.

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22 At the regular City Council meeting in October 2023 the Council adopted the draft ordinance
23 amending the City’s Code. The final ordinance language will be officially adopted upon the
24 publication of the summary ordinance which is provided on the Consent Agenda of the December 7,
25 2023 meeting.

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27 Given that the City has completed its study and prepared revisions to its ordinance for
28 Exterior/Outdoor storage the Interim Ordinance establishing a moratorium for Exterior Storage uses
29 can be terminated.

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31 **Council Member Rog moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-80, as presented. Council**
32 **Member Giefer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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34 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2023-37, Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 2023-80 –**
35 **Staff advised Resolution No. 2023-37 authorizes summary publication of Ordinance No. 2023-80.**

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37 **Council Member Giefer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-37, as presented. Council**
38 **Member Tufty seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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40 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2023-27, Gateway Development Agreement** – City Planner
41 Swanson advised in 2019 the Developer, The Excelsior Group, received Final Plat approval of The
42 Gateway major subdivision. A condition of the Final Plat was that the Developer had to enter into a
43 Development Agreement that identified the required development improvements. A Letter of Credit
44 (LOC) was submitted to the city as security to ensure that the development improvements were
45 completed to the satisfaction of the city. Throughout the site development process the city has
46 released portions of the LOC commensurate with the work completed. During the development

1 process The Excelsior Group assigned the development responsibilities to Twin Cities Land
2 Development, who recently completed the final development improvements as required by the
3 Development Agreement.

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5 The last step in the process is for the city to formally accept the public development improvements
6 including the newly installed and constructed roadways (cul-de-sacs) that serve the subdivision. A
7 draft resolution is provided that acknowledges that the improvements are completed to the
8 satisfaction of the City Engineer. If the resolution is adopted it will signify the completion of the
9 terms of the Development Agreement and acknowledge that no further responsibilities of the
10 Developer are required.

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12 **Council Member Giefer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-27, as presented. Council**
13 **Member Tufty seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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15 **City Attorney, Nick Vivan**

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17 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2023-38, Planning Commission** – City Attorney Vivan advised
18 Resolution No. 2023-38 is a resolution to disband the Planning Commission which would allow land
19 use applications to go directly to the City Council. The City has disbanded the Planning Commission
20 previously as it was not efficient at that time. There is no requirement for the City to have a Planning
21 Commission.

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23 **Council Member Giefer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-38, as presented. Council**
24 **Member Tufty seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Rog voting nay and**
25 **Council Member Carr abstaining.**

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27 **NEW BUSINESS**

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29 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2023-29, Final 2024 Budget –**

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31 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2023-30, Final 2024 Levy –**

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33 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2023-31, 2024 Liquor License, MoGrow Inc.**

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35 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2023-32, 2024 Liquor License, Cozzies Tavern Inc.**

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37 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2023-33, 2024 Liquor License, Dellwood Barn Weddings, LLC**

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39 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2023-34, 2024 Liquor License, Schones Inc.**

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41 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2023-35, 2024 Liquor License, Loggers Trail Golf Club**

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43 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2023-36, 2024 Liquor License, Applewood Hills LLC**

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45 **Accept 2023 Audit**

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1 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

2 There was no unfinished business.

3 **DISCUSSION ITEMS (no action taken)**

4 **Staff Updates (updates from Staff, no action taken)**

5 **City Council Reports/Future Agenda Items**

6 Planning Commission Staffing will be on the next regular City Council meeting agenda.

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8 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR DECEMBER 6 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023:**

9 **Mahtomedi Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, December 14th and December 28th,**
10 **Mahtomedi District Education Center, 7:00 p.m.**

11 **Stillwater Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, December 14th, Stillwater City Hall, 7:00**
12 **p.m.**

13 **Washington County Commissioners Meeting, Tuesdays, Government Center, 9:00 a.m.**

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15 **ADJOURNMENT**

16 **Council Member Giefer moved to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Council Member Tufty seconded the**
17 **motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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20 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting January 2, 2024.

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Kim Points, Administrator/Clerk

Jeff Huber, Mayor

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